

Don So how are you getting on here? I mean, your _____ of English is _____ than most people who come from overseas to work and you've got a really nice American _____, so I don't _____ you have any _____ in the office, though you might find some of our Australian slang more _____.

Jenny Well, a bit, but I haven't met that many Australians yet – outside of work, I mean.

D Right.

J But could you tell me a bit about the International Club, now I've joined?

D Sure. We've got – er, let's see – _____ about 50 _____ members, but people join all the time, so I should think that figure will go up. _____; we had 30 members and the year before just _____, so we're growing and getting better known. I reckon that at this rate, _____ we'll have about _____.

J And does the club hold regular _____?

D Yes, every second _____ evening in fact, so a _____ of _____ times a month, though of course when you start making friends, you'll be getting together with them more often than that, I guess. The next meeting will be next Thursday if I'm not mistaken. Er, yes, that's right.

J And what _____ when the club meets – I mean, what sort of things are organised?

D The _____ thing is for one of the members to give a little _____ about where they're from, their customs and _____ so on, but _____ they do other things – outings to places around Sydney, or meeting up to eat together in a _____ or go to a _____ together or something like that.

- J** OK, that sounds fun ... and the members aren't just people from other countries, non-Australians, are they?
- D** No, not at all. The main point of the club is to give people like you the chance to mix in more with people from this country, people of all ages – you'll find us very friendly! I think the contact has a positive effect on visitors to this country – and in fact, it affects us locals positively as well. You know, it's a sort of intercultural experience for everybody. And of course you should get the chance to do all sorts of things with other members of the club if you want to – it's not just for talking. And hopefully you'll meet with people who have similar interests.
- J** It sounds great. I'm really looking forward to the first meeting.