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SPEAKING

PARTS

2 AND 3

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Listen to a woman comparing the photographs.





Right – well, both photographs are of people cooking but they're cooking for different reasons and in different places.
The first photograph shows a chef cooking professionally, I think.
However, the other photograph shows a man cooking for fun.
Another difference between the photographs is that the chef is cooking inside, in a well-equipped kitchen whereas the man in the second photograph is cooking in the garden.
What is common to both photographs is that the men are using fire in their cooking.
The chef's pan has flames coming out of it.
Perhaps he's poured something special on the food.
It looks quite dangerous, but he isn't worried, so I imagine it's under control!
The other man is cooking on a barbecue, so fire is also important.
Perhaps some fat from the meat has made the fire stronger – there's quite a lot of smoke!
But he doesn't look worried either.
In fact, that's another similarity – they both look calm.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Student A, your photographs show people using fire in different situations. Compare the photographs and say how you think the people are feeling. You have about one minute to do this.





Both these photographs show people who need fire for their activities. The reasons they need fire are quite different. The first photograph shows two young people who are probably in a science lesson at school, and they need fire to do an experiment. The flame is heating something in a glass tube. In the second photograph, however, the people are using fire for a social occasion. They look as if they're in a gardehapn with some lights, pers it's outside their house, and they're sitting around a fire. I think they're cooking something in the flames on a stick. Thinking about how the people are feeling, I would imagine that the young people in the first photo are interested in their experiment, but also maybe a bit scared. The glass might get very hot and explode! But they're wearing special glasses to protect their eyes. The people around the fire are probably relaxed. It looks like a fun evening and they're probably enjoying chatting and if they're cooking, also the smells from the fire!

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Student B, your photographs show people using fire in different situations. Compare the photographs and say how you think the people are feeling. You have about one minute to do this.





These photographs are really quite different. In one, a person on a beach is reading a book and in the second some people are working, perhaps in a workshop or a factory. But they have one thing in common. All the people are using fire. The girl on the beach needs the fire to keep warm and also perhaps to give her some light because it's getting dark. The men who are working are using fire for their job. Perhaps they are cutting metal because the fire looks very hot. Another similar thing about the photographs is that the people are all concentrating very hard – the girl on her book, and the men on their work. Regarding how they're feeling, I think the girl is probably enjoying her time alone and is relaxing, although she looks quite cold! The men, on the other hand, are probably only thinking about their work. It might be dangerous if they do it wrong. Unlike the girl, I think they must be quite hot and perhaps they're looking forward to going home and relaxing too!

Student A, do you enjoy spending time outside alone? (Why? / Why not?)

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Your photographs show friends having a snack together in different places. Compare the photographs and say what you think the friends are enjoying about having a snack together in these places.

What are the friends enjoying about having a snack together in these places?





The first photograph shows two women sitting in a café in a city, talking together.
However, the other photograph shows a group of people sitting on the beach, having a picnic or a barbecue.
Another difference between the photographs is the clothes they're wearing – the group on the beach are dressed very casually but the women are wearing thicker clothes and it looks colder in the city.
In the first photograph the women are enjoying each other's company because they're talking a lot.
They look interested in each other and what they're talking about.
They seem to be spending time together during the day, and maybe they're best friends.
On the other hand, in the second photograph, the friends are enjoying relaxing out in the fresh air by the sea.
They look happy together – perhaps they're on holiday.
The whole group seem to be enjoying a day out.
In both photographs the people are enjoying time away from work or college.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

5 Some people think it's a good idea to try dangerous sports and other people disagree. Here are some things they think about and a question for you to discuss. First you have some time to look at the task.

Now, talk to each other about whether it's a good idea to try dangerous sports.



A: So, is it a good idea or not to try dangerous sports? Interesting question! A lot of people do normal sports and that's OK if you just want to get fit and meet people. But sometimes I think it's good to try something a bit different, something exciting. If you do something even a little bit risky, it makes you feel alive! What do you think?

B: Yes, I agree. Life can get boring! If you get the opportunity to do a parachute jump or go white-water rafting then you should! But it's really important to be as safe as possible. So, people must know what they're doing and have the right equipment. Taking risks can be a good challenge, but there can be accidents. You have to be very careful, don't you think?

A: Absolutely! My thinking is that it's OK to take risks but, as you said, you don't want to get into trouble. Some people don't think about the consequences – they do dangerous things and have problems and then the emergency services need to help out. Do you agree?

B: Oh yes – because the emergency services should be for real emergencies! They cost a lot of money! It's not fair to use their time rescuing people from mountains, for example, just because the people didn't check the weather forecast or get the right climbing equipment. Sometimes they also put other people's lives in danger when they try to rescue them.

A: You're right. I think the same. It's selfish really, to expect other people to help you.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Listen to two students doing the first part of the task from Ex 1. Do they have the same ideas as you, or do they mention different ones? Choose the points they make in their discussion.

Some people think that doing sport is the best way to stay fit and healthy, and other people disagree. Here are some things they think about, and a question for you to discuss.

First you have some time to look at the task.

Now, talk to each other about **whether doing a sport is the best way to stay fit and healthy**.



Now you have about a minute to decide **what the best reason is for choosing only to do sport to stay fit and healthy**.

A: So what do we think about sport? Is it really a good way to stay fit and healthy? What do you think?

B: Well, I like sport so I guess I have to say yes. My thinking is that it makes you move, which is important for keeping healthy, and it's fun, too. I really enjoy being competitive, and I play a lot of different sports like football and tennis with my friends. Do you agree with me?

A: I don't really like sports, to be honest. In my opinion, eating the right food is just as important – there's no point if you spend hours jogging or something like that and then eat loads of chocolate. It seems to me that you take away any positive aspects of the sport. Do you think the same?

B: I see what you mean! But it's perhaps important to do both – do sport and also eat well. I can imagine that sport isn't much fun if you're not very good at it, though – it must be very frustrating if you never get into any teams. Then you aren't motivated to do it, and you don't stay fit and healthy – don't you think that's a negative point?

A: I think that's a good point. I don't enjoy sport much – probably because I never get chosen! But let's think about another problem of doing sport, and that's getting injured. What do you think about that?

B: Yes, it's true that it's a risk but you can take care not to get injured – like doing proper exercises to warm up your body first. In my opinion, you get all the benefits without the risk of injury.

A: OK – but does that also mean that it's a good way to actually stay fit and healthy? That's what the question is asking us, and I'm still not convinced.

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Listen to the students doing the second part of the task in Exercise 1.

E: Now you have about a minute to decide what the best reason is for choosing only to do sport to stay fit and healthy.

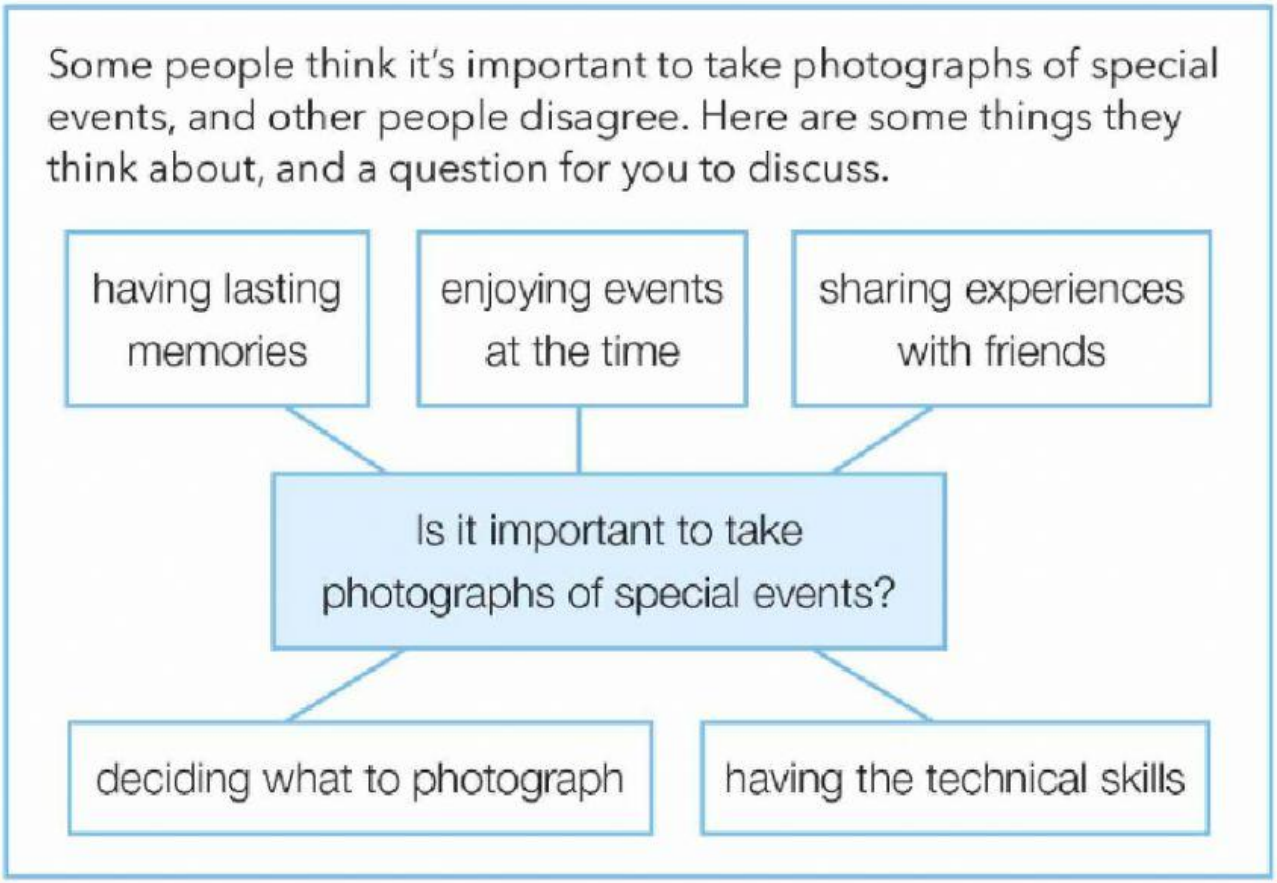
B: So, now we've got to decide what the best reason is for just doing sport to keep fit and healthy.
I think that I would say that the best reason is the fun that you get from it. It's very boring if you just go to the gym.

A: I can't disagree with that! I find the gym incredibly boring! But what about another thing we haven't mentioned before – the mental benefits of exercise. Although I don't like sport, I do find that if I go running, then my brain works better – and, actually, I feel happier. So I'm keeping fit and mentally healthy, too. I feel that's the best reason.

B: Yes, you're right – and we've decided that's equally important as physical fitness. So if we take both mental and physical fitness together, then that's definitely the best reason for doing sport. Is that all right with you?

A: I'll go along with that.

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A: OK – so let's think about this question.
I love taking photographs, but not necessarily everywhere. What's your opinion?

B: My view on it is that it's not a good thing – you can't enjoy the moment when you're thinking about the photo you're taking. Don't you think that it takes away from the enjoyment of a special event?
You have to be in the moment to really enjoy it.

A: The point I'm making is that you want something to help you remember it afterwards – that's the best way to have happy memories. It's very easy to forget things – like, I can't remember the first live music concert I went to. I wish someone had taken photos then.

B: OK – I accept that, and it's a good point, but it seems to me that everyone takes photos nowadays just because everybody else does – it's seen as the right thing to do.
The reason I think that is because the last concert I went to all you could see were the phone screens being held up as people filmed the band. It spoiled it for everyone else.

A: You make a good point, plus it's hard to decide what to photograph when there are different things going on! Any ideas about that?

B: Not really – I'm no good at taking photos anyway!

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