Unit 1. *What do you do?*
Final 1st Term activity

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Part 1. *READING*

Read an article about super commuters. Why do people choose to be super commuters?

SUPER COMMUTERS

Akio Fujikawa has a long commute. His office is far from his home—almost five hours away by plane! He works in Tokyo, but he lives in Hanoi. Martha Connor's commute is even longer—more than 5,000 miles (about 9,000 km) from London to Mexico City. They are both super commuters—people who travel more than 180 miles (290 km) between their home and office. Why do they do it?

The Fujikawas: A great life at a good price

"The cost of living in Tokyo was too high," explains Akio. "Hanoi is always exciting, but nothing is very expensive," he says. "Also, flights between the two cities are frequent and cheap!" So, five years ago, the family moved to Vietnam. He and his family love Hanoi, especially the Vietnamese food. Every Monday, Akio flies to Tokyo and returns on Thursday night. He stays with his sister while he is in Tokyo. He works from his apartment in Hanoi on Fridays. There is one big disadvantage, though. He misses his children during the week. "I can never go to their school concerts or sports activities."

The Connors: Technology helps a family stay together

Two years ago, Martha Connor's office moved from London to Mexico City. She loves Mexico City, but her family doesn't want to live in another country. Her husband owns a successful restaurant. Her children like their school in London, and they don't want to leave their friends. So Martha became a super commuter. She spends only about ten days a month in Mexico City. She and her coworkers talk face-to-face and share ideas at video meetings almost every day. All the company's documents are available online. "I can live in London and stay up to date with work in the office in Mexico City," she explains. "The only problem is the time difference. My workday starts in the afternoon and ends at midnight!"



Super commuters travel long distances to get to work.

CHECK YOUR UNDERSTANDING

A Circle the correct answers.

1. Why does Akio super commute?
   a. He doesn't want to leave his family during the week.
   b. It was too expensive to live in Tokyo.
   c. He likes to work from home.
2. Why does Martha super commute?
   a. Mexico City was too expensive. London is cheaper.
   b. The frequent flights from London to Mexico make super commuting easy.
   c. Her husband and children wanted to stay in London.

B Who probably said it? Write *A* (Akio) or *M* (Martha) in the blanks.

1. ___ "My kids' school is great!"
2. ___ "My co-workers are far away, but technology makes it easy for us to work together."
3. ___ "I don't see my children enough."
4. ___ "My apartment was too expensive."
5. ___ "I am so tired in the mornings."
6. ___ "It's so easy to travel between the two cities."

LIVEWORKSHEETS

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C FOCUS ON LANGUAGE Read. What do the underlined words mean?

1. The cost of living in Tokyo was too high.
   a. the price of food, clothes, an apartment, etc.
   b. money that you get every week or every month from working
2. I can live in London and stay up to date with work in the office in Mexico City.
   a. know if something is late
   b. know about everything that is happening

Part 2. *Writing* and *Speaking*

MEDIA PROJECT

Listen here



A ▶01-22 Listen Who does Mia talk about?

_____

B ▶01-23 Listen again. Answer the questions.

1. What does Sara do? _____
2. Describe Sara's commute. _____
3. Does Sara like her job? _____

C Prepare your presentation

Step 1 Think about someone you know. Choose one or more photos of them.

Step 2 Show your photos to the class. Talk about what the person does or studies and where. Then talk about the person's commute.

Step 3 Answer questions about the person.
Get feedback on your presentation.

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