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THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT

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Are you happy with your lifestyle? What kind of lifestyle do you lead? It seems that we think about our lifestyle more and more these days. Every time we turn on the TV or open a magazine, there is an ad, programme or article about this lifestyle or that lifestyle. We are told about healthy lifestyles, modern lifestyles, alternative lifestyles. Magazines use pages and pages and pages to describe the lifestyles of the rich and famous. I get the impression that few people are happy with their lifestyle. Most people are jealous of other people who have a “better” lifestyle. Those people should stop for a minute and think about the poor people in the world, or those caught up in wars. Those people don’t worry about lifestyles; they just worry about life.

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STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
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6. _____

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
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STUDENT MODERN LIVING SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about modern living in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

 **WRITING**

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Write about modern living for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.



HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET INFO: Search the Internet and find more information about modern living. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about modern living. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. MODERN LIVING POSTER Make a poster about modern living. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

5. MY MODERN LIVING LESSON: Make your own English lesson on modern living. Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Teach the class / another group when you have finished.

6. ONLINE SHARING: Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, MySpace page, Twitter stream, Del-icio-us / StumbleUpon account, or any other social media tool to get opinions on modern living. Share your findings with the class.

