

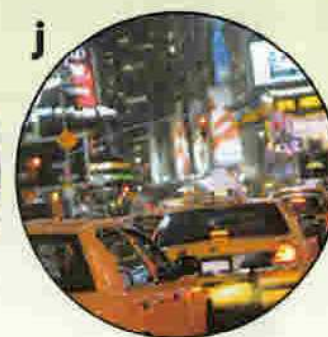
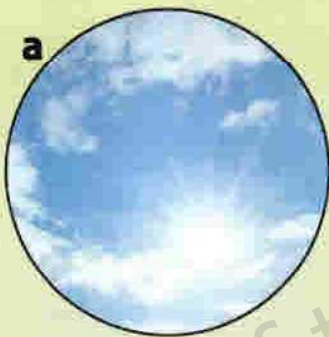
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## 1 EXPRESSIONS. Match the sentences with a reason.

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| 1. I miss the weather back home.         | _____ It's too spicy for me.          |
| 2. I don't miss city life.               | _____ It rains too much here.         |
| 3. I can live without the local cuisine. | _____ It's too stressful.             |
| 4. I can't live without my friends.      | _____ I hang out with them every day. |

## 2 VOCABULARY. Match these phrases with the best pictures.

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|------------------------|---|
| _____ 1. local cuisine | _____ 6. TV programs                      |
| _____ 2. my mom's food | _____ 7. city life                        |
| _____ 3. my friends    | _____ 8. country life                     |
| _____ 4. my family     | _____ 9. the public transportation system |
| _____ 5. the weather   | _____ 10. the language                    |



### HOW THE GRAMMAR WORKS:

I + "ADVERB OF DEGREE" + VERB PHRASE  
*I **really** miss her.*

*I **really/certainly/definitely** don't miss waking up early in the morning.*

*I **definitely** can live without a mobile phone/ I can **definitely** live without one.*

*I **definitely** can't live without my favorite foods.*

## 3 LET'S PRACTICE. Work with a partner. Imagine you are on exchange. What do you miss? Use the expressions in step 1 and the vocabulary in step 2.

**Example:**

**A:** How's your stay in (the US)?

**B:** It's good, but I miss...

**OR**

**B:** It's good. I don't miss... (in...).

*I miss.../I don't miss.../I can live without.../*

*I can't live without...*





# CONVERSATION MODEL

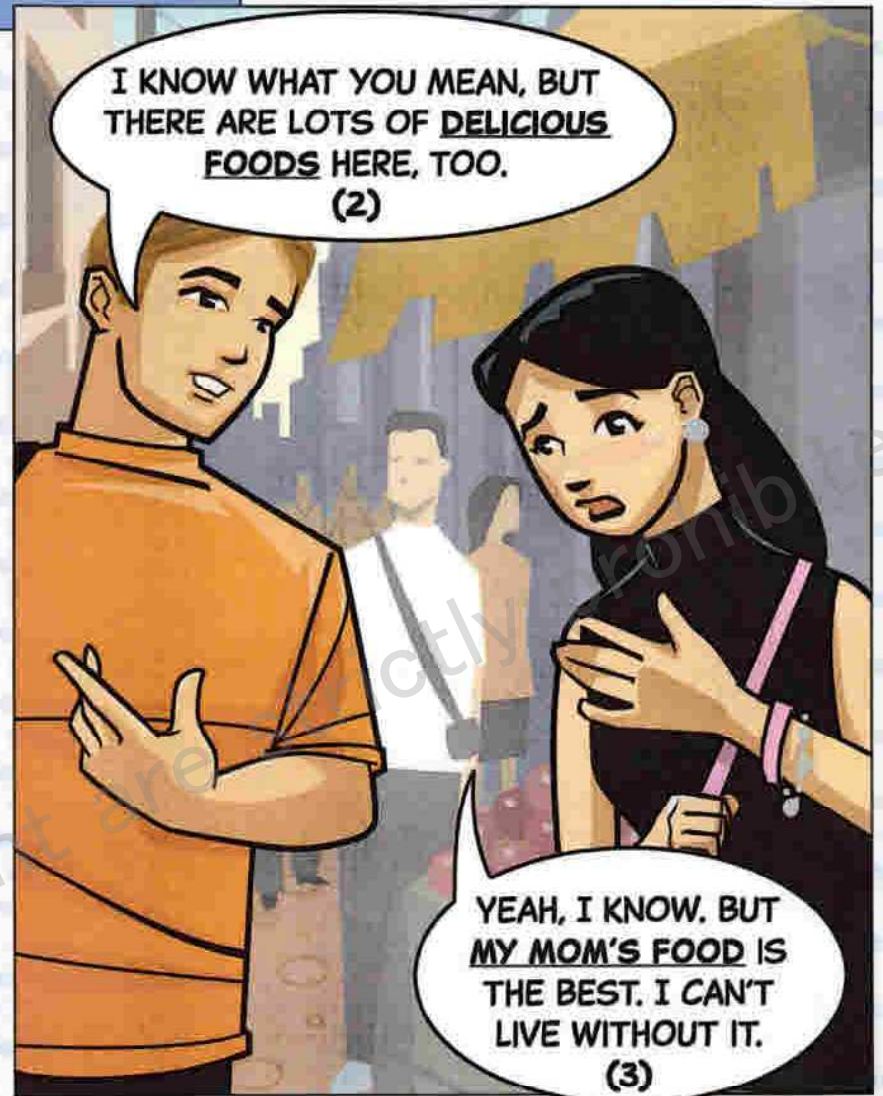
I REALLY MISS MY MOM'S COOKING.

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**SITUATION.** Listen to the conversation.

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**SUBSTITUTION.** Connect the phrases in the columns.

(1)

my favorite TV show  
the warm weather  
playing basketball

(2)

interesting programs  
fun sports  
sunny days

(3)

basketball  
California weather  
my favorite program



## HOW THE PRONUNCIATION WORKS:

Don't stress short and unimportant words:

lots of → lots ə → lotsa (in informal speech)

there are → there're → there ə → therea (in informal speech)

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**PRACTICE.** Work with a partner.

Practice the conversation.

Use the substitutions.

Then use your own ideas.





# LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

## CAN YOU LIVE WITHOUT IT?

**1 GET READY.** How attached are you? Answer the questions below.

	ITEM	CAN YOU LIVE WITHOUT IT?	CAN YOU GET IT/ DO IT OVERSEAS?
	What is something you eat often?	Yes / No	Yes / No / Maybe
	What is something you wear often?	Yes / No	Yes / No / Maybe
	What is a tradition you follow?	Yes / No	Yes / No / Maybe
	What is an appliance you use daily?	Yes / No	Yes / No / Maybe
	What language do you usually speak?	Yes / No	Yes / No / Maybe
	What is a TV program you usually watch?	Yes / No	Yes / No / Maybe
	What is something you often buy?	Yes / No	Yes / No / Maybe
	Where do you like to hang out?	Yes / No	Yes / No / Maybe
	How do you usually get around?	Yes / No	Yes / No / Maybe
	What is something you like doing?	Yes / No	Yes / No / Maybe
	What is the weather like in your area?	Yes / No	Yes / No / Maybe

**2 LET'S TALK.** Share your ideas. Work with 3 or 4 classmates. Do you have the same opinions?



**3 FOLLOW UP.** Summarize! Share your group's ideas with the class. Who is the most attached? Who could easily live overseas?



### BONUS: Speaking Activity

- Imagine that some exchange students will come to your school next week. What will surprise them? What things will they love?  
**Example:**  
*I think the food will surprise them, because it's a bit spicy. I think they will love the people. Everyone is very kind here.*
- In what foreign country would you like to study or work?
- What is the one thing you just can't live without?



### AMY'S VOCABULARY TIP

Multiple meanings of "miss"

In English, the word "miss" has many meanings. Here are just some:

I missed the ball. = I didn't hit the ball.

I missed the train this morning. = I couldn't catch the train on time this morning.

I missed my favorite TV show. = I didn't see my favorite TV show.

I really miss you. = I wish you were here.