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CONVERSATION STARTERS

Track 97



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Listen and fill in the blanks.



Trish

1. UNIT 1

Where are you from?

Hello, my name is Trish. (1) _____ where I'm from. I'm from Australia. In Australia I (2) _____ on the Sunshine Coast. Which, as you can tell from the name, is a very sunny (3) _____.



Malik

2. UNIT 2

Watching Movies

Would I (4) _____ watch a movie at home or at the theater? No question, it's much (5) _____ to watch a movie at home. I've got a nice big (6) _____ TV with a great surround sound system.



Blaire

3. UNIT 3

Opinions About Art

What is this? This is graffiti, not (7) _____!! Hmm, but actually, this isn't that (8) _____. I love the colors and the design is really (9) _____.



Soon

4. UNIT 4

Family Descriptions

In my (10) _____ there is me and my mom — oh, and my dad, too. I always forget to include him. Actually, my mom and I always (11) _____ that Dad doesn't live with us, because he spends so much time at (12) _____ that he practically lives there.



Alex

5. UNIT 5

What are you afraid of?

I don't know if this is (13) _____ or not, but I'm (14) _____ terrified of the ocean. Beaches and shallow water don't (15) _____ me at all. But the deep ocean, where you (16) _____ see the bottom? It totally freaks me out.



Inna

6. UNIT 6

Getting to Work

Gosh, I hate commuting! I go to (17) _____ every day by (18) _____. It takes me (19) _____ hours one way. Can you believe it? It's such a waste of time.



Carlos



Blaire

7. UNIT 7

Did you hear about...?

Carlos: Hey, Blaire!

Blaire: What happened to your (20) _____? You have a black eye!

Carlos: You'll never believe it, but I was walking home (21) _____ and I got into a fight.

Blaire: What? (22) _____? What happened?



TJ

8. UNIT 8

Health Habits

You know, actually, my (23) _____ told me the other day that I should (25) _____ smoking — that smoking is affecting my (25) _____. I know. She's right. And I want to quit. Believe me.

BUILDING FLUENCY

4 Read the sentences below. Cross out the words that are incorrect. There may be more than one correct answer.

Example: I hate ~~bus~~ / riding the bus / buses .

1. Could you help me do / doing / with the housework this weekend?
2. Do you want to see / seeing / to see a movie tomorrow night?
3. I'm scared of ocean / swimming in the ocean / swim .
4. I very / really / a little hate crowded trains.
5. Crowds / Ride crowded trains / Crowded trains don't bother me.

5 Fill in the blanks with the words in the box. There are five extra words.

arm	expensive	leg	on	sofa
cool	go	mood	out	stingy
couch	heights	morning	shape	stressful
do	in	moving	short	waste

1. My big sister is a real _____ potato. She watches TV all weekend.
2. The doctor told my dad that he has to _____ a diet because he's so _____ of _____.
3. I was late for my 8 a.m. class again today. Ahh! I wish I was a _____ person.
4. Seeing that movie was such a _____ of time. It was so boring.
5. I wanted to get a new cell phone but they cost an _____ and a _____.
6. I asked my mom to buy me a new cell, but she said no. She's so _____.
7. I used to study English every day. But, lately, I'm just not _____ the _____.
8. My best friend loves abstract art. She says it's _____. But, I just don't get it.
9. I saw this great movie the other day. It was so _____ that I almost cried.
10. I love my sister, but she has such a _____ temper. I wish she would relax more.

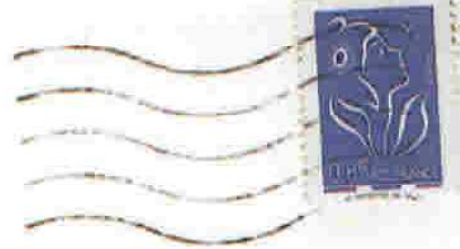
EXPRESS YOURSELF

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POSTCARD FROM PARIS. You are on holiday in Paris and are having a great time. But you had a few problems on the way and nearly didn't make it! Write a postcard home telling your family about it. Use the pictures below.



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Paris, France



NOW, CALL A FRIEND
AND TELL THEM ABOUT YOUR
EXPERIENCE! PRACTICE WITH
A PARTNER!