Lesson 11: Household Chores

Vocabulary
1. clean off the table (also, "clean the table off")
2. clean up the room
3. dust the furniture
4. fix up the apartment
5. hang up the suit
6. make the bed
7. mop the floor
8. pick up the clothes
9. polish the furniture
10. put away the books
11. set the table
12. sweep up the mess
13. take out the trash
14. throw out the garbage
15. tidy up the closet
16. turn off the light
17. vacuum the floor
18. wash the clothes
19. wash down the walls
20. watch the kids

Sentence Structures
1. Every day I set the table at 5:00 p.m.
2. I mop the floor once a week.
3. My mother vacuums the floor three times a week.
4. First, I dust the furniture. Then, I throw out the garbage. Finally, I wash the clothes.
5. My father never washes the dishes.
6. My mother always cleans up the room.
7. I sometimes take out the trash.

Discussion Questions
1. Who does the housework in your family?
2. Do men, women, and children share in the household chores?
3. Do you think children should be required to do housework in order to receive allowance?
4. How does your family decide who does various chores around the house?
5. Can you name some chores that need to be done every day?
6. What chores are your responsibilities?
7. Which chores do you not like to do?
8. Do you get paid for doing chores?
9. What is something you hate doing when you get home?
10. Do you like to clean up your room?
11. Do you wash the dishes in your house?
12. Do you wash clothes for your family?
13. Do you do the ironing the clothes?
14. What are some chores you do outside your house?
15. Can you think of some dangerous chores that you can't do?
16. If you could buy only one of these two things, would you choose a dishwasher or a washing machine?
17. How long do you think you could live without a maid or someone to help you in the house?
18. Do you like to go to the supermarket?
19. Have you ever had an empty fridge for a long time only because you were too lazy to go grocery shopping?
20. What kind of products does your family buy on the Internet?
21. If you could have a robot to do all your chores, what would you choose for it to do?
22. What chores do you do that your parents didn't have to do when they were growing up?
23. What are some chores that your parents have to do around the house?
24. Do your grandparents help with chores?
Lesson 12: Renting an Apartment

Vocabulary
1. apartment 11. manager
2. carport 12. parking lot
3. elevator 13. parking space
4. facilities 14. roommate
5. first floor 15. second floor
6. garage 16. security deposit
7. landlord 17. smoke detector
8. laundry room 18. stairway
9. lease 19. tenant
10. mailbox 20. vacancy

Sentence Structures
1. Apartments aren’t big enough for families.
2. This apartment doesn’t have a laundry room.
3. The deposit for this apartment is 1 month rent.
4. This apartment isn’t as convenient as the first apartment.
5. I’m looking for an apartment with a balcony.
6. This apartment is too crowded.
7. I like this apartment because it is near the supermarket.
8. I want an apartment with three bedrooms.

Discussion Questions
1. Discuss each of the following aspects of searching for an apartment. Which is the most important to you? Which is the least important to you?
   a. Price
   b. Location
   c. Size
   d. Furniture
   e. Neighbors
2. What’s the difference between an apartment and a house?
3. Would you rather live in an apartment or a house? Why?
4. Describe to me your dream apartment or house.
5. Do you prefer to live on the first floor or on the top floor? Why?
6. Have you ever had problems with a landlord? Explain.
7. What facilities does your apartment complex have? Do you think any of them are useful? Do you think any of them are a waste?

8. Do you prefer to live alone or with a roommate? Why?

9. How much of a security deposit is normal in your city?

10. How do you find apartments in your city?

11. Why do people rent apartments instead of buying an apartment?

12. How many apartments have you lived in? How do your old apartments compare with your apartment now?

13. What is the average price of an apartment in your city? A cheap apartment? An expensive one?

14. In a fully furnished apartment what kinds of things do you expect to come with the apartment?

15. Describe the worst apartment you’ve ever seen. The best.
Lesson 13: Buildings

Vocabulary

1. bank
2. beauty salon
3. bookstore
4. church
5. college
6. electronics shop
7. flower shop
8. gas station
9. hardware store
10. hospital
11. Laundromat
12. library
13. movie theater
14. pet store
15. post office
16. restaurant
17. school
18. shopping mall
19. supermarket
20. video rental store

Sentence Structures

1. There are 3 banks in my neighborhood.
2. There is a library in my neighborhood.
3. My city has 5 churches.
4. The bank is next to the movie theater.
5. The beauty salon is across from post office.
6. The school is behind the restaurant.
7. The flower shop is between the pet store and the shopping mall.
8. You can get your nails done at the beauty salon.
9. You can buy a computer at the electronic shop.
10. At the shopping mall, you can find a place to get a massage.

Discussion Questions

1. Use the vocabulary words above; does your city have this type of store/building? If yes, where are they located?
2. Use the vocabulary words above; tell me what you can do at each of the stores.
3. What is in your neighborhood?
4. What do you wish was in your neighborhood?
5. If you were building a new city what would be the first five buildings that you would build and why?
6. What buildings would you never build in your city and why?
7. What type of building does your city have too many of?
8. What type of building does your city have not enough of?
9. Where do you go to hang out with your friends?
10. Where do you go to get away from it all?
Lesson 14: Supermarket

Vocabulary
1. aisle
2. baby products
3. bag
4. cash register
5. cashier
6. checkout line
7. clerk
8. coupons
9. dairy products
10. deli
11. frozen foods
12. groceries
13. household items
14. pet food
15. seafood
16. shopper
17. shopping cart
18. supermarket

Sentence Structures
1. bottle (of catsup)
2. carton (of milk)
3. container (of)
4. package
5. tube
6. What aisle are the frozen foods in?
7. I need a carton of milk.
8. Where are the cash registers?
9. If you need to find me, I’ll be in the deli.
10. Don’t forget to grab the coupons.

Discussion Questions
1. Do you make a grocery list before you go shopping?
2. Who does the grocery shopping in your family?
3. Do you use coupons?
4. How many times a week do you go to the supermarket?
5. Do you prefer to buy in bulk and then freeze or buy fresh food?
6. Do you like to go to locally owned supermarkets are to big chain stores such as Wal-Mart?
7. Do you buy all of your groceries at one place or do you go to separate places to buy your meat and vegetables?
8. What do you think of super stores that are half supermarket and half clothing store?
9. What’s your favorite supermarket? Why?
10. When is the best time to go to the supermarket? When is the worst time to go shopping?
11. How much money do you usually spend when you go to the supermarket?
12. What do you buy first when you go to the supermarket?
13. Some people say it’s a bad idea to go grocery shopping when you’re hungry. Why do they say this? Do agree with this?
Lesson 15: Transportation

**Vocabulary**
1. avenue
2. bicycle lane
3. bus
4. bus pass
5. bus stop
6. bus stop
7. cable car
8. highway
9. intersection
10. motorist
11. pedestrian
12. street
13. subway
14. subway line
15. subway station
16. taxi
17. taxi stand
18. ticket machine
19. train station
20. truck

**Sentence Structures**
1. I go to work by bus.
2. I go home by car.
3. I never take the subway.
4. Take the subway line one to the Guomao stop, and then transfer to line ten.
5. This you must transfer 3 times to get there.
6. The transportation system in my city is very convenient.
7. The best way to travel in my city is by taxi, because it’s cheap and fast.

**Discussion Questions**

1. At what age does the average person obtain a driver's license?
2. Have you ever gotten a parking ticket?
3. Are there speed limits in your country? If so, what is the average speed limit?
4. Do you have a bicycle?
   - If so, when did you get it?
   - How much did it cost?
   - How often do you ride it?
   - What color is it?
5. Do you have a car?
   - If not, does your family have a car?
6. Do you often ride public transportation during rush hour?
7. Do you often use public transportation?
8. Do you always wear a seat belt?
   - Even if you are riding in the rear seat?
   - How about on a bus?

9. Does your mother have a driver's license?

10. Have you ever been in a traffic accident?

11. Have you ever missed your last train or bus home? If so, how did you get home that night?

12. Have you every carpooled?

13. How do you get to school?
   - How long does it take?
   - How much is the bus fare or the train fare?

14. How do you think countries can reduce congestion on the roads?

15. How much does gasoline cost is your country?

16. Is parking a problem in your country? (shopping malls, etc)

17. Is there any environmentally-friendly transportation in your area?

18. What are the most annoying bad driving habits of other drivers in your country (/or this country /or compared to this country)?

19. What do you have to do to get a driver's license in your country? Do you think it's a good test?

20. What do you think is the most dangerous form of transportation? Why?

21. What do you think is the safest form of transportation? Why?

22. What do you usually do when riding a train or bus?
   - Do you read?
   - Do you sleep?

23. What is your favorite kind of car? Why?

24. What's the most readily available form of public transportation where you live?

25. What's your favorite color for a car?

26. Do you sometimes take a taxi (cab)?
27. How do you "call" a taxi in your country from the side of the road? (ex. raise your hand in the air, etc.)
   - Is it expensive to take a taxi in your country?
   - Are there seat-belts in the taxis?
   - Is it common to give the cab driver a tip? If so, about how much do you give?
   - Does the cab driver open the door for you, or do you open it yourself?
   - Is it more appropriate to sit in the front or back of the taxi?

28. Do you think city governments should discourage use of privately driven cars within city limits?

29. How could public transportation in your city be improved?

30. Do you think that we ought to be obligated to drive electrical and solar powered vehicles?

31. Do you think that your city government maintains the public transportation well? In other words, are the buses and trains kept clean?

32. Do you feel safe going into the subway/metro/underground at all hours?
Lesson 16: Sports

**Vocabulary**

1. badminton
2. baseball
3. basketball
4. boxing
5. cycling
6. fencing
7. jogging
8. rugby
9. skateboarding
10. skiing
11. snowboarding
12. soccer
13. softball
14. surfing
15. swimming
16. table tennis
17. tennis
18. volleyball
19. weight lifting
20. wrestling

**Sentence Structures**

1. The most popular sport in my country is football.
2. Swimming is very healthy for you because it works out your cardio and it tones your muscles.
3. I try to go jogging every day.
4. I often play table tennis with my father.
5. I think rugby is a very dangerous sport.
6. I would like to try surfing because it looks like a rush.
7. I think weight lifting is a silly sport.

**Discussion Questions**

1. Do you play any sports?
2. Are you a member of any sports team? If not, have you ever been?
3. Are you good at sports?
   a. What sports are you good at?
   b. Do you often play sports?
4. Do you jog more than once a week?
5. Do you like to exercise?
6. Do you like to watch sports on TV?
7. Do you think athletes earn enough money, not enough money or too much money?
8. Do you think everybody should practice sports?
9. Do you think playing sports helps people work better as a team at work?
10. Have you ever been to watch a professional sporting event?
11. What do you think is the most popular sport in the world?
13. What is the most dangerous sport?
14. What is the most expensive sport?
15. What is the most popular sport in your country?
16. What new sports would you like to try?
17. Where is the nearest stadium to your house?
18. Which sport would you not let your child play? Why?
19. Who do you think is the best all around athlete in the world? In your country?
20. Who is your favorite professional athlete? Why?
21. Do you think professional athletes earn too much money? Why or why not? Which sport's athletes do you think earn the money money?
22. Are people in your country crazy about sports?
23. Do professional athletes in your country make millions of dollars a year?
24. Sometimes sports teams ask the city to help them build a new stadium. Do you think the city should give money for this? Why or why not?
25. What do you do to keep fit?
26. What are some of the benefits of sports?
Lesson 17: Illnesses & Health

Vocabulary

Illnesses that use the article "a/an"

1. cold
2. cough
3. cut
4. eye infection
5. fever
6. headache
7. stomachache
8. sore throat
9. toothache
10. sunburn

Illnesses that use no article

1. AIDS
2. cancer
3. diarrhea
4. dry skin
5. insomnia
6. malaria

Illnesses that use the article "the"

Sentence Structures

Remedies

1. eat right
2. get plenty of rest
3. go on a diet
4. put on a bandage
5. put on some ointment
6. take some aspirin
7. take some cough drops
8. take some medicine
9. stay physically fit

Discussion Questions

1. Are you a member of a health spa or gym?
2. Are you afraid of needles?
3. Are you healthy?
4. Are your parents healthy?
5. Do you think that you need to lose weight?
6. Do you always eat healthy food?
7. Do you bruise easily?
8. Do you catch a cold more than once a year?
9. Do you eat a lot of vegetables?
10. Do you eat lots of fruit?
11. Do you eat vegetables every day?
12. Do you ever get headaches?
   a. Do you know anyone who suffers from migraine headaches?
13. Do you ever read magazines or news articles about health? If yes, what subject(s) do you find the most interesting?
14. Do you exercise?
   a. What kind of exercise do you do?
   b. How often do you exercise?
15. Do you go for regular medical check-ups?
16. Do you go to the dentist's twice a year?
17. Do you have a lot of stress?
18. Do you normally go one doctor in particular or any available doctor?
19. Do you have any allergies?
20. Do you know anyone who suffers from backaches?
21. Do you know anyone with false teeth?
22. Do you often eat fast food?
23. Do you smoke?
   a. If so, do you smoke more than two cigarettes a day?
   b. Do you think smoking is not bad for your health?
24. Do you take medicine when you are sick?
25. Do you take vitamins or mineral supplements?
26. Do you think you are overweight?
27. Do you think you will live until a ripe old age? Why or why not?
28. Have you ever been to an acupuncturist? What do you think of acupuncture?
29. Have you ever broken a bone?
30. Have you ever burned yourself with hot water?
31. Have you ever donated blood?
32. Have you ever had stitches?
33. How can you reduce stress in your life?
34. How many hours of sleep do you get a night?
35. How many hours of sleep do you usually get?
36. How often do you eat junk food?
   a. What kinds of junk food do you eat?
37. How often do you get a cold?
   a. (How often do you catch a cold?)
38. How often do you get sick in one year?
39. How often do you go to the doctor's?
40. How often is garbage collected in your neighborhood?
Lesson 18: Music

Vocabulary

1. CD player 10. jazz
2. classical 11. lyrics
3. concert 12. mp3 player
4. country 13. music
5. dance 14. pop
6. disco 15. radio
7. download music 16. rap
8. good beat 17. rock
9. heavy metal 18. stereo

Sentence Structures

1. be crazy about love / like
2. dislike / hate / can't stand
3. When I listen to rap music I feel like driving around town.
4. When I listen to country music I feel sad.
5. I listen to rock when I am angry.

Discussion Questions

1. What kind of music do you like?
2. Are you a good singer?
3. Can you concentrate on other things when you are listening to music?
4. Can you play a musical instrument?
   a. If so, what do you play?
   b. How long have you been playing?
   c. Are you good at it?
5. Can you read music?
6. Do you enjoy music videos?
7. Do you ever listen to MP3 files on your computer?
8. Do you have an expensive stereo system?
9. Do you know the band named Metallica? If so, do you like them?
10. What types of music do you like?
11. Do you like to dance?
12. Do you listen to music while doing your homework?
13. Do you sing while taking a bath?
14. Do you think your favorite music twenty years from now will be the same as it is today?
15. Have you ever been to a concert?
   a. Have you ever been to a rock concert?
   b. Have you ever been to an orchestra concert?
16. Have you ever taken part in a singing competition?
17. How does music make you feel?
18. How much time do you spend listening to music?
19. How often do you listen to music? (...to classical music, ... to jazz, ...)
20. If you could play any musical instrument, what would it be?
21. If you could start a band, what type of music would you play? Why?
22. If you were a song, what song would you be and why?
23. Is live music popular in your country?
24. Is there any kind of music that you hate?
25. Should music lyrics be rated similar to the way movies are rated?
26. What are some concerts you have been to?
27. What are some special or traditional musical instruments in your country?
28. What do you think the world would be like without music?
29. What do you think of manufactured bands? Can you name any?
30. What is one of your favorite songs?
   a. Why do you like it?
   b. When did you first hear it?
   c. Who sings it?
31. What is your favorite karaoke song to sing?
Lesson 19: Computer & Internet

Vocabulary
1. mouse
2. monitor
3. speakers
4. desktop computer
5. Save/delete
6. download
7. folder
8. recycle bin
9. my computer
10. Anit-virus
11. chat rooms
12. computer
13. email
14. Internet connection
15. ISP (Internet Service Provider)
16. laptop computer
17. the Internet
18. URL (Webpage address)
19. Web browser
20. Webpage

Sentence Structures
1. build a Webpage (also, Website)
2. check your email
3. download music files
4. go on the Internet / go online
5. install software
6. meet people online
7. scan for viruses
8. send email
9. start up / shut down your computer
10. surf the Internet

Discussion Questions
1. Are you computer literate?
2. Are you connected to the Internet?
   a. Do you access the Internet with your computer?
   b. Can you access the Internet from your home?
   c. What is your favorite "news" site?
   d. What Internet sites do you visit regularly?
3. Can your mother and father use a computer?
4. Do you have a computer?
   a. Do you have a computer at work and at home?
   b. Do you have a laptop or a desktop computer? Do you have both?
c. Do you use your computer when you do homework for school?

d. Have you ever studied English using your computer?

e. How many times have you upgraded your computer?

f. How powerful is your computer?

g. What company made your computer?

h. What kind of computer do you have?

i. What size is your computer screen?
   i. What do you think is the best size to have?

j. Where do you use your computer?

k. Where in your room is your computer?

l. Why did you buy your computer?

5. Do you have a digital camera?
   a. Do you send photos by email?
   b. What kind of pictures do you take with your digital camera?

6. Do you have a scanner?
   a. What kind of scanner do you have?

7. Do you have a web page?
   a. What's the URL?
   b. When did you start it?
   c. How much time did it take to make?
   d. How much time do you spend keeping it updated?

8. Do you know any computer programming languages?
   a. How many computer programming languages do you know?
   b. Which languages do you know?
   c. Which language do you use the most often?

9. Do you read computer magazines?
   a. Which computer magazines do you read?

10. Do you use a computer?
    a. Are you good at using a computer?
b. Are you still using your first computer?

c. Did you learn to use a computer in high school?

d. Do you know how to type well?

e. How often do you use a computer?

f. What are some of your favorite computer games?

g. What do you use a computer for?

h. What operating system do you use?

i. What software do you use the most often?

j. When did you first start using a computer?

k. Who taught you to use a computer?

11. Do you use chat rooms? If so, what chat rooms do you use and who do you talk to?

12. Do you use e mail?

   a. Do you use e mail every day?
   b. Do you write e mail in English?
   c. Have you ever sent an e mail to your teacher?
   d. How many e-mails do you get a day?
   e. How many e mails do you send a day?
   f. How many times a day do you access your e mail?
   g. What's your e mail address?
   h. How many e mail addresses do you have?

13. Do you have a Facebook account?

   a. How often do you access it?
   b. How often do you update it.
   c. How many friends do you have?
   d. How many hours a day do you spend looking at it?

14. Do you want a more powerful computer? If so, what computer do you want?

15. Does your family have a computer?
16. How fast can you type?
17. Have you ever taken a course at school where you used a computer?
18. Have you tried Mac-OS, Windows and Linux?
19. How do you study English with your computer?
20. How does email work?
21. How many people in your family can use a computer?
22. How much did your first computer cost? How much did you last computer cost?
23. How much does it cost by buy a computer?
   a. What's the least expensive computer?
   b. What's the most expensive computer?
24. How much does your Internet service provider cost?
   a. Which ISP do you use?
25. If you could buy a new computer, what would you like to buy?
26. If you had lots of money, what kind of computer system would you like to buy?
27. What is the difference between software and hardware?
28. Which do you like better, a laptop computer or a desktop computer?
29. What is your favorite website?
30. Do you ever visit English websites?
31. Do you think our lives have been improved by computer technology?
   a. Think of a few examples of how computers have an educational or an entertainment value.
   b. Could you do without them?
32. What is multimedia?
   a. What are the components and the element of multimedia?
33. When did you first get a computer?
   a. What kind of computer was it?
   b. About how much did it cost?
33. Do you still have it?
    c. Do you still use it?
    d. Do you still use it?
34. Do you remember the first time you used a computer or the Internet?
    a. What did you think about it?
35. How long have there been personal computers in your country?
    a. When did the average person start using a computer?
36. Can your parents operate a computer?
    a. How do they use their computer?
    b. Do you chat with your parents?
    c. What kind of computer do they use?
    d. Do they enjoy using their computer?
37. Can your children use a computer?
38. Do you think a computer can bring us happiness?
39. Do you have a computer?
40. Do you know any computer languages like C or C++?
41. What is configuration of your PC?
42. How often do you perform a backup?
    a. What kind of backup method do you use?
    b. What kind of backup media do you use?
43. What are some good things about having a computer?
44. What are some bad things about having a computer?
45. Does having a computer make life more complicated or less complicated?
46. What computer games have you played?
    i. Which are your favorites?
    b. Which do you think are not so interesting?
47. Do you use chat rooms and instant messaging?
    a. Which ones do you use?
    b. Why do you use them?
c. What are some things to think about when using them?
d. Why can these be dangerous for you and your kids?

48. What do you do when your computer doesn't work properly?
   a. Do you have more than one computer?
   b. Can you do everything you need to do when your computer is broken?

49. Do you know what a blog is?
   a. Do you have one? Why/ why not?
   b. Why do people have blogs?

50. What do you think about file sharing?

51. On the Internet, you can say whatever you want. Is that true?
   a. Is it a good or a bad thing? Why?
   b. What is artificial intelligence?
Lesson 20: Movies & DVD Rentals

Vocabulary
1. action
2. adventure
3. animation
4. catch a movie
5. classic
6. documentary
7. drama
8. foreign film
9. go to the movies
10. horror
11. lines
12. main characters
13. movie review
14. movie theater
15. musicals
16. plot
17. romance
18. science fiction
19. suspense thriller
20. western

Sentence Structures
1. I watch animation movies when I want to cheer myself up.
2. My favorite type of movie is westerns because I like all of the gun fights.
3. My favorite movie is Say Anything; I especially like the part when the guy stands outside the girls window with a radio. This part was so romantic.
4. I only watch musicals when my mother makes me watch it.
5. If a movie has a bad plot then it’s not worth watching.
6. Movies today only care about special effects.
7. My favorite actor is Johnny Depp. I really liked him in Pirates of the Carribean.

Discussion Questions
1. What is your all-time favorite movie?
2. What is your favorite movie?
3. Are there any kinds of movies you dislike?
   a. If so, what kinds?
4. Do you like to watch horror movies?
5. Do you prefer fiction or nonfiction books? How about movies?
6. Do you usually watch movies at home or at a movie theater?
7. Have you ever seen the same movie more than once?
   a. If yes, name it (or them).
8. Have you ever seen ___? (Insert the name of a movie.)
9. How often do you go to movies?
10. How often do you rent videos?
11. If a book has been made into a movie, which do you prefer to do first, see the movie or read the book? Why?

12. What do you think of people who talk during movies at a movie theater?

13. What is the best movie you have ever seen?
   a. Who was in it?
   b. Why did you like it?
   c. Who was the director?

14. What is the scariest movies you have ever seen?
   a. What's the funniest?
   b. What's the most romantic?

15. What is the worst movie you've ever seen?

16. What was the last movie you saw?
   a. Was it good?
   b. Who did you see it with?

17. What's the best movie you've ever seen?

18. Which do you like better, action movies or comedy movies?

19. What movie star would you most like to meet?

20. Who is your favorite actor or actress?

21. What do you think of reality shows?

22. Do you think that films can be educational?

23. Is there a movie you could watch over and over again?

24. Who's your favorite director?

25. See any good movies lately?

26. How much does it cost to see a movie in your country?

27. Do you usually rent DVD's or videos when you rent movies?

28. Do you think movies have been developing technology or technology has been developing movies?

29. What is the most horrible movie you have ever seen?

30. What kind of movie do you like?