

THINK & TALK

ADVANCED



Book for advanced students that want to improve your familiarity with the language



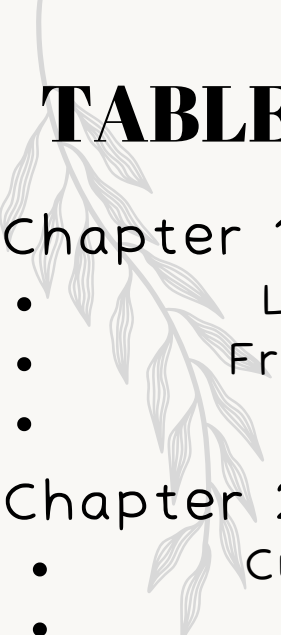
Our goal is to make you realize that learning english is not difficult, it's actually simple and fun!

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Chapter 1: Different opinions

Nowadays, with the easy access of information on the internet, we end up consuming and absorbing an absurd amount of opinions and ideas.

We see different generations interacting with each other, and almost always, we witness a conflict of worldviews. People are being labelled and put inside boxes which represent their understanding of the world and where they can interact only with those who align with their way of thinking.

It's important to think outside the box and step out of your comfort zone and really meet people out there, have a simple conversation and show interest in understanding their point of view of things.

Different opinions are not supposed to be a bad thing, but a learning experience that is natural. Explore the world around you, get to know people and evolve as a human being.

After reading...

1- What do you think is the message presented?

2- Do you believe this message is directed towards the older generation or the younger generation? Why?

3- Can you give examples of the "labels and boxes" mentioned on the text? Do you believe yourself to be inserted in a box of opinions or being labelled?

4- Do you handle different opinions well when they challenge your beliefs?

Let's get to know each other:

Ask and answer the following questions:

a) How would you describe yourself in two words?

b) What is your favorite free time activity?

c) What is a behavior of yours that you believe to be the most annoying?

d) Do you know the meaning of your name?

- If yes, do you believe this meaning is accurate with who you are?
- If you don't know, search it and tell us if you agree with the result.

e) What is your least favorite household chore?

f) What was the worst movie you've ever watched? Describe what is the movie about and what happens on it.

g) Do you consider yourself an active person or a couch potato?

h) What is something that you are currently working on yourself?

i) Who is the first person that appears on your mind to go on a road-trip with?

j) What's your favorite restaurant and what kind of food do they sell?

k) What do you like to do on a rainy day?

l) Do you prefer to make phone-calls or to send text messages? What about audio messages?

m) What's a perfect friday night for you?

n) How do you think your co-workers (or classmates if you are a student) would describe you?

o) What fictional character do you identify with? Why?

Keep the conversation going...

- a) How are your parents like? Do you think you are like them? If yes, how?
- b) What do you like to do on the weekend?
- c) What do you think about the recent movies? Do you think they are better than the old ones?
- d) What do you think about the recent music? Do you think they are better than the old ones?
- e) What was the best book you've ever read? Tell us about the story of the book.
- f) What's the perfect weekend for you like?
- g) What would you do if you won the lottery?

Giving your opinion: (Always explain your point of view!)

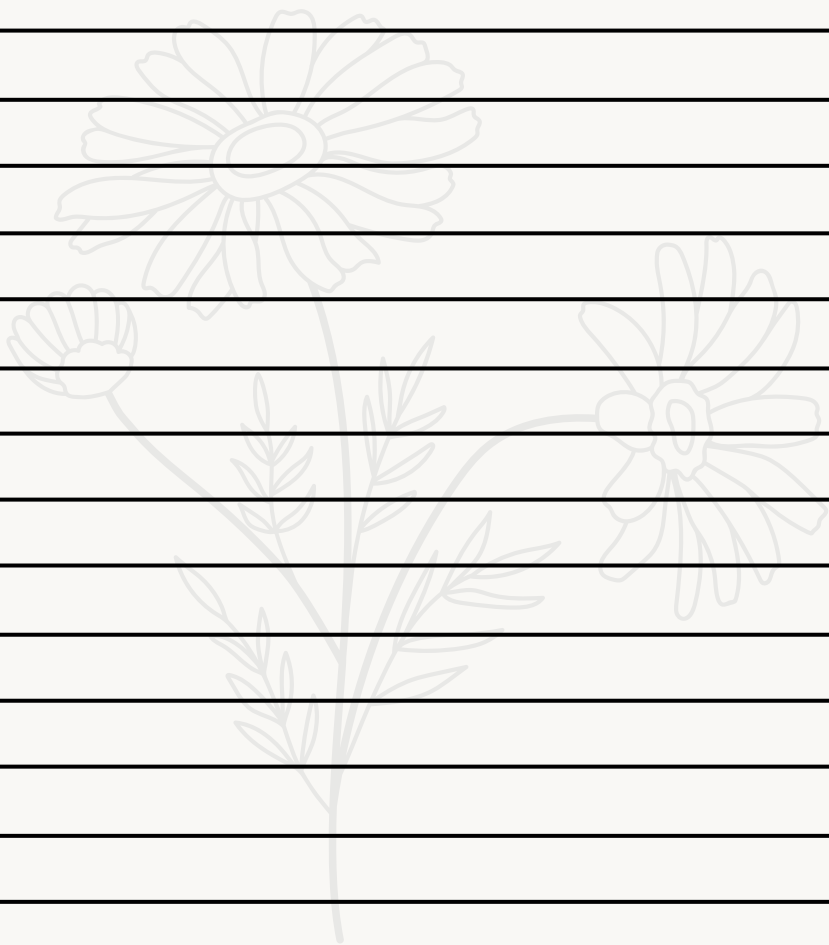
- a) Do you think college education should be free for all students?
- b) Do you think social media is harmful for society?
- c) Do you believe homeschooling is a better option than traditional schooling?
- d) Do you think video games can influence the way people act?
- e) Do you think being successful is related only to hard-work, or do you think luck is involved?

Write a text telling your opinion about:

Artificial Intelligence

- Say what impacts do you believe the usage of A.I softwares have when talking about education. Do you believe it to be a helpful tool or a cheating device.





Chapter 2: Worldwide

Before reading...

- a) What different cultural habits, customs or traditions do you know?
- b) Is there a different holiday from another country that you would like to celebrate?
- c) What's a "hard to explain to a foreigner" tradition that your country has?

Unique cultural traditions around the world:

- Cooper's Hill Cheese-Rolling and Wake

It is an annual event held on the Spring Bank Holiday at Cooper's Hill, near Gloucester in England. Participants race down the 200-yard (180 m) long hill chasing a wheel of Double Gloucester cheese.

From the top of the hill, a 7-9 pounds (3-4 Kilograms) round of Double Gloucester cheese is sent rolling down the hill, which is 200 yards long. Competitors then start racing down the hill after the cheese. The first person over the finish line at the bottom of the hill wins the cheese. The competitors aim to catch the cheese; however, it has around a one-second head start and can reach speeds up to 70 miles per hour (110 Kilometres per hour), enough to knock over and injure a spectator. Multiple races are held during the day, with separate events for men and women.