

SET 1 *CANDIDATE A*

TASK 1 **MONOLOGUE**

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EATING HABITS / EXPERIENCES



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PUBLIC TRANSPORT OR PRIVATE VEHICLE?

You live in the suburbs and you got a new job downtown. To get there, you hesitate between public or private transport. Even though the location of your new position is well communicated, the option you prefer is buying a car and you ask a friend. Here you have some ideas to discuss this topic. You start the conversation.



- Beauty of a car and its interior comfort
- The pleasure of driving and its speed
- Convenience and flexibility
- Ecological alternatives

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HEALTH AND MEDICINE



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Your friend has found a job in the city centre. He asks you for advice on the possibility of using public or private transport. Concerned about protecting the environment, you think public transport is the best option. Here you have some ideas to discuss this topic. Your partner starts the conversation.



- Good transport service and cheaper than a car
- Less stress and pollution
- The dangers of the road
- Other alternatives: bike, carpool...

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CONTINUE YOUR EDUCATION OR FIND A JOB

You have just completed your studies and you hesitate between the world of work and to pursue a specialization that allows you to get a better job later. You ask a friend for advice although you feel more inclined to keep studying. Here are your arguments. You start the conversation.



- Pleasure of studying and personal development
- More qualifications, a better job
- Not ready for a job yet
- Possible grant abroad

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SHOPPING / CONSUMERISM



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CONTINUE YOUR EDUCATION OR FIND A JOB

Your friend has just finished his/her studies and is a little lost, so he/she asks you for advice. You think he/ she should enter the world of work and gain personal and professional experience in the adult world. Here you have some ideas to try to convince her/him. Your partner starts the conversation.



- Your own money (economic independence)
- Rent a flat or collaborate with home expenses
- Working responsibilities, more mature
- Possibility of going abroad

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BLOGS AND SOCIAL NETWORKS

You're outraged because you have seen your picture on a friend's page in a social network. In this photo you are in a situation that does not benefit you. On top of that, you did not know that a picture was being taken at that time. Talk to your friend. Here you have some ideas. You start the conversation.



Signs of the social networking times.

- The right to your privacy
- Didn't ask for permission
- This image can affect your reputation in the future
(how?)
- Your partner wastes too much time.

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BLOGS AND SOCIAL NETWORKS

A friend is angry with you because you posted on your Facebook page all the photos of last night with friends, without asking for permission. You are surprised at his/her reaction. He/she is too fussy about it. Here you have some ideas to talk about. Your partner starts the conversation.



- Freedom of expression
- That's why these sites are attractive.
- A way of socialising and keeping people posted
- You can always delete these photos.

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GLOBALISATION



- Big companies and globalisation: pros and cons
- Effects on developed / developing countries
- Immigration. Working / studying abroad
- Learning languages: pleasure or necessity?

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CHOOSING A GIFT

You and your brother/sister have been invited to the silver wedding anniversary of your uncle and aunt and you want to give them a special gift. In your opinion, the perfect present for the occasion would be a couple of the latest state-of-the-art smartphones. Use these ideas to your liking and try to convince him/her. You start the conversation.



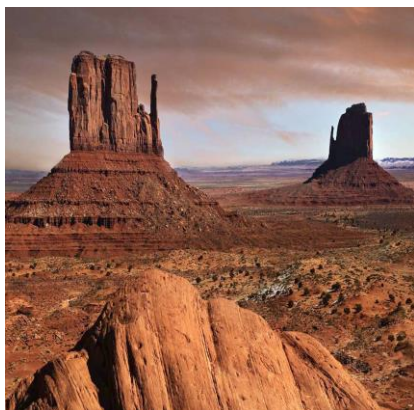
- Convenient and with lots of apps to help them
- Exclusive and beautiful
- Good value for money
- Technology is useful (why?)

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THE ENVIRONMENT



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- Dream holiday (why?)
- An unforgettable memory
- You don't like technological presents (why?)
- Low season, so not too expensive

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THE MASS MEDIA



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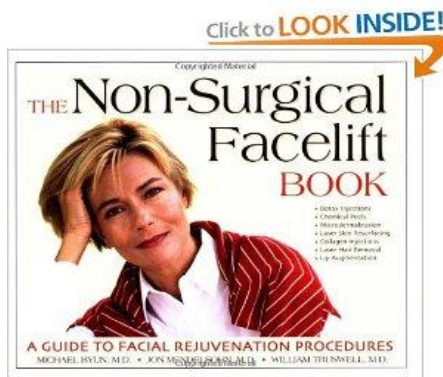
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COSMETIC SURGERY

A friend of yours tells you he/she would like to have a facelift. You believe that cosmetic surgery should be done only when necessary and try to dissuade him/her. Use these ideas to convince him/her. You start the conversation.



- Necessity or whim? (Expensive)
- Pictures of celebrities modified with PhotoShop (false model of perfection)
- Risks and consequences of surgery
- Possible alternatives

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CAUGHT YOU



- Violence in films, cartoons, computer games, etc.
- Violence in our daily life.
- Types of crimes and punishments (traditional or alternative?)
- How to prevent traffic accidents (speed cameras)

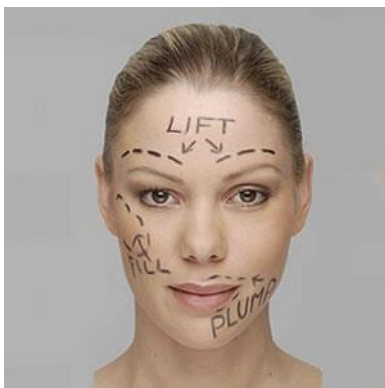
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COSMETIC SURGERY

You want to have a facelift. You think you will feel much better after the operation, because for you appearance is very important. Your friend may try to dissuade you. Use these ideas to convince him/her. Your partner starts the conversation.



- Psychological benefits
- An investment (why)
- Similar appearance to famous people
- Simple operations with good results

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CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Your partner and you have a totally different perspective on how to raise your children. Your attitude is quite laid-back and you are in favour of giving them a present if they pass most of their subjects in June because of the following arguments. You start the conversation.



- A reward for them (focus on positivity)
- A motivation for next year
- Their classmates also receive gifts.
- You don't believe in punishments. Why?

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CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Your partner and you have a totally different perspective on how to raise your children. You are against any special gifts because of the following arguments. Your partner starts the conversation.



- Children: too weak or materialistic: dangerous precedent
- Their obligation: studying and passing
- Don't care what other parents do
- No emotional blackmail

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A DIFFERENT HOLIDAY

You and your friend are planning a trip together and you want to do something different, like working as a volunteer for an NGO. Now you have to decide what kind of NGO to join. Try to convince your partner. You start the conversation.



- As concerned with health/ education, how could you help?
- Prefer helping people: more rewarding
- Africa or South America?
- How long?

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- Interested in the environment. How could you help?
- Plants and animals also need our help
- Prefer helping in your country
- Do things in the forest in summer (what?)

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A JOB OFFER

You live with your partner in Valencia. You work in an office, but you aren't very happy with it. Yesterday you got a job offer for four months in Madrid. You want to take it, but you'll have to leave your current job. Your partner might not agree with you. Try to convince him/her. You start the conversation.



- Not far
- Good career development
- Maybe accommodation with another workmate
- Possibility of extending the contract

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A JOB OFFER

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- Only for four months
- An apartment in Madrid (very expensive). Already a mortgage here
- Difficult to find another job afterwards
- Missing him/her

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WORKAHOLIC

Your husband/wife works too much and, in your opinion, this is a problem. You have two small children and you are tired of this situation. Try to talk to him/her. You can use the following arguments. You start the conversation.



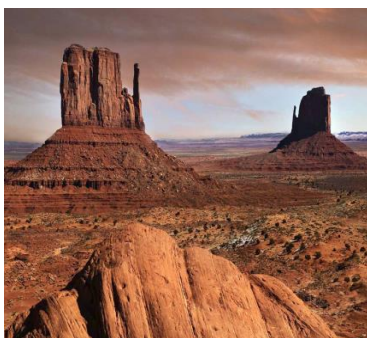
- Has worked three weekends in a row
- Is never at home at bedtime
- Don't do anything together any more (give examples)
- Raising your kids is exhausting (say why)

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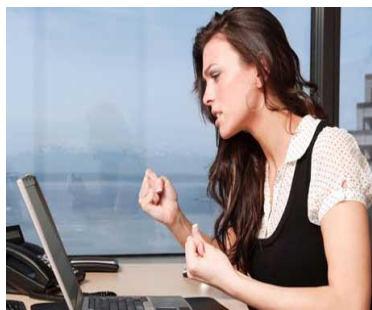
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WORKAHOLIC

Your husband/wife has been complaining lately that you work too much. You agreed he/she would stay at home and raise your kids, so you don't see why this should be a problem. Talk to him/her. You can use the arguments below. Your partner starts the conversation.



- Work long hours, not at weekends
- Working hard. Money for your family
- Many responsibilities and under a lot of pressure
- Need support from your family

SET 10 *CANDIDATE A*

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RELATIONSHIPS



- Love relationships. Long-distance relationships
- Family relationships. Changes in the traditional family
- Relationships in the working environment
- Relationships and new technologies

SET 10 CANDIDATE A

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RAISING MONEY

You are a primary school teacher and your school doesn't have money for extracurricular activities. You and two colleagues have decided to do something to raise money. Discuss what to do. You start the conversation.



- Something extreme (what?)
- A friend in a local TV channel (film it?)
- Contact local newspapers
- How to get more money?

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- A play or something similar in the local theatre
- Rehearsals once a week after school
- Parents could help. How?
- More help from other teachers. How?

SET 10 *CANDIDATE C*

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THE MASS MEDIA



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- Jumble / charity sale (help from teachers and parents)
- Opportunity to get rid of junk
- Cook cakes or typical dishes and sell portions
- Your son's band?