

14A Popularity

Activity 1

- A** A: What do you think the people are talking about?
B: I think they're talking about school.
A: Yeah. Or maybe about work.
B: Which group would you prefer to join?
A: I'd prefer to join the first group because they look like they're enjoying their conversation.

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- C** A: How important are these qualities in a friend?
B: I think being a good conversationalist is important.
A: I agree. But being a good listener is probably more important.

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- D** A: We thought being a good conversationalist was important.
B: So did we. What other qualities are important in a friend?
C: Being truthful is an important quality in a friend.
A: What qualities do other people see in you?
D: I guess people think I have a good sense of humor.
A: What other qualities would you like to develop?
B: I'd like to be more tenacious. Sometimes I give up when things become too difficult.

Activity 2

- A** A: Let's see who's a good conversationalist. During a conversation, do you tell funny stories or jokes?
B: Yes, I do. I like to laugh and make other people laugh. So I'm putting number 3 for that. How about you?
A: Hmm. I'm not much of a storyteller. I'm going to write a 1 for that.

Activity 2

- B** A: Do you agree with the evaluation?
B: I agree with the evaluation. People often say that I'm a good conversationalist.
A: Which questions in part A are the most relevant? Are any irrelevant?
B: I think avoiding talking only about yourself is the most relevant.
A: What else can make you a good conversationalist?
B: I think being a good listener is really important. It shows that you are involved in the conversation and that you care about what the other person is saying.

Activity 3

- B** A: Let's compare ideas. I circled *family*, *movies*, *music*, *school*, and *sports*. How about you?
B: Now let's answer the questions. Which topics are the most popular?
C: All of us like to discuss movies, music, school, and sports. Only some of us like to talk about computers, games, gossip, fashion, and relationships.
A: Which topics don't you like to discuss?
B: Nobody likes to discuss politics or news.
C: What other things do you like to talk about with your friends?
A: My friends and I like to talk about our other friends.

14B Success and happiness

Activity 1

- A** A: Who do you think is the best employee?
B: Sarah looks like the best employee. She's talking on the phone and looks busy.
A: I agree that she looks busy, but she could just be talking to a friend on the phone.

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- C** A: Who do you think is the best employee now?
B: I think Hank is the best employee now because his boss really likes his work and he's good at his job.
A: I totally agree with you this time.

Activity 2

- B** A: How important are these qualities to achieve success? Let's compare our ideas.
B: I think patience is a very important quality to achieve success. Do you know the saying "Good things come to those who wait"?
C: You're right, but I marked *patience* as just important. To me, flexibility is very important.

Activity 3

- A** A: Which do you think are the six best pieces of advice?
B: One of the best pieces of advice is to try to see things from other points of view.
A: I agree. It's hard to do that sometimes, but it's important.

Activity 3

- B** A: Let's compare our ideas from part A. We thought "Admit your mistakes" was good advice.
B: We did, too. Which pieces of advice would be hard for you to follow?
C: It would be difficult for me to admit my mistakes. I don't like to be wrong!
D: That's not difficult for me. I try to learn from my mistakes.
A: Which advice do you already follow?
B: I'm not afraid to say that I don't know. I'm also not afraid to ask for help.
C: What advice did your parents give you? your grandparents? your teachers?
D: Some advice a teacher once gave me was that if I smile, the sun will shine.
A: What one piece of advice would you give to people who want to be happier?
B: My advice to them would be to make the most of every day. Life is short!

Activity 3

- D** A: How can you achieve your goals?
B: I want to run in a marathon someday. But I need to get in shape first.
C: I'm sure you can do it. You just need to work at it every day.