

Speaking Ch.Lab

## **Unit.1 Learning English**



#### Pick & Talk

- 1. How long have you been studying English? How old were you when you first learned English?
- 2. Is English an easy or difficult language to learn? Why do you study English?
- 3. What level of English would satisfy you? What learning goals do you have?
- 4. When it comes to English, what are your strengths and weaknesses? Choose from vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation, reading, listening, writing. Which do you most want to improve? Why?
- 5. Is it important to learn slang or swearwords in English? Why or why not?
- 6. What is your favorite word in English? Why do you like it?
- 7. How do/did you feel about English at school? How is/was it taught?
- 8. Many languages have adopted English loanwords. Which words has your language borrowed from English?
- 9. Are there any words from your native language that are commonly used by native English speakers? What are they?
- 10. Have you taken any standardized English tests such as TOEIC, TOEFL, OPIC or IELTS? Did studying for these tests help you to improve your English?
- 11. English is widely spoken as a second language around the world. Why is this?
- 12. Will another language replace English as the major global language? If so, how long will it take? Which language will be the next global language?

### Related Expression

Can't make head nor tail of sth: to not be able to understand something

# **Unit.2 Friends / Friendship**



#### Pick & Talk

- 1. Do you have a best friend? How many real good friends do you have? Describe them.
- 2. Why do people need friends? What can happen if a person has no friends?
- 3. What is your idea of a good/bad friend?
- 4. What do you like to do when you hang out with friends?
- 5. What is the best way to meet new friends?
- 6. Do you think sites like Facebook, Instagram are good for friendships or do they stop people from becoming close?
- 7. What do you do when there is a conflict between you and your friend?
- 8. Do you prefer having a lot of friends or just a few close ones?
- 9. Do you think a man and a woman can really be "just friends"?
- 10. Do you think that most people are naturally able to get along with others or is it a skill which needs to be learnt?
- 11. In some cultures, friendship networks are important for doing business and getting jobs. How about in your culture?
- 12. Has the concept of "friendship" changed in the modern age?

## Related Expression

Fair-weather friend: somebody who is only a friend when it is pleasant for them, and stops being a friend when you are in trouble

## **Unit.3 Shopping**



#### Pick & Talk

- 1. Do you enjoy shopping? For what kinds of things?
- 2. Do you prefer shopping online or in person? Do you think online shopping will replace shopping in reality?
- 3. Have you ever spent too much? What did you buy? How did you feel afterwards?
- 4. How do you feel about sales people following you and helping you when you shop?
- 5. What makes a pleasant shopping experience?
- 6. What is your opinion of branded goods?
- 7. Are you a bargain hunter? Do you get excited about sales and discounts? When are the best sales in your country?
- 8. Have you ever returned something you bought? Why did you return it? Did you get a refund?
- 9. Do you know anyone who is addicted to shopping? Are you addicted to shopping?
- 10. Have you ever bought any counterfeit products like fake designer bags, clothing, or jewelry?
- 11. Who does the grocery shopping in your household? How often do they do it?
- 12. Shoplifting is when someone takes something from a shop without paying. How common is this crime in your country? How do shops try to prevent shoplifting?

## Related Expression

Window shopping: the activity of spending time looking at the goods on sale in shop windows without intending to buy any of them