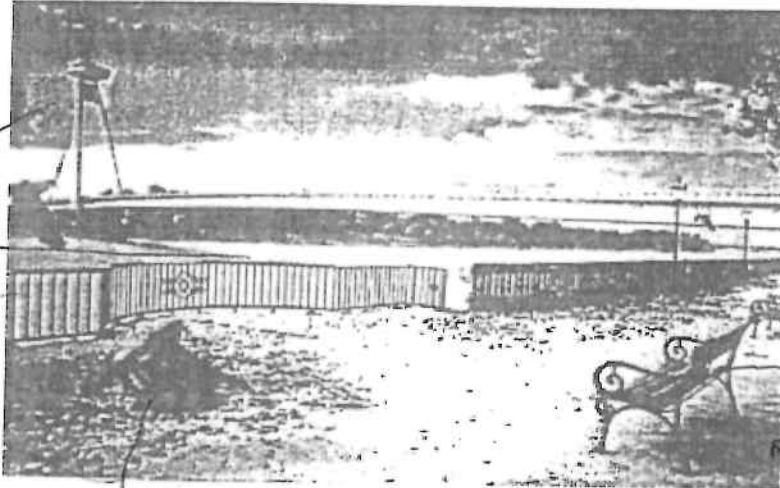


- caught the essence

# MO 1 - Family

## TASK 1: Picture

1. Describe the Picture
  2. What is attractive about the river in a city You can see the fishes and the sun.
  3. What part of a year is it, what is your feeling about the Picture? autumn "sun" sunny picture
  4. What town/city is this landmark of? it is landmark of city
  5. What can you see from the top/restaurant? You can see whole BA. You can see within 100 kilometers. We get to the top by elevator
- I don't like this picture, because of autumn. It's sunny picture. There



## TASK 2: Family

- What is a universal form of family structure in modern society? Nuclear Family: Extended f. step and 1 parent
- What is a difference between monogamy and polygamy? Monogamy means marriage between one man and one woman. Polygamy means marriage among several people.
- Which family structure is typical for your family? 1-parent
- What can parents do to overcome the gap between the generations? I move out more time, things
- What differences can you see between parents-children relationship in the past and now? good & address as "y" patterns, example
- What was your childhood like and how did it shape your life? in common interest (less sympathy)
- What is your relationship with your brothers or sisters like? It causes generation gap
- Are problems and misunderstanding with parents inevitable? Why? in accordance with s.a. norms. don't spoil, cuddle, show good values
- What in your opinion makes a happy family? money, health, children
- How should parents bring up their children? don't help in households, don't obey vice, bad collection
- Describe your family tree.
- Do you think parents and children live in two different worlds? 4 styles, temperament
- What are the most common complaints parents in SVK have about their kids? reform school
- Should badly-behaved children be educated separately? saves spent money, worthless
- What institution in SVK can help parents who have problems with their children's behaviour?
- Should children get pocket money? No! compliment things
- What are the positives and negatives of rewarding children? praise, superior don't know value of money -> develop, worse

## TASK 3: Role-play

Student: You are a coach of a very talented young athlete. You have to convince his/her parents that their child should go to a special sports school. waste talent

develop, new people, good opportunity, in best age, special approach

Teacher: You are a mother/father of a very talented young athlete. His/her coach wants you to send your child to a special sports school. You don't agree.



# MO 2 - Culture and the Arts

*take place*

## TASK 1: Picture

1. Describe the picture
2. Who is the woman in the picture? *Tony Beere*
3. What is she doing and why? *it's opening ceremony of 200*
4. Could you be in her place? Why? Why not?
5. What are sport activities you like?
6. Where do you practise them and when?



*it's begins with relay, when they give the Oly. Flame to another athletes who will continue to run.*

## TASK 2: Culture and the Arts

- What kinds of fine arts do you know?
- When did you last do into a museum or gallery?
- Which of the kinds of fine arts you interested in? Why?
- Do you like any trouble to understand "modern art"?
- How important is art in the life of people? Is it luxury or necessity? *it's important but minor, artistic value.*
- Do you know any famous art galleries? *Lower in Paris*
- Describe your last visit to or your impressions of an art exhibition.
- What cultural facilities are there in your town? *Cinema, library, museum*
- Do you have your favourite painter, sculptor or photographer? What artist do you know more facts about?
- Are Slovaks still interested in going to the art galleries or museums? Do we differ from other nations? Why? Why not?
- How do fine arts enrich our lives? *artistic value, pleasure or sense, emotional experience*
- Choose a Slovak painter you like and give a short talk about his work. *Antony Warhol, Michel*
- What dance groups in SVK specialize in national dance and music? *Slovak, Czech*
- Do you like folk dances and songs? -
- What sort of dance do you prefer? (Disco, folk, hip-hop, modern....) Compare these dance styles and explain your choice.
- Who is your favourite performer/least favourite? *Leonardo da Vinci*
- What are positives and negatives of being famous? *no privacy*
- What qualities should a person have to become famous? *bravery, courage, endurance*
- What sorts of films do you enjoy watching? *horror, comedy, sci-fi*
- What are the advantages/disadvantages of watching a film at the cinema? *timeless news*
- The Beatles are so popular today as they were 40 years ago. What makes their music so special?
- Have you ever been to a live concert? What did you like/dislike about it?

*yes, I was. I think it was worth my time.*

## TASK 3: Role-play

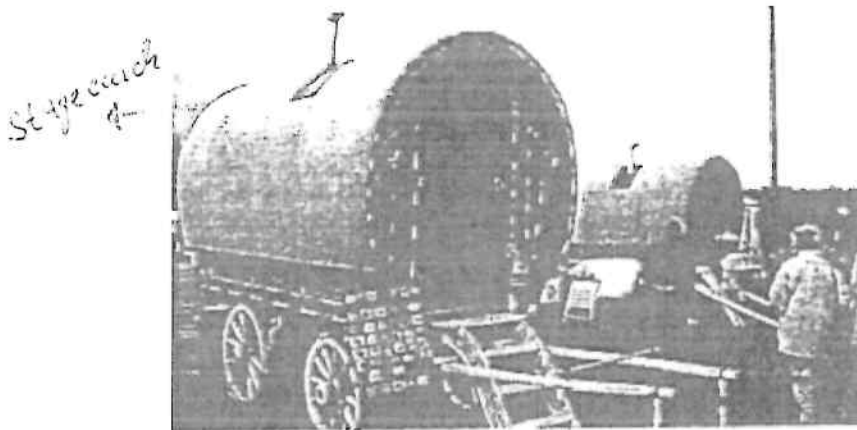
A: You are a reporter. Your boss told you to do an interview with a famous film star who has been awarded many awards and a week ago she/he got an Oscar. You are really nervous because this is your first "real" interview with a real film star as this is your first job after graduation. Ask the star questions about her/his early life, likes, dislikes, films she/he has starred in. Do not forget to ask about awards she/he has been awarded.

B: You are a famous film star. You have been awarded many awards and week ago you got an Oscar for "Me and Sue". A young reporter is going to do an interview with you. You starred in many films and have been awarded many prizes like Golden Globe, Silver Star, The Camera etc. Act out an interview.

# MO 3 - Sport

## TASK 1: Picture

1. Describe the picture
2. What is the difference from the typical Slovak house
3. What are advantages and disadvantages of living here? - enough space, not required equipment moving, not comfortable cold
4. Was this more frequently seen in the past or now?
5. What would you miss if living in this? - toilet, bathroom
6. How would your friends react when they saw you living here?
7. Would you prefer to stay in a house or flat? In the country-side or in the city? quiet, peaceful, enough space growing plants and keeping animals lower ~~high~~ rate of crime



## TASK 2: Sport

- What is your favourite sport and how often do you practise it? Are there any sports you dislike?
  - What sports can be done in each season of the year? - winter (skiing, snowboarding, sledding) hockey)
  - Can a professional sport be a good career? Why? achieve performance, injuries
  - Would you like to be a professional sportsman/sportswoman?
  - What do you think of professionals taking drugs? not fair to other, harms health
  - How does professional sport affect health of athletes?
  - Do you have any unfulfilled ambitions in sport? Do you think you will ever fulfil them?
  - Were you satisfied with PE lessons at school? What would you change if you could?
  - What do you think of the behaviour of sports fans? How can hooliganism be prevented?
  - Are you a fan of any sports teams?
  - What sports do you watch on TV?
  - Why do people play games? -
- agage →  
that
- summer (swimming, surfing, scuba diving)  
s+a (running, football, paragliding, hang-gliding)  
badminton, volleyball)

TASK 3: Here are some controversial statements about medical care. Do you agree or disagree with them?  
Give your opinion.

- People who are very ill have the right to decide if they want to die. suffer, solution
- People who have unhealthy lifestyles (smokers or heavy drinkers) should pay more for health insurance
- Doctors should always give patients all the information about their illness. have the right



# MO 4 - Housing

## TASK 1: Picture

1. Describe the picture
2. Where are the people?
3. What are they doing?
4. Is it a common picture of this place?
5. Why do you go to this place?
6. How often?
7. Are you there in the position of the
8. How do we call people working at this place?
9. Would you like this job? Why? Why not?



## TASK 2: Housing

- How would you describe housing in Slovakia? *in countryside or block of flats*
- What are the differences between housing in Great Britain and the USA? *houses + children leave from home earlier than*
- Can you describe a type of house/flat you live in? *simple house (patio + garden) lot's of rooms, pool, car*
- Has it changed since you have been living there? Would you like to make any changes? *backyard +*
- Where would you like your dream house to be? *in the beach with view of the sea*
- Does a dream house have to cost much money? *library, 2 balconies, pool*
- If you didn't have to worry about money, how would your dream house look? *family and friends*
- Who would you like to invite to visit you? *cosy, modern equipment*
- Have you ever visited a flat/house which really likes you? Can you describe it? *lots of space*
- How would you compare housing in Slovakia in the past and these days?
- What do you think about being rewarded for doing chores? *N*
- What is the right age of learning the family home? *after school*
- At what age should children start paying to their parents? *when they find job*
- How do colours affect our mood? *pastel affect set off a good mood*
- What colours would you like in your future house? *bright*

## TASK 3: Role-play

- Your friend would like to improve his/her English because he/she would like to take the First Cambridge Certificate. Give them advice on how to make headway in speaking, reading, listening and writing.

- *speaking with the English*
- *literature, books*
- *watching news, where they speak official English*
- *wise neighbours*

# MO 5 - Shopping

## TASK 1: Picture

1. Describe the picture
2. What are these people?
3. Why are they there?
4. Can this job be done by anybody?
5. What do you need for it?
6. Are these two people in blue of the same position?
7. Have you ever experienced this situation?  
Any of your family?



## TASK 2: Shopping

- Express your attitude towards shopping
- What do you like/dislike about shopping?
- What are your preferences? (small shops, department store, malls)
- What is window shopping?
- How much time do you personally spend on shopping?
- What were the shopping habits in the past and are like at present?
- Is the customer service on the same level as in the other countries?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of shopping malls?
- What are the best shops as for the quality, choice and prices of products? ( in TN, BA, abroad)
- What does the expression "consumer society" mean?
- Should shops be open on Sundays and why/why not?
- What is an ideal shop assistant?
- What are advantages/ disadvantages of small shops?
- Do advertisements influence you? What do you like/dislike about advertising?
- Did you use to go shopping as a child? What did you like/dislike about it?
- What is your most surprising, terrible or fun shopping experience?
- What should be improved in the relationship between shop assistants and customers?
- Do you like buying clothes in a street market?
- Think about street markets: prices, quality, fashion
- How would you describe a shopaholic?
- Is shopping a necessity or a leisure activity for you?
- Some people claim that hypermarkets and supermarkets should be closed on Sunday. Do you agree?
- How often teenagers spend time in shopping malls?
- What are positives and negatives of spending your free time at the mall?

## TASK 3: Role-play

Student: You work at travel agency in Trenčín. Your client wants to spend five days in Slovakia. Give him information about trips you offer.

Teacher: You want to spend five days in Slovakia. Ask your travel agent for information about trips the travel agency offers. Ask about accommodation, sports facilities available in a hotel, possible hiking tours.



# MO 6 - Health

## TASK 1: Picture

1. Describe the picture
2. Who are the people in the picture?
3. Why are they there?
4. Where are they going?
5. Would you like to travel like this? Why? Why not?
6. What are more comfortable means of transport?
7. What distances is this suitable for?



## TASK 2: Health

- How important is staying healthy for you?
- What do you personally do to protect your health?
- What factors contribute to good or bad health? *- stress, vices, lack of sport, vitamins, oxygen*
- Compare classical medicine with alternative one
- Do you think that people in Slovakia are given proper health care?
- What care is provided to citizens during their lives?
- What diseases do you consider very serious/not so serious today?
- What do you think of organ donation as a way to save another person's life?
- If you feel you may be getting the flu, what would you do? What is your worst memory of being sick?
- Have you ever had an injury? What was it and how did it happen?
- How would you persuade your friend who is heavy smoker to give up smoking?
- *sleep, irregular habits*
- What have you learnt at school about human body?
- Have you ever taken up any sport for your health?
- Do you agree that modern medicine should use ancient techniques of healing?
- What do you do when you don't feel very well?
- Would you change doctors if you were not satisfied with him/her?
- Do most doctors their job well?
- What do you expect a good doctor to be like?

## TASK 3: Role-play

- You are seventeen and want to go round Europe this summer with a group of friends, including your boyfriend/girlfriend. Your parents are not happy about the situation. How would you persuade them to let you go?

# MO 7 - Travelling

## TASK 1: Picture

1. Describe the picture
2. Why are these people there?
3. What are they doing?
4. Who is active?
5. Is this a common picture of your life? Why? Why not?
6. How much time do you spend this way?
7. Why is this activity necessary for life?



## TASK 2: Travelling

- What are advantages and disadvantages of travelling by bus/car/train/plane/ship?
- Which means of transport do you prefer and why?
- How has modern transport changed our lives?
- What are problems of modern transport? - traffic jams, crash, overcrowded, + peaking rush
- What travelling have you done with your parents?
- What trips have you taken with your class/school? language, sightseeing
- What kind of holidays do you prefer? (place, season, how long, what means of transport, accommodation)
- What foreign countries have you visited and how do they compare to your country?
- What country would you like to visit and why?

## TASK 3: Simulation

↓  
India and (holi fest)  
Australia  
culture  
Rst  
sights

↓  
London = slow life  
Paris =  
Croatia = sincere and  
dear

↓  
summer  
beach  
2 weeks  
car  
full board  
suite or  
house near  
the sea



# MO 8 - Education

## TASK 1: Picture

1. Describe the picture
2. Who are these people? What are their tasks?
3. Is this job suitable for you? If not, what is it?
4. What are typical jobs for men and what are for women? Why?
5. Have you ever experienced this? What would you do?
6. *What other jobs are thought to be dangerous?*
7. *Why are some people ready to risk their lives as a part of their job?*



## TASK 2: Education

- Are you happy at this school or would you like to study elsewhere? Why?
- What is your favourite subject and what do you dislike?
- Do you think you'll need the information you were learning at this school?
- Are there any other subjects you would like to have?
- Is there anything you would like to change about school?
- What do you think about the grading system in our school system?
- What do you know about the British and American school system?
- Should the government spend more money on education?
- What do you think of the idea that students will sit for a school leaving exam test centrally distributed?
- What do you think of students' behaviour towards their teachers?
- What is characteristic of a good teacher?
- How can teachers make classes interesting?
- What is the best time for you to study and to do your homework?
- How much homework do you think is fair?
- How do you like to spend breaks between classes?
- *Are teacher-parent meetings helpful?*

## TASK 3: Simulation

-express agreement or disagreement:

1. The global warming seems to be a vital problem. But who is to blame?
2. Factories should be fined if they cause pollution over a certain level.
3. With construction of nuclear power plants there rises a problem of radioactive waste.
4. Technical advances are inevitably associated with harm done to the environment.
5. Smog composed of exhaust fumes and industrial exhalation turns the environment into something like a gas chamber.



# MO 9 - Jobs and Professions

## TASK 1: Picture

1. Describe the picture
2. Where is this situated?
3. How do the people feel?
4. Can you see there inspirations in your town? Why? Why not?
5. Is it safe to visit this place?
6. What should we do to change it?



## TASK 2: Jobs and Professions

- If all the jobs were well-paid, what would you do?
- How can we get information about jobs?
- Why does the employment exist?
- How would you reduce unemployment?
- Give some criteria for choosing your job.
- What criteria are important in your career?
- What kind of job would you prefer? Why?
- Do women have less opportunities to find a job? Are they discriminated?
- What skills or qualifications does a person have to have to succeed in finding a good job abroad?
- Would you like to work abroad?
- What are positives or negatives of being a businessperson?
- Would you like to work for yourself?

## TASK 3: Role-play

- A: You bought a pair of fashionable jeans last month. They were expensive but when you washed them, they shrank and now they are short and you can't wear them. Go to the boutique and ask for a refund.
- B: You are the manager of a boutique selling high quality jeans. You have sold more than 39 pairs and this is the first complaint. Talk to the customer, be polite, but refuse to give a refund. You think it is the customer's fault because he didn't follow the washing instructions.

# MO 10 - Human Relationships

## TASK 1: Picture

1. Describe the picture
2. Is it common scene you can see everyday?
3. What place could you see it?
4. What are the effects on people? What can cause this?
5. How would you feel being a part of this? (how do I feel about it?)
6. What to do to prevent it?



## TASK 2: Human Relationships

- What influenced your values and how? *parent, follow patterns*
- Are you satisfied with the relationships in your family? *more time together*  
What would you change if you could? *more time together*
- What are your parents' fears for you? *more time together*
- What are the qualities of a good friend? *change surroundings*
- Are you a good friend? Give a list of your virtues.
- What vices can you not respect? *drug abuse, alcoholism, smoking*
- A friend in need is a friend indeed. Do you agree? *show a back, nobody helps you*
- Are classmates of the opposite sex attractive to you? Why? Why not? *friends*
- Watching couples around you, do you think that there is a permanent war between them?
- Try to characterise human relations in Slovakia (e.g. between neighbours, shop assistant and customer etc.) *helpful, jealous, envious, give advice, comment*
- Do you agree that...housewives should be paid salary? *N* *borrow things*  
...children should do some of housework? *Y*  
...even young children should get regular pocket money? *N (became habit)*  
...children should be free to choose their own friends? *Y* *Why? Why not?*
- List five things that you value the most in your life. *love, health, friends, if they disappoint yourself, later they'll have a good lesson for future*
- Why is charity work necessary at present? *still more people who live in poverty*
- How can people in rich countries help people in developing countries in Asia or Africa? *send money for medicine and food, water*
- What should be done for people who need help in our country?
- What movie stars or singers are involved in charity events? *A Jolie, Diana*
- What character qualities or traits do you respect?
- What values do your parents try to place on you? How do they try to teach you that? *or became volunteer*

## TASK 3: Role-play

- Your parents want to sell your present flat in the centre of the town and move to a small village about 20km away. You are strongly against it. You like your present flat very much, especially your own room. Try to persuade your parents to leave things as they are.
- *find new school or must commuting, get up earlier, travel to school and shops => if we will need sth. less meeting with friends and family, new friends, new surroundings => maybe not good people (willing), good equipment => pay for moving, reconstruction, not enough place for fun,*



# MO 12 - Science and Technology

## TASK 1: Picture

1. Describe the picture
2. What is the problem of the man?
3. What is the role of the dog?
4. How does the society treat these people?
5. Do you know any disabled people in your neighbourhood?
6. How could you help them?



## TASK 2: Science and Technology

- What does modern industry depend on?
- Which part of our life do the developments in technology influence most?
- Which jobs will be secure against the advance of technology?
- Which professions will be affected by the advance of technology?
- What inventions and discoveries have changed human life?
- What are current and future sources of energy?
- What invention is the most important for you?
- Have all inventions brought improvement and innovation to our lives?

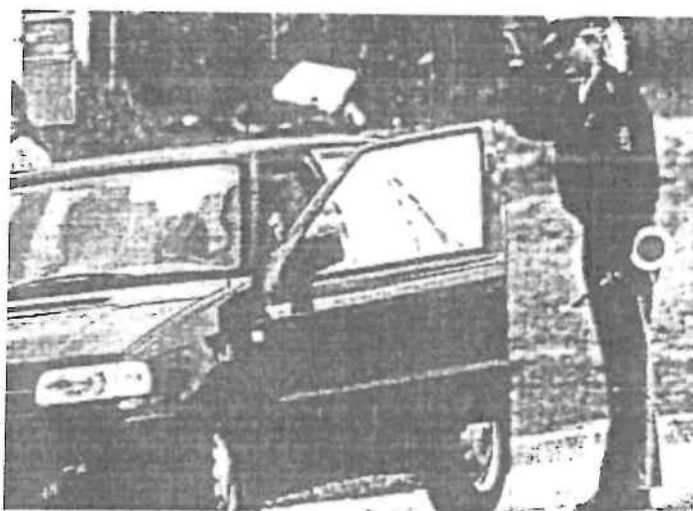
## TASK 3: Situation role

- solve these problems:
1. Your friend drinks too much alcohol
  2. Your 16-year-old sister wants to run away from home
  3. You are 16 and you are pregnant/or your girlfriend is pregnant
  4. Some schoolmates force you to give them money regularly

# MO 13 - Man and Society

## TASK 1: Picture

1. Describe the picture
2. What means of communication does the policewoman use?
3. Which are the most precise ones?
4. How does the man feel?
5. What will he say?
6. How would you feel when a policeman stops you? Why?



## TASK 2: Man and Society

- What social problems worry you? Which of them is of the greatest concern to you?
- What do you think is the cause of conflicts and wars among ethnic groups and nations?
- What do you think of drug and alcohol problems in the society? Should drugs be legalised? *-no, addiction don't know what they do*
- Are you concerned about sexual problems in the society?
- What do you feel should be done about vandalism and hooliganism?
- If you were a master of the world what would you change and why? *-way how people behave*
- Should punishment exist in modern society? Do you agree with death penalty? *exile, must work, enabled to end sb life*
- Begging, homelessness, school violence – these are some features of nowadays society. Should we consider them to be a problem or not? *y, we don't have control over our child → commit suicide*
- What differences can you see in lifestyles of people living in Slovakia and the rest of the EU? *more violence, comment EU but we also have problems, gipsy ethnic,*

## TASK 3: Simulation

- Your government has decided to issue a set of stamps of famous people. Which four people do you want to put on the set of stamps? Choose one of the following titles: Great political leaders/sportsmen and sportswomen/writers/scientists/musicians/artists/actors. Think how you will justify your choice.

- they do sth., represent Slovakia
- model for young people
- support more people
- raise national awareness

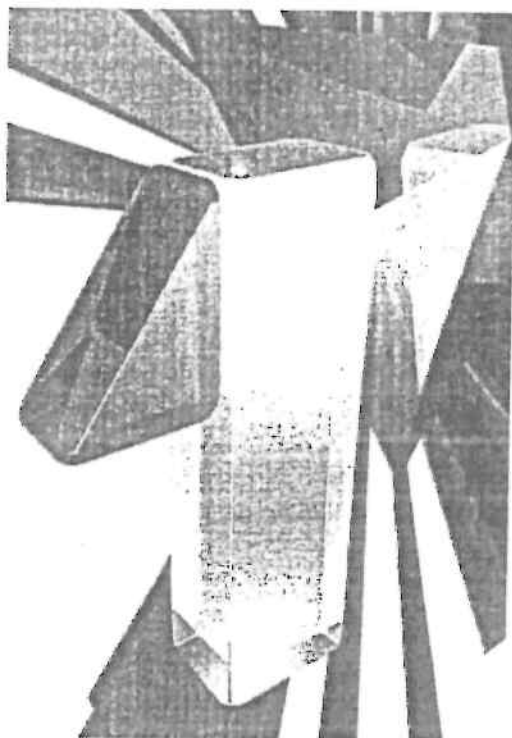
- reward for good job
- honor and glorify is more than money
- deserve it forever



# MO 14 - Communication and its forms

## TASK 1: Picture

1. Describe the picture.
2. Where can you see it?
3. What are other TV channels?
4. Which do you watch? How long and how often?
5. What are your favourite programmes?
6. What programmes do you immediately turn off? Why?
7. What are other mass media?



## TASK 2: Communication and its forms

- What does communication mean to you?
- How many types of communication do you know?  
Which of them are often used nowadays?
- Describe some gestures which are typical for your mother tongue.
- What can colours mean in different cultures?
- What does the body-language tell us about the people's feelings and character?
- How does the Internet (mobile) influence human relationships?
- A lot of people say that modern ways of communication have stopped face-to-face contact. What is your opinion?
- Have you ever made friends through the Internet?
- What makes English difficult for you?
- What are the differences between British and American English?
- How would you like to improve your English?
- What way is English different from other foreign languages you have studied?  
Which of them is easier for you and why?

## TASK 3: Situation role

- give your friend advice on:
  - what to do to lose weight
  - where to buy whole-meal bread
  - what to prepare for a party
  - bad point of vegetarianism for children

# MO 15 - Mass Media

## TASK 1: Picture

1. Describe the picture
2. Is this a common activity for young or old people?
3. Why do these people like this activity?
4. Can you imagine yourself riding this? Why?
5. What are your free time activities?



## TASK 2: Mass Media

- pseudo idols  
+ coach  
popstars
- Could mass media form character of young people?  
Is it helpful/dangerous?
  - What impact do advertisements have on you?
  - What kind of mass media do you prefer and why?
  - Will newspapers be replaced by any other form of mass media in the future?
  - What do you miss in our TV programmes?
  - What qualities should a good reporter/presenter have?
  - What impact does TV have on children?
  - What's your opinion on erotic scenes on TV and in films?
  - What's your opinion on violence on TV?
  - Can mass media change people's opinion?
  - What role do mass media play in your life?
  - Can you imagine your future life without mass media?
  - Which magazines for teenagers do we have in SVK?
  - What are you interested in – social, political, economic or other problems/issues?

## TASK 3: Simulation

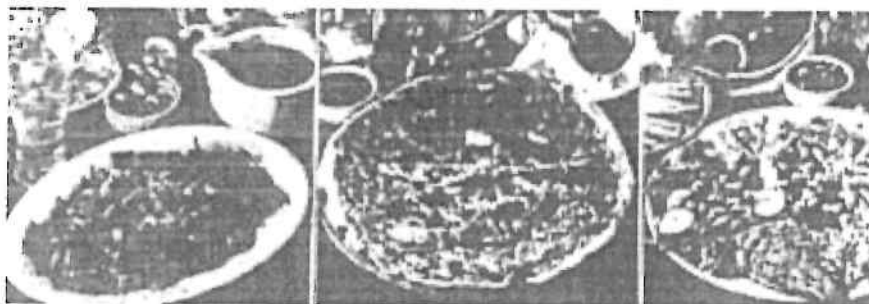
- A girl/boy would like to go out with has asked you to meet her/his parents. You would like to make a good impression on her/his parents because you want to show them that they can trust you. Discuss the way in which you can impress them. Think about clothes, being on time, greeting, drinking, results at school.



# MO 16 - Young People and Their World

## TASK 1: Picture

1. Describe all three pictures
2. Which of these is/are the most typical Slovak cooking?
3. Which food would you choose and why?
4. Which is the most complicated and why?
5. Which drink is not suitable for children?
6. How do you call restaurants where you can get only the dishes in number 1...
7. Could you be a cook in a restaurant? Why?



## TASK 2: Young People and Their World

- What is a young generation and what are its characteristics?
- What are its hobbies and likes?
- What are plans for the future with the full – time education?
- Why are young people members of fan clubs? Why do they look for idols from the world of music, film or sport?
- How does young generation feel about addictions – alcoholism, drugs, the Internet, PC games, gambling?
- Why are mobile phones so popular with them?
- Is bullying common or unknown phenomenon?
- What is a generation gap – as for fashion, behaviour, speech, school results, friends and laziness?
- What is your idea of independence?
- When is it right time to leave home and get married?
- What is an ideal day for you?
- *How do you protest when you don't agree with your parents' decision?*
- *Is there something your parents do that they don't allow you to do?*
- *Have your parents done anything that really surprised you positively?*
- *What would you never allow your children to do?*

## TASK 3: Situation role

- Persuade your friend to join a karate club. Give reason why it is good.

# MO 17 - Food

## TASK 1: Picture

1. Describe the picture
2. What is the age of the person? Is it important for this activity?
3. Have you ever experienced this view?
4. When was it?
5. Would you like to try to fly the plane? Why?
6. Do you know anybody who spends his free time with extreme sports?



## TASK 2: Food

- What are main meals of the day?
- What is healthy diet?
- What are differences between Slovak and British cooking?
- What are typical Slovak dishes, favourite food?
- How do we divide drinks?
- What do you think of eating between meals – is it good?
- What are meals in our canteen and at home like?
- What are good restaurants in Trenčín and why?
- What are different ways of preparation of food? Which are easy and which are healthy?
- What food, dishes can you prepare?
- What is your opinion on vegetarianism/veganism? *- proteins*
- Is it good to be on diet?
- What do you think of international eating in Slovakia?
- What does your Christmas/Easter dinner consist of?
- What are your favourite foods and drinks?
- What do you think of American fast food?

## TASK 3: Role-play

Student: Persuade your parents to let you study at the university in America.

Teacher: You don't like the idea because of higher expenses, far from home.



# MO 18 - Interests and Leisure

## TASK 1: Picture

1. Describe the picture
2. Who are these people?
3. Where are they from?
4. How do we call the people when they come to live in a different country?
5. How are they treated?
6. What do you think, should these people return home or should we create better conditions for them?



## TASK 2: Interests and Leisure

- What do you like doing in your free time? *spend time with f. and pet*
- How many hobbies have you had so far? *- go out w. f., cycling, running*
- Have your hobbies changed over the years? *y;*
- How can hobbies help you in your life?
- How much time do you spend on your hobbies?
- Do you like activities with many people or you prefer to be with a few friends?
- Which of leisure time activities do you consider to be most useful? *browse the Internet*
- Do students in your school publish a school magazine? Have you read it?
- How do you spend your weekends?
- How do you spend your holidays?

## TASK 3: Simulation

- Imagine that a visitor from a different culture is coming to your country. You are going to give him some advice about social behaviour – addressing people, meeting and greeting, gestures, public behaviour, invitation to somebody's house, at a meal, dress code and some other "dos" and "don'ts" about social customs in your country.

# MO 19 - Multicultural Society

## TASK 1: Picture

1. Describe the picture
2. What are the noises there?
3. What people live here?
4. Would you like to live here? Why?
5. Compare it with your hometown
6. What type of climate would you like to have in your town? Why?
7. What are advantages of living in a flat and living in a house?



## TASK 2: Multicultural society

- What are the problems in mixed families?
- Do you know such a couple?
- Why is it sometimes dangerous to marry a stranger?
- Could you explain the meaning of the word "tolerance" in English?
- Are people in Slovakia tolerant to other nationalities?
- Which minorities live in Slovakia?
- Is there a problem with the colour of skin in any countries?
- What might influence you to leave your country?
- Poverty and begging are problems of big towns and cities. Give reason/solutions
- Do you like lifestyles of people living in different countries? Give examples
- What problems can arise in a community where more ethnic groups live?
- What kind of problems can exist in multicultural society?

## TASK 3: Role-play

A: A friend of yours cheated in an examination and copied most of your work. You decided to meet her/him and speak about it frankly, suggesting to him/her he/she should speak about it with your teacher. You insist on it because you are afraid of possible consequences.

B: You could not sleep the night before the exam and so you did not feel well that day. You studied a lot for the exam but because of your bad feelings you decided to cheat from your friend's paper. You are sure that your teacher cannot find it out because you changed the order of all the sentences and replaced your friend's words with yours. You do not want to speak about it with the teacher because you studied hard and do not feel guilty.



# MO 20 - New York & London

## TASK 1: Picture

1. Describe the picture
2. Do you wear this coat? Why?
3. Is it fashionable?
4. Can all people afford to buy it?
5. What is the person in the picture?
6. Would you like to try her job? Why?
7. What do you wear in winter?
8. What do you wear in summer?



## TASK 2: New York

- Where is New York situated?
- What are the major parts of New York?
- What do you know about the history of this town?
- What is the population of New York?
- How did New York originate?
- Which are the tallest buildings in New York?
- What is the typical symbol of New York?
- What does it symbolise?
- Where is the famous Statue of Liberty standing?
- Which are the main attractions of New York?
- What is Broadway famous for?
- Is there a ZOO in New York?

## London

- Where is London situated?
- What parts of London do you know?
- What means of transport are typical for London?
- What is Big Ben and where can we find it?
- Where are the government offices in London?
- Where is the official home of British Prime Ministers?
- What do you know about Poets' corner?
- What do you know about the Tower?
- What is typical for Trafalgar Square?
- What do you know about the residence of the Queen's family?
- What do you know about the theatres and concert halls in London?

## TASK 3: Simulation

- You are a representative of a students' committee. First-year students find it difficult to assimilate into the school atmosphere – too much homework, zero lessons, heavy books to carry.... Present your point of view and think of possible solutions to their problems. Give your ideas.

# MO 21 - Fashion

## TASK 1: Picture

1. Describe the picture
2. Where are they?
3. What people are they?
4. Would you like to be in their place? Why?
5. What animals could they meet there?
6. What plants grow there?
7. When travelling what place would you choose and why?



## TASK 2: Fashion

- What are the criteria for you when you buy clothes? *→ comfortable*
- What conclusions can people draw about a person from his or her clothes? *shabby, dirty / clean, bright, ragged*
- Have you ever had a different attitude towards clothes and fashion?
- Is the way of dressing just a question of fashion?
- How has fashion changed in the last few years? *- wide trousers, long skirts*
- Would you like to be a model? What are positives and negatives of being a model?
- What is your attitude to fashion?
- What do you think of the idea "clothes make a man"? *gain weight, stable weight*
- What type of clothing is always in? *- you can't come on ball or to the theatre wearing jeans*
- Does fashion influence the society or does the society influence fashion?
- Do you agree that the way a person buys clothes reveals something about his personality?
- What size, shape and colours do you usually choose when you are shopping?
- How does your mood influence your fashion style or everyday clothing?
- How do you protect your body in winter?
- It is said that several layers provide more warm than one heavy garment. Do you agree?
- Do you protect against the sun's rays? Is sunbathing healthy? *burn down, sunstroke, release*
- Do you like giving advice or being given advice about what to wear? *it fits*

## TASK 3: Role-play

- A: You are in a final year of secondary school. Your parents want you to apply to university, but you have decided to take a year off and spend one year abroad working and travelling. Talk to your parents, give reasons for your decision, state positives it may have. *experiences, language, independence, find a new culture*
- B: You are strongly against your child taking a year off. You think a university education will be important in the future and you are afraid your child would not want to study after such a long break. Moreover, it would be difficult to revise all the knowledge.



# MO 22 - The Book-a Person's Friend

## TASK 1: Picture

1. Describe the picture.
2. Who are they?
3. Why are they dressed this way?
4. Who do they imitate?
5. What are their feelings?
6. Who can change the behaviour of children?
7. How much are your friends important in your life?
8. Do you always agree with their activities?
9. If not, do you tell them?



## TASK 2: The Book-a person's friend

- What type of books do you find the most relaxing?
- Do you have a book that helps you when you feel under stress?
- Do you enjoy humorous reading? What kind of humour do you like?
- Do you like reading sad or tragic stories? Why? Why not?
- What kind of reading motivates you to do great things?
- What do you think of war stories?
- Do you like horror stories? How do they make you feel? *murder, scary scenes*
- Do you read poetry? Why? Why not?
- Who or what makes you read particular book? *recommend*
- How often do you buy books?
- What is a library and a bookshop and what are their advantages?

*exceed period of lending (stock period)*

## TASK 3: Simulation

- Persuade your parents to go on holiday to Croatia instead of Egypt. You are afraid of flying.

# MO 23 - Models and Ideals

## TASK 1: Picture

1. Describe the picture
2. Why are these people admired?
3. What country is the origin of this?
4. Would you like to try it? Why?
5. What other sports are typical for this country?
6. What people are famous?
7. Do you admire any of them? Why?
8. What place would you like to see and why?



## TASK 2: Models and Ideals

- How many idols have you had so far?
- Why did choose these to be your idols?
- Which quality is the most important for you?
- Do you think that only popular people should be role models?
- Would you like to be an ideal for somebody? Why? What qualities do you have?
- What qualities do you appreciate in your friends?

## TASK 3:



## 24 MO Č. USA + CANADA

**What basic facts do you know about the US ?**

The USA is made up of 50 states and federal district. The US is bordered to the north by Canada and to the south by Mexico. Two states, Alaska and Hawaii, are not directly attached to the continental US. It is the third most populated country in the world, with more than 300 million inhabitants. The main spoken language in the United States is English, but in many areas Spanish is spoken.

**What can you tell me about the American system of government?**

The USA is a federal state of self-governing states united by a central government. The head of each state is the governor. The federal government consists of three branches. The legislative power is concentrated in lies with Congress which is divided into the Senate and the Houses or Representatives. There are 435 members in the House of Representatives and 100 senators, two from each state. The president is the head of the executive power. The Supreme Court holds judicial power.

**What do you know about America history?**

The US gained its independence from Britain on 4 July, 1776. It is now celebrated as Independence Day. The American Civil War was fought from 1861-1865. Eleven Southern slave-keeping states declared their separation from the United States and formed the Confederate States of America. They fought against the Northern abolished. After the surprise Japanese attack on the US Naval base in Pearl Harbour, Hawaii on December 7, 1941, the US entered into the Second World War. The US suffered from a terrorist attack on September 11, 2001, during which the World Trade Towers in NY were completely destroyed and the Pentagon in Washington, DC was severely damaged.

**Could you describe some of the geographical features of the US?**

The US is a country of many various terrains. The Rocky Mountains cross from the west to the centre of the country. The highest mountain in the US is Mount McKinley in Alaska. The Great Lakes Huron, Ontario Michigan, Erie and Superior- are found on the US border with Canada. The Grand Canyon is a large canyon system in Arizona.

**Could you tell me something more specific about the individual states?**

Delaware was the first state that ratified the Constitution of the United States, so it is nicknamed The First State. Alaska is the largest state and has the longest coastline in the US. The most populous state is California. Texas is the second largest state by area. Florida is nicknamed the *Sunshine State* and is known for the spacecraft launchings from Cape Canaveral.

**What are some of the most famous cities in America? What can you tell me about them?**

Washington Dc is the capital city. NY City is the largest city by number of people. It is an important centre of business, art and media. Los Angeles is famed for films and famous actors. New Orleans is known as the birthplace of jazz and as the centre of French-American culture. It was badly damaged by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Atlanta, in Georgia is the home of Coca Cola and CNN.

**Could you describe some typical American sports and pastimes?**

Baseball is called America's favourite pastime. It is a bat-and ball sport. A person hits a ball thrown at them and tries to run around a playing field called diamond. American football requires players to run with egg-shaped ball over the line of the opposition. Players wear protective padding and helmets. Another popular sport is basketball. Basketball is popular too.

**Who are some famous people from America?**

## 24 MO Č. 20 USA + CANADA

The northwest part of the US is known for its beautiful mountains, rivers and parks. Two of the best-known cities are Seattle and Portland. Seattle is located on Puget Sound, a narrow passage of the Pacific Ocean, so you can take a boat tour or visit a beach. There are Seattle Public Library and Art museum and famous observation tower too. Seattle is also home to many bands such as Nirvana or Pearl Jam. Portland is south of Seattle and is known for its environmental friendliness.

**Texas has lots of cities. Do you know anything about them?**

Houston is home to NASA's Space Centre and the largest fine arts museum in the Southwest. Dallas was known for its real-life cowboys or ranchers. San Antonio is probably one of Texas' prettiest cities, it has a beautiful River Walk filled with restaurants and shops.

**Can you tell me about some interesting cities in the southern part of the US?**

Miami, Atlanta and New Orleans are probably the three most well-known cities in the American South. New Orleans is synonymous with jazz music. Miami is famous for its parties, beaches and Cuban food because there are many immigrants from Cuba. Atlanta is the largest city in the South and has unique attractions, such as a museum dedicated to Coca Cola. The state of Tennessee is known for its country music.

### Industry & agriculture

The US economy is the biggest in the world. The country is rich in raw materials - e.g. natural petrol, kaolin, salt, natural gas

Philadelphia is the centre of machinery and chemical industry. Detroit is the centre of US car industry - there are companies such as Pontiac or Chrysler.

The USA is the leading country in agriculture - the American agricultural system is very effective - there are about 2 million farms in the USA and only about 2,4 % of the population work on them - a lot of agricultural production is exported. The most important production is the production of soya, maize = corn, wheat.

### The US system of education

There are big differences between schools in different cities and states - there is no national school system - every state is responsible for its own school system.

**School attendance is compulsory from 6 to 16 years.** The school uniforms are worn only in private schools.

### **Schools in the USA:**

- **Public** - financed by state or local government - they are free
- **Private** - they charge high fees - they are attended mostly by the children of rich people - sometimes they offer scholarships.



## 24 MO Č. 25 USA + CANADA

One of the most famous US writers is Ernest Hemingway, who was both an author and a journalist. Some of the most famous actors are Tom Hanks, Johnny Depp. A very famous artist is Andy Warhol, a leading figure in the visual art movement known as pop art.

**Would you like to the US? Why ? Why not?**

Absolutely yes, I love American style. It must be a very interesting place. The American landscape is beautiful. The US is the wealthiest country in the world. It would be a good opportunity to make money.

**Which US cities do you know?**

Famous American cities include NY, Boston, Washington Dc, LA, San Francisco and Miami.

**Why is New York such a popular city?**

NY has the largest population of all American cities, and is known for its skyscrapers, museums, theatres and shops. The NY skyline can be admired from the tallest building in the city, the Empire State Building. Many tourists also like to visit Central Park, the theatre district on Broadway, the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, where millions of immigrants entered the New World. Art lovers shouldn't miss the Museum Art or the spiral-shaped Guggenheim.

**What are some important things to see in the US capital ?**

You should first head to the White House and the Capitol. The White House is the seat of the American president and the Capitol building is where the American Congress resides and all the country laws are made. You should see Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument and the Vietnam War memorial. Another place of interest in DC is the Smithsonian, an institution made up of 19 different museums such as the Air and Space Museum.

**What should visitors see in Chicago?**

Chicago is home to Willis Tower, formally known as the Sears Tower. This 442-meter skyscraper was the world's tallest building until 1998. The Navy Pier is another popular place to go in Chicago. They have museums, theatres, a big Ferris wheel and boat cruises. Sports fans also might like visit Wrigley Field, home of the Chicago Cubs baseball team. Chicago is also a city of jazz and blues clubs.

**California has many popular cities. What do you know about them?**

LA and San Francisco are the most visited cities in California, but other interesting ones are San Diego, San José and the state capital, Sacramento. LA is the south and is known for Hollywood, the centre of the American film industry, beaches and shopping. Many visitors to LA like to see Universal Studios, Disneyland the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Up north, San Francisco draws tourists to landmarks such as the Golden Gate Bridge or Alcatraz Island which was a prison. San José is best known as the heart of Silicon Valley, where lots of tech companies like Google and Apple have their headquarters.

**What is there to do in one of the most visited American cities, Las Vegas?**

Las Vegas in Nevada is the fastest growing city in the USA. It's famous for its huge casinos, which often look like top tourist attractions. For example, the Luxor is in the shape of a huge pyramid. Las Vegas is also well known for its wedding chapels and quick marriage ceremonies.

**I would like to visit the Northwest. Are there any interesting cities?**

# MO 24 - Canada & USA

## TASK 1: Picture

1. Describe the picture
2. Where can you see them?
3. Do you often go there? Why?
4. Have you ever tried this activity? When?
5. Who are famous Slovak actors?
6. Which films do you like and why?
7. Could you be an actor?
8. What are famous film awards?



## TASK 2: Canada & USA

- What do you know about Canada and USA?  
(location/size/population/type of government/historical events/flags/standard of living)
- What would you like to visit in Canada and the USA?
- Give three reasons why you think Canada or USA might be a good place to live. Can you think of reason why it might not be?
- What differences and similarities can you see if you compare Canada and the USA?
- Do you know any famous Canadians or Americans? Why are they well-known?
- *Many young people love for summer jobs in the USA. Why is this country so popular for them?*

## TASK 3: Simulation

People can be intelligent in many different ways. Think about yourself, put them in order, which is your strongest point and which is your weakest? Explain your answer:

- artistic/visual intelligence
- logical thinking
- creativity
- good memory
- sensitivity to other people
- practical problem-solving skills



# MO 25 - Slovakia-My Homeland

## TASK 1: Picture

1. Describe the picture
2. What is the feeling of the boy? Why?
3. Would you like to do his concert and why?
4. Can you play any instrument? If not, what would you like to play?
5. Who are your favourite musician and why?
6. What concerts do you go to and where?
7. What are popular music festivals?



## TASK 2: Slovakia-my homeland

- Give some information about Slovakia  
(location/size/population/government/standard of living/interesting places...)
- Do you think it is important to know about the history of Slovakia? Why? Why not?
- If you could choose three Slovaks to represent the Slovakia abroad, who would you choose?
- Do you know any famous Slovaks? Why are they well-known?
- What should or shouldn't foreigner do during his visit in Slovakia?
- Which traditions and customs do you keep in your family?
- What in Slovakia are you proud of?
- What advantages can you see after Slovakia has joined NATO and the EU?
- Do you agree with the presence of Slovak soldiers in Iraq?

## TASK 3: Role-play

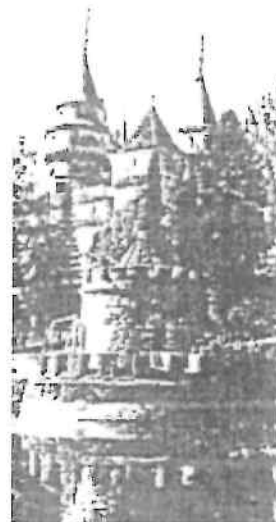
Student: You are a student. Your school has received a sum of money to improve its facilities for students.  
You think that the school should install a new computer room. Your partner doesn't agree with you. Explain him/her why a computer room is important.

Teacher: You are a headmaster. Your school has received a sum of money to improve its facilities.  
You think that the students should start a school library.

# MO 26 - Holidays

## TASK 1: Picture

1. Describe the picture.
2. Where can you find this building?
3. Who used to live in it?
4. Could you name any other examples from the whole Slovakia?
5. Would you invite a foreign visitor to see them? Why?
6. What other places in Slovakia are you proud of and why?
7. How would you characterize the people in Slovakia?
8. What five pieces of good advice would you give to a foreigner in Slovakia?



## TASK 2: Holidays

- Which holidays are observed in Slovakia?
- What is your favourite holiday and why?
- What personal anniversaries do people observe?
- What holidays are observed in the USA?
- What is Christmas in your family like?
- How do you prepare for Christmas?
- What was the most interesting present that you have ever been given?
- Describe our Easter traditions
- Are they different from the British and America ones?
- What birthday presents do you like to get?

## TASK 3: For the topics listed below, which do you think is happening in Slovakia? Give your comments.

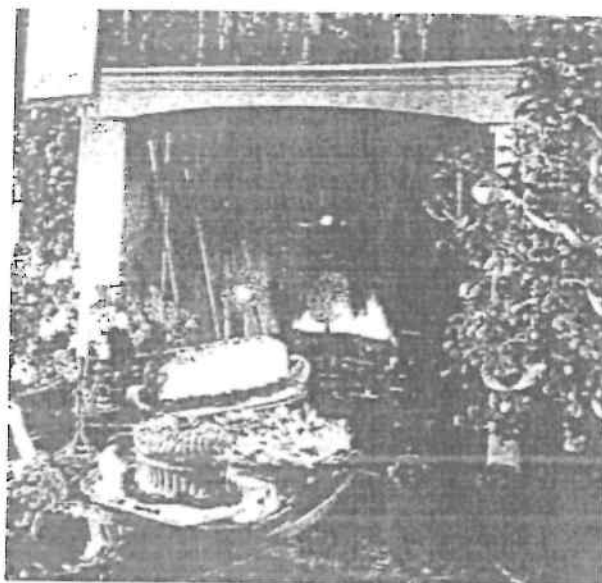
- health care is getting worse/better
- the number of people learning English is decreasing/increasing
- roads are becoming more/less dangerous
- the cost of travel is going down/up
- unemployment is falling/rising
- the quality of TV programmes is getting worse/better
- the economic situation is getting worse/better
- the number of people going abroad for their holidays is falling/rising
- the education system is deteriorating/improving
- the number of people who take regular exercise is decreasing/increasing



# MO 27 - Film & Theatre

## TASK 1: Picture

1. Describe the picture
2. What is the occasion?
3. What are symbols of this holidays?
4. How do you celebrate this?
5. What do you like and dislike about this holiday?
6. What food do you serve?
7. Who prepares it?
8. What are other important holidays?
9. How do you celebrate them?



## TASK 2: Film & Theatre

- What kinds of films do you like?
- Do you like going to the cinema or watching films on TV?
- Who is your favourite actress or actor? Tell something about her/him
- Does violence in films affect people's behaviour in real life?
- What are the qualities of a good film in your opinion?
- Describe what people are wearing when they go to the theatre
- How do you usually get tickets to the theatre?
- How often do you go to the theatre?
- Describe a building of theatre inside
- Describe the characters and the main idea of a performance or a film

## TASK 3: Simulation

- As people in many countries become disillusioned with politicians, there have been a growing number of "single issue" campaigns. Choose one of the single issue parties and promote its main aims and policies.
- the "ban car in the cities" party
- the "job opportunities for young people" party
- the "smokers' rights" party
- the "money-free university education" party

# MO 28 - Music

## TASK 1: Picture

1. Describe the picture
2. What are the people in the picture?
3. Why are they famous? What do they represent?
4. What other famous people from this country do you know?
5. What are favourite sports in this country?
6. What costume do people in the Highlands wear at some festivals?
7. What is frequent topic for conversation there?
8. Would you choose it for your holidays? Why?



## TASK 2: Music

- Explain your attitude towards this problem. What are your personal preferences? What is future going to be like? Do you consider copying and downloading music for free "killing the music"?
- Do you think you will listen to the music you like now in 30 years' time? Will your children and grandchildren like it?
- Express your attitude towards music. You have mention:
  - different styles of music (classical/modern music, likes, dislikes)
  - music and instruments (you can, would like to play)
  - influence of music on people
  - festivals, concerts and young people (your personal impressions)
- Explain: Music is an international language. Music is a form of poetry.

## TASK 3: Role-play

Student: You are a student of the 4<sup>th</sup> class of secondary school. You want to celebrate your school leaving exams with friends. You would like to have a party at home. Try to persuade her not to stay at home, go out and spend the evening with her friend. (You speak first)

Teacher: You are a mother/father of a 19-year-old student who has just finished a secondary school and wants to celebrate her/his school-leaving examinations. He/she wants to organise everything himself/herself but you want to know how many people will come, what food and drinks will they have, who will tidy up after the party, where will they dance etc. (You wait for your partner to speak first)

one of the  
richest  
countries in  
Hollywood



## 29 MO č. 29 United Kingdom + AUSTRALIA

### THE BRITISH SYSTEM OF EDUCATION:

The compulsory school attendance in Britain starts at the age of 5.

Children start **primary education** – it is divided into *infant schools* and *junior schools*. Pupils at most of the primary and secondary schools have to wear uniforms, which are usually different for every school.

At the age of 11, most children start **secondary education** - it is compulsory until the age of 16, when the students take an exam called “GCSE” (**General Certificate of Secondary Education**). Students, who pass the GCSE exam can attend a 2-years long course and take **A-levels** examination. They can go to university only if they pass A-levels.

## 29 MO č. 29 United Kingdom + Australia

Cardiff is the St Fagans National History Museum, which is an open-air museum with 40 buildings from all over different parts of Wales. It features a Victorian school and church. The National Museum of Cardiff has a large collection of impressionist paintings.

### Could you tell me something about UK's Industry ?

The UK is a very industrialized country. Services - for example finance, banking, computing, advertising and so on, are now a very important part of the British industry. Other important industries are also iron and steel industry, textile, plastics and food industry.

The main agricultural products are potatoes, sugar beet, milk, meat, wheat and so on.

### What are some other famous cities in the UK? Why would you visit them?

**You should go to Oxford and Cambridge** to see two of the world's oldest, most prestigious universities.

**You should go to Glasgow** because it is the largest city in Scotland and has a unique culture.

**You should go to Liverpool** where the Beatles came from, is famous for its docks,

**You should go to Manchester**, home of the world's most famous football team, Manchester United, and birthplace of many British bands.

**You should go to Aberdeen**, which is a beautiful university town in Scotland.

**You should go to Belfast** because it is the capital of Northern Ireland.

**You should go to Bath**, because it's beautiful spa town.

**Nottingham** is known for its forest and castle because they are home to the legendary Robin Hood.

**Bristol** is a small city famous for its art and culture.

### Royal Family

The Royal Family. It consists of the Queen Elizabeth the second., her husband and their children Prince Charles, Princess Anne, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward. Prince Charles was married to Princess Diana who died in a car crash in 1997. They had 2 sons - William and Harry. At present Prince Charles is married to Camilla Parker Bowles. The Royal family lives in the Buckingham palace which is the residence of the Queen.

### Composition of Union Jack

The blue areas are found red and white stripes. When we cover all the flags together without the flag of Wales arises Union Jack.

### Customs and traditions of UK

British people are considered conservative. People celebrate these holidays:

1. **Easter holiday.** In England children often boil chicken's eggs and paint them with bright colours. Then they all get together on top of a hill and have an egg race. They roll the eggs down the hill.
2. **Mother's Day.** 2nd Sunday in May. Children give flowers and presents to their mothers.
3. **The Queen's Official Birthday.** Saturday after the 9th of June. A ceremonial meeting of the guards in the presence of the Queen.
4. **Halloween** - the 31st of October. Children dress up in Halloween costumes with masks on their faces. They carry baskets and they go to their friend's and neighbour's houses and they knock at the door. People give them sweets, fruit or money.
5. **Bonfire Night.** The 5th of November. People remember the day in 1605 when a group of people tried to blow up the House of Lords with gunpowder. They were all executed and Guy Fawkes is the most famous of the conspirators.

### Commonwealth

An international association consisting of the UK together with states that were previously part of the British Empire, and dependencies. The British monarch is the symbolic head of the Commonwealth.



British people like playing football, with matches on most weekends or cricket in the summer but rugby, which is associated with public school students. If you are rich you can play polo. British people enjoy watching horse-racing or seeing pantomimes at Christmas time. Lot of British people going to the local pub for a pint.

**Would you like to go to UK? Why?**

I am not really interested in going to England because I think the culture is very similar to ours. I would rather go to the USA.

**Some famous landmarks should people visit in London and why?**

If you go to London you should see Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament because they are symbols of the city. You should see Buckingham Palace because it's where the Queen lives. The British Museum because you can see artefacts from all over the world. The National Gallery because some the world's most famous paintings are there. The Tower of London because it's famous historical building. You should walk across the Tower Bridge, see the river Thames, and ride on the London Eye because it allows you to see the whole city.

**London landmarks.**

Big Ben is really the name of the bell inside the clock tower. The tower was finished in 1859. The Houses of Parliament are also known as Westminster Palace. The palace in its current form was built in the nineteenth century. Buckingham Palace became the official residence of the British Monarchy in 1837. The palace has 775 rooms and cover 77,000 square meters. The Tower of London was a royal residence before it was used as a prison. It is also where the Crown Jewels are housed. The London Eye was built in 1999. It takes 30 minutes to go in a complete circle. There are 32 capsules which carry 25 people each.

**London's museums or art galleries**

The British Museum has famous artefacts, like the Rosetta Stone and the Elgin Marbles. You can see the reading room where Oscar Wilde, Bram Stoker and Mark Twain all visited. The National Gallery, has in its collection *Sunflowers* by Van Gogh, a self-portrait by Rembrandt. The Gallery is located beside another famous London landmark, Trafalgar Square, where you can see Nelson's Column. The Tate Modern is an art gallery located in an old power station.

**Apart from visiting landmarks, what else can you do in London?**

London is multicultural city, so there are many opportunities to eat dishes from all over the world. London has many markets where you can buy fruits, vegetables, exotic foods, interesting clothes or just enjoy the atmosphere. London is also famous for its parks, such Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens. Hyde Park is especially famous because of its *Speakers Corner* where people can stand up in public and speak on almost any subject. You can visit a proper English pub. You can also ride on London's famous double-decker buses or on the London Underground, also known as the Tube.

**Can you name the capital of Scotland and describe some of its famous sites?**

The capital of Scotland is Edinburgh. One of the main attractions is Edinburgh Castle. Many festivals take place in the city. The Fringe Festival is one of the most famous festivals. It's possible to see plays and musical performances from all over the world. One of the most popular parts of Fringe is the comedy festival. If you're in Edinburgh on New Year's Eve you can celebrate Hogmanay-the Scottish New Year's celebration.

**Can you name the capital of Wales and describe some of its famous landmarks?**

Cardiff is the capital and the largest city in Wales. Some of the main landmarks are Cardiff Castle, and the Millennium Stadium, which is the home of Welsh Rugby and is a major events venue. Just outside

### Basic facts about the United Kingdom

The **United Kingdom** is located in north-west Europe on the island of Great Britain and the northern part of the island of Ireland. It consists of four countries: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. The country's political system is a constitutional monarchy, which means it has a parliament and the a monarch. At the moment the monarch is Queen Elizabeth II. The head of the government is the Prime minister – it is David Cameron now. The country has a temperate climate and is famous for its wet weather. Informally, the national flag of the United Kingdom is called the Union Jack.

### Something more specific about each of the four countries

**England** is the largest of the countries and it is the seat of political power. The Houses of Parliament and Buckingham Palace are found here. England also has many other famous places such as Liverpool, where the Beatles started, Manchester, home to Manchester United football team, Oxford, where one of the oldest universities in the world was established. The mysterious stone formation, Stonehenge, can be found near Salisbury.

**Scotland** was an independent state until 1707 when it joined a union with the Kingdom of England. In 1999 the Scottish Parliament was reopened. The capital is Edinburgh. Scotland is quite mountainous and the United Kingdom's highest peak, Ben Nevis, is found here. Apart from English, Scottish Gaelic is spoken here.

**Wales** official language is Welsh but English is more widely spoken. Cardiff is the capital. Rugby is a popular sport in Wales.

**Northern Ireland** remained part of the UK when Ireland gained independence. The country also has its own government. The capital and largest city is Belfast.

### Some of the United Kingdom's geographic features

The landscape of England is mostly hilly, though many of the hills are quite small. The countryside is very green. There is many fields. The north is more mountainous, especially in Scotland where you will find the Highlands. The longest river in the UK is the Severn. It rises in Wales. The Thames, which flows through London, is the second longest. Loch Ness in Scotland is the largest lake by volume. The largest lake by area is Lough Neagh in Northern Ireland.

### The most famous places to visit in London

In London, you will find Westminster, which has the Houses of Parliament and the clock tower which contains Big Ben. You will find Buckingham Palace, where the Queen lives or Hyden Park, one of the largest parks in London, where they have Speaker's Corner a place gather to express views on many topics. You will find the London Eye, the largest ferris wheel in Europe. You can go to the West End to see a play or musical. You can go to the National Gallery to see many famous paintings or you can go to British Museum to see many historical exhibits.

### The famous people from the United Kingdom

Famous people from the UK include William Shakespeare, a playwright and poet from the 16th and 17th century or Isaac Newton, who developed among other things the theory of gravity. The Beatles, who are one of the most popular pop group of all time. Charles Dickens, a novelist from the 19th century. The UK is also famous for many fictitious characters such as the spy James Bond, the detective Sherlock Holmes and the boy wizard Harry Potter.

### Some foods which is associate with the UK

Typical British food consists of fish and chips, Yorkshire pudding, haggis, sheep stomach stuffed with offal. British people really like drinking a pint.

### Sports and pastimes popular in the UK



# MO 29 - Great Britain & Australia

## TASK 1: Picture

1. Describe the paintings
2. Are the shapes and forms of the objects realistic?
3. How do you feel about colours?
4. Which picture would you like to have and why?
5. Which room would you put it in?
6. Where can you see paintings of famous people?



## TASK 2: Great Britain and Australia

- What do you know about Great Britain and Australia?  
(location/size/population/type of government/historical events/language/flags/standard of living)
- What would you like to visit in GBR and Australia?
- Give three reasons why you think GBR or Australia might be a good place to live.  
Can you think of a reason why it might not be?
- What differences and similarities can you see if you compare GBR and Australia?
- Do you know any famous British or Australians? Why are they well-known?

## TASK 3: Role-play

A: It is Wednesday and you have a regular arrangement to go to taebo classes with your friend B. You usually meet at 6 p.m. outside the taebo hall. This time you wait half an hour but there is no sign of B, he/she is even not answering his/her mobile. In the meantime the class has started. Just as you are about to go home, B arrives. You are annoyed as this has happened several times. In fact, B has a habit of being late. Act out your conversation.

B: It is Wednesday and you have a regular arrangement to go to taebo classes with your friend A. You usually meet at 6 p.m. outside the taebo hall. Unfortunately today you have had a problem at school/work (say what the problem is) and are now late. You tried to phone A earlier but you couldn't get through. You are over half an hour late when you turn up at the taebo hall. A is looking angry. Act out your conversation.

# MO 30 - TN & BA

## TASK 1: Picture

1. Describe the picture
2. How are they feeling?
3. Where are they? Why?
4. What is their relationship like?
5. Is anybody missing in the picture?
6. Why are parents important for children?
7. What do you think about being an only child?
8. What is the divorce rate in your country?



## TASK 2: TN and BA

- What is the difference between a city and a town?
  - What are advantages and disadvantages of living in these (relationships, services, going out, criminality, transport, etc)?
  - Is there a difference between Sydney and Bratislava?
  - Where would you personally like to live and why?
  - Where is Trenčín situated?
  - What cultural and educational opportunities are there in Trenčín?
  - What sort of recreational and sightseeing opportunities does the area offer?
  - What were important events in the history of Trenčín?
  - What do you know about present-day Trenčín?
  - What do you like/dislike about Trenčín?
  - How would you introduce our capital city to a foreigner you are chatting with on the Internet?
- What important data would you stress?

## TASK 3: Role-play

Student: Persuade your teacher that going to the cinema is better than watching video.

Teacher: You don't like going to the cinema.