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INTRODUCTION

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As a language teacher you are always looking for interesting and engaging activities with which to teach your students. The same is true for the ESL conversation class. For the ESL conversation class, you are looking for ways to involve your students in meaningful opportunities to speak and interact in their second language. Surveys are one such activity.

What is a survey? A survey is a list of pre-determined questions used to gather information. Surveys can be used to gather information about beliefs, values, attitudes, opinions, experiences and needs.

The surveys in this book will work perfectly as an in-class assignment with your students polling each other. The surveys in this book will also work perfectly as an exercise to be done outside the four walls of a classroom with your students asking native English speakers to respond. In fact, it is probably best to have your students poll each other in class as practice before sending them out to poll people outside the class. Minimum before sending out your ESL pollsters you should go over the questions to be sure everyone has a clear understanding of the survey and questions they will be asking others.

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The data your students collect can be analyzed and statistics can be generated. From these statistics, conclusions (generalities) may be drawn. The surveys do not ask respondents to indicate their age or gender or any other such personal information. You can instruct your students to collect such information, if you determine it to be relevant. Such personal information may make the survey more interesting because differences and similarities between people of a certain age or gender may become obvious. You may choose to tell your students to ask only a certain type of person (e.g. only ask women). Or you may choose to designate certain students to ask certain types of people (e.g. some students only ask women, some students only ask men). It is entirely up to you how the survey is run.

It is up to you to decide how many people you want each student to poll. If you choose to have each of your students ask more than one person to answer the survey, it is recommended that you either give your students multiple copies of the questionnaire or you have them write their answers on a separate piece of paper.

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THE SURVEY SAYS

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO EAT?

1) Steak or lobster?

- a) steak b) lobster c) neither

2) Pizza or hamburger?

- a) pizza b) hamburger c) neither

3) Salad or French fries?

- a) salad b) French fries c) neither

4) Mashed potatoes or baked potato?

- a) mashed b) baked c) neither

5) Butter or margarine?

- a) butter b) margarine c) neither

6) Cooked or raw vegetables?

- a) cooked b) raw c) neither

7) Spicy or mild?

- a) spicy b) mild c) neither

8) Ketchup or mustard?

- a) ketchup b) mustard c) neither

9) Pie or cake?

- a) pie b) cake

10) Spaghetti or lasagna?

- a) spaghetti b) lasagna c) neither

THE SURVEY SAYS

SLEEP HABITS

1) How many hours of sleep do you get each night?

- a) 4 or fewer b) 6 or fewer c) 8 or fewer d) 10 or fewer e) more than 10

2) How many hours of sleep do you feel you need each night?

- a) 4 or fewer b) 6 or fewer c) 8 or fewer d) 10 or fewer e) more than 10

3) At what time do you go to sleep on a normal night?

- a) 6 pm & 8 pm b) 8 pm & 10 pm c) 10 pm & 12 am d) 12 am & 2 am e) other

4) Why do you go to bed at the time you do?

- a) set bedtime b) routine c) tired d) television show finishes e) finish work f) other

5) How long does it usually take you to fall asleep?

- a) under 10 minutes b) under 20 minutes c) under 30 minutes d) more than 30 minutes

6) Have you had difficulty falling asleep in the last two weeks?

- a) yes b) no

7) Which of the following was the reason you had difficulty sleeping?

- a) stress at school/work b) relationship problem c) physical problem d) sleep problem e) other

8) Do you have trouble getting out of bed in the morning?

- a) always b) sometimes c) never

9) Do you feel groggy and still tired after you get out of bed?

- a) always b) sometimes c) never

10) During which segment of the day do you feel you are most productive?

- a) soon after getting up b) the middle of my day c) closer to bedtime

THE SURVEY SAYS

HAIR

- 1) Are you happy with your hair?
 - a) yes
 - b) no
 - c) sometimes
- 2) How would you describe your hair?
 - a) wavy
 - b) frizzy
 - c) straight
 - d) curly
 - e) gone
 - f) other SPECIFY: _____
- 3) Which of the following hair problems have you experienced in the last six months?
 - a) thinning
 - b) dandruff
 - c) unmanageable
 - d) going grey
 - e) none
 - f) other SPECIFY: _____
- 4) How often do you have a bad hair day?
 - a) never
 - b) less than once a month
 - c) every couple weeks
 - d) once a week
 - e) every day
- 5) Who usually cuts your hair?
 - a) a barber
 - b) a parent
 - c) a hair stylist
 - d) myself
 - e) a friend
 - f) other SPECIFY: _____
- 6) .4 How often do you get a haircut?
 - a) every few weeks
 - b) every month or two
 - c) twice a year
 - d) once a year
 - e) less often
- 7) Do you prefer long hair or short hair for yourself?
 - a) long
 - b) short
 - c) both
 - d) no opinion
- 8) .4 If your hair could be any color you choose, which color would you choose?
 - a) black
 - b) red
 - c) brown
 - d) blonde
 - e) other SPECIFY: _____
- 9) Which of the following do you regularly use on your hair?
 - a) comb
 - b) brush
 - c) gel/mousse
 - d) hair dryer
 - e) curling iron
 - f) none of these
- 10) When is the last time you did something drastic to change your hair, like a new color, cut or style?
 - a) recently
 - b) within six months
 - c) within a year
 - d) within two years
 - e) never
 - f) other

THE SURVEY SAYS

THE FLU

1) When is the last time you were sick with the flu?

- a) last six months b) within 1 year c) within 18 months d) within 2 years e) longer than 2 years.

2) Do you get an annual flu shot?

- a) yes b) no

3) In what season did you get the flu more often?

- a) spring b) summer c) fall d) winter

4) How many days of work or school did you miss because you were sick with the flu?

- a) none b) one c) two d) three e) more than 3

5) Which do you think a doctor is most likely to recommend as a treatment for the flu?

- a) chicken soup b) cough syrup c) plenty of rest d) hot tea

6) Did you have a cough when you had the flu?

- a) yes b) no

7) Did you have a sore throat?

- a) yes b) no

8) Did you vomit?

- a) yes b) no

9) Did you have a high fever?

- a) yes b) no

10) Did you visit a doctor?

- a) yes b) no

THE SURVEY SAYS

DATING

1) Your gender?

- a) female b) male

2) Should a woman ask a man out on a first date?

- a) yes b) no

3) Would you date someone that you do not find physically attractive?

- a) yes b) no

4) Would you date a smoker?

- a) yes b) no

5) Is it important that the man make more money in a relationship?

- a) yes b) no

6) Is important that the man be taller?

- a) yes b) no

7) Would you date someone with children?

- a) yes b) no

8) Who should pay for dates?

- a) man b) woman c) take turns

9) What is the best topic to discuss on a first date?

- a) politics b) current events c) his interests d) her interests e) other SPECIFY: _____

10) Do you believe in the institution of marriage?

- a) yes b) no

THE SURVEY SAYS

TRAVELING

- 1) How many times a year do you take a vacation where you travel at least 100 miles?
a) 1 b) 2 c) 3 d) 4 e) more than 4
- 2) When making plans for your vacation, from where do you gather information?
a) travel agent b) magazines c) newspapers d) on-line e) other SPECIFY: _____
- 3) How do you book tickets or make necessary reservations for your trip?
a) phone b) travel agent c) on-line d) in person e) other: SPECIFY
- 4) Who do you travel with more frequently?
a) family b) friends c) coworkers d) alone e) other SPECIFY: _____
- 5) What time of year do you travel more frequently?
a) spring b) summer c) fall d) winter
- 6) Which method of transportation do you most frequently use on your vacation trips?
a) car b) plane c) train d) bus e) boat f) other SPECIFY: _____
- 7) When you go on a trip, do you find you pack too much stuff or too little stuff?
a) too much b) too little c) just the right amount
- 8) Are most of your vacation trips within this country or to other countries?
a) this country b) other countries
- 9) Have your travel habits changed since September 11th, 2001?
a) yes b) no
- 10) If you won \$10,000, on what would you spend it?
a) car b) house c) travel d) electronics e) other: SPECIFY: _____

THE SURVEY SAYS

WHAT DO YOU CALL IT?

- 1) What do you call the piece of furniture on which at least three people can sit?
a) sofa b) chesterfield c) couch d) e) other SPECIFY: _____
- 2) What do you call the stuff you throw away?
a) trash b) rubbish c) garbage d) litter e) other SPECIFY: _____
- 3) What do you call the pan in which you fry eggs?
a) griddle b) skillet c) frying pan d) fry pan e) other SPECIFY: _____
- 4) What do you call the period of time when you work at a job, but you are still training?
a) internship b) probation c) apprenticeship d) practicum e) other SPECIFY: _____
- 5) What do you call food you pick up at a restaurant and take home to eat?
a) take-out b) take-away c) carry-out d) pick up e) other SPECIFY: _____
- 6) What do you call what student's carry on their back to hold books?
a) knapsack b) rucksack c) backpack d) bookbag e) other SPECIFY: _____
- 7) What do you call the place where you pay for your purchases at a store?
a) cash register b) cash c) check-out d) cashier e) other SPECIFY: _____
- 8) What do you call a store that stays open late that sells lots of stuff?
a) corner store b) 7-11 c) convenience store d) depanneur e) other SPECIFY: _____
- 9) What do you call the thing with wheels in which you carry groceries while in the store?
a) buggy b) cart c) trolley d) basket e) other SPECIFY: _____
- 10) What do you call the book where you wrote your assignments at school?
a) copybook b) exercise book c) notebook d) scribbler e) other SPECIFY: _____

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