

Tip Strip**Part 3:**

- Don't describe the visuals. Decide what they illustrate, e.g. gym = healthy life v/s sedentary, office life.
- Focus your discussion on why these things are important and how important they might be in the future.
- You could say: *education is vital in the current economic climate / we need to make sure there's a planet for our grandchildren / relaxation will become increasingly important.*

Part 4:

Consider the abstract issues behind the questions. For example, you could talk about:

- *too much focus on earning money, not enough time to spend with friends/family, pressure to buy material things*
- *sports stars are highly paid, but they don't contribute to society, or help others*
- *media creates expectations, young people think they can succeed easily, the media tend to focus on lifestyles of successful people*
- *TV and magazines imply that everyone can have an expensive lifestyle, but they are the minority. This makes people think they can achieve more than is realistic, to have too high expectations*
- *life was simpler for our grandparents, they had fewer aspirations, they expected less from life, they didn't have to deal with global issues or technology but their lives were harder physically, medicine was less good, our lives are easier and more entertaining*
- *money buys a good lifestyle but not friendship, health, anything worthwhile*

PART 3

Turn to the task on page 172, which shows some things that have become important in many people's lives.

Talk to each other about why these things have become important to some people in today's world. Then decide which two things will continue to be important to people in the future.

PART 4

Answer these questions:

- Do you think that people have the right priorities in life nowadays? Why/Why not?
- Some people say that certain jobs are overvalued and overpaid. What's your opinion?
- What part does the media play in people's expectations of life nowadays?
- Do you think that people's expectations of what is achievable are too high nowadays? Why/Why not?
- Do you think that life is easier now than it was in our grandparents' day? Why/Why not?
- Some people say that it's only possible to be happy if you have a lot of money. What's your opinion?