A new project

In this lesson: Talk about a project

Core activities: 2, 5, 7

Grammar - Present continuous and going to for plans and intentions

Examples:
- I’m going to study French at university next year.
- I’m going to be a teacher after I graduate.

I’m studying French at university next year.

See ‘Language reference’ (Teacher’s book page 209)

Introduction

1a

Go over the instructions and place the box in the class to check understanding. Learners work on their own to choose one of the places and make a note of two ways it could be improved.

You may first like to give some examples of your own, as a model.

Monitor and assist as necessary.

1b

In pairs, discuss what they made a note of in activity 1a.

Monitor and assist as necessary.

1c

Feedback. Learners tell the class about their partner.

Listening

2

Go over the instructions and check understanding.

Direct attention to the pictures on page 69 and encourage speculation as to what Raj and Meena’s new project is.

Learners listen to the interview and answer the questions.

Feedback in pairs and then as a class.

2 answers
- a) Raj and Meena’s new project is to keep chickens in their garden.
- b) The project hasn’t started yet.
- c) They feel excited about the project.
- d) Learners’ own opinions.

CDA - script 39 (page 93, Student book) 1:31

Interviewer: Today I’ve travelled to Glossop to meet Raj and Meena Misty, and their little boy Deepak, and talk to them about their new project. So, Meena, I’ve been told that you’ve decided to start a new project.

Meena: That’s right… we’re going to keep chickens in our garden.

Interviewer: Keep chickens? How do you organise that?

Raj: Well, I found a service on a website, registered my interest and they called us back the same day. It’s great - we can even choose the chickens that we like. Meena: I’m taking Deepak to look at the chickens on Tuesday.

Raj: And I’m going to clear a space for the chicken house in the garden tomorrow.

Meena: After that, the company is coming round to set everything up. We’re all really excited, especially Deepak! We can’t wait to get fresh eggs!

Interviewer: That does sound good, but… isn’t it a bit unusual to keep chickens in a garden these days?

Meena: Well, we already grow lots of vegetables in the garden, you see, and now I want to teach Deepak how to look after animals. I think it’s important for kids to learn how to take care of them.

Raj: Yes, we’re all going to work hard, really hard, to make sure this project is a success.

Interviewer: Well, good luck with everything. I’m sure you’ll have lots of fun, and we’ll be back in 12 months to see how you and the chickens are getting on.

4a

Do this activity as a class. Go over the instructions and example to check understanding.

4a answers

1) Which sentences talk about future plans? a b
2) Which sentence talks about an intention? c
3) Which sentences use going to + base form of the verb? b c
4) Which sentence uses the present continuous? a