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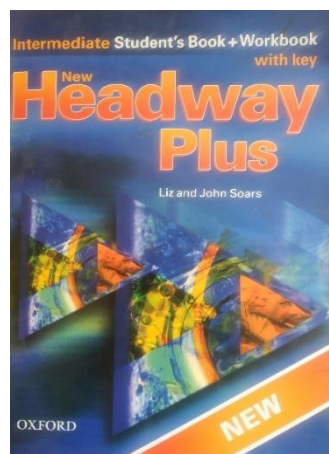
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**Chapter 2: Get happy**

**Part 2**



## WHAT MAKES PEOPLE HAPPY?

### Present tenses

1 Look at the ingredients for happiness. How important is each one to you? 1 = very important; 5 = not important.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> good health in mind and body   | <input type="checkbox"/> a big house         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> job satisfaction               | <input type="checkbox"/> regular holidays    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a loving marriage              | <input type="checkbox"/> a supportive family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> hobbies and leisure activities | <input type="checkbox"/> lots of friends     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> no money worries               |                                              |

Compare your answers with a partner.

2 What do you think is the happiest time of a person's life – when they are young or when they are old? Why?

4 Complete the questions about Harry. Then ask and answer them with a partner.

- ... married?
- What ... do?
- Where ... live?
- Has ... any children?
- What ... his wife do?
- Which sports ... play?
- Where ... working at the moment?
- ... paid very well?

Is he married?

Yes, he is.

**T 2.2** Listen and check.

5 Ask and answer similar questions with your partner.

Are you married?

No, I'm not.

Have you got any brothers or sisters?

3 **T 2.1** Read and listen to the text about Harry Barnes. Answer the questions.

- 1 What do you think are the good and bad things about Harry's life?
- 2 Do you think his life is exciting or boring? Would you like to have a life like Harry's?
- 3 Do you know any people with similar lives? Are they happy?

# 'I don't know if I'm happy.'

## Harry Barnes, 45

### Work

Harry Barnes is a lawyer. He's paid very well, but he usually has to work long hours. He works for an international company in Dallas, Texas, so he travels a lot in his job. At the moment he's working in Mexico, and next week he's travelling to France.

### Home life

Harry is married and he's got two children, aged 11 and 14. He rarely sees his children because so much of his time is spent away from home. He's got a beautiful house in a suburb of Dallas. It's very big, with eight bedrooms. His wife is an interior designer.

### Free time

If he's at home at the weekend, he and his wife sometimes play golf, but that doesn't happen very often. They never have much time to relax together.

### Is he happy?

He says he doesn't know if he's happy. He's too busy to think about it.



## Reading and speaking

2 Which of these things did you think of? Which do clowns do? Which do doctors do? Which do both do?

wear funny clothes	wear white coats
make children feel better	do magic tricks
perform operations	give injections
wear red rubber noses	make funny faces
tell jokes	give medicine

3 Look at the pictures. Lucy Cheetham is a clown doctor working for *Theodora Children's Trust* – a charitable organization. What do you think a clown doctor does?

4 Read the introduction. What is the new kind of medicine?

5 Read the rest of the article. Answer the questions.

- 1 Who is Dr LooLoo? Who is Dr Chequers?
- 2 In what ways is their job 'extremely silly'?  
Give examples.
- 3 How did Lucy become a Theodora clown doctor?
- 4 Why does she like her job?
- 5 What does she wear?
- 6 What would be useless?
- 7 Why is it useful to eat in the hospital cafeteria?
- 8 What does she do after work?
- 9 Where does the money for Lucy's salary come from?
- 10 Describe a typical working day for Lucy.

# THE CLOWN DOCTOR

All over the world, children in hospital are being treated with a new kind of medicine: **laughter**. LUCY is 23 and works for *Theodora Children's Trust*. She is one of many clown doctors who bring a smile to the faces of sick children.

“ I'm a Theodora clown doctor, I call myself Dr LooLoo. I spend two days a week in children's hospitals being extremely silly with my friend and colleague Dr Chequers. We make funny faces, tell jokes, and do magic tricks. As I walk into the wards I blow bubbles, shake hands with the kids, and make up nonsense songs for those children well enough to sing. We take special balloons to make 'balloon animals' and tell funny stories about them. We often meet kids who one week look really sick, then we go back the next week and they're racing about yelling 'Hi there, Dr LooLoo! Hi Dr Chequers!'

I'm naturally a very cheerful person. I've always been a clown. In fact my father's a clown and I started working with him when I was eight years old. I knew it was just the job for me and I became a clown doctor because I think it's a great way to cheer up sick, frightened children in hospital. I wear a fancy coat, a yellow shirt, and tights with big stripes. Also, I have a red rubber nose and wear my hair in crazy plaits.

Being a clown in a hospital is very tiring both physically and emotionally. We have to learn not to show our feelings, otherwise we'd be useless. Clown doctors are sensitive but this is not a side most people see. To the children we're happy all the time. I'm still learning to allow myself to feel sad occasionally. There are special kids you get really close to. At the



moment I'm working with a very sick little girl from Bosnia who speaks no English, so our only common language is laughter. She's been in and out of hospital for operations so many times and she's always on my mind.



At lunchtime we eat in the hospital cafeteria and that's really useful because we meet the nurses and doctors. They tell us about particular kids who they think will benefit from a clown doctor visit. If a child is frightened, perhaps they're being given an injection or some nasty medicine - we can distract them so the nurses can do their job.

About six o'clock Dr Chequers and I take off our make-up and change our clothes. We're totally exhausted. Sometimes I have a night out with friends. It helps me unwind. When I finally fall into bed, I crash out. At weekends we are often asked to participate in events to raise money for *Theodora Children's Trust*. It's a charity, so we are paid with the money people give. Being a clown doctor makes the worries of everyday life seem small. All in all, I feel privileged to do this job. ”

## Language work

- 6 Find lines in the text which mean the same as the following.
- 1 They're running about shouting.
  - 2 I have a happy personality.
  - 3 We would be no help at all.
  - 4 I'm always thinking about her.
  - 5 I go out for the evening with friends.
  - 6 It helps me relax.
  - 7 I go to bed and immediately fall into a deep sleep.
  - 8 I am lucky to have this job.
- 7 Read the interview with Lucy (L). Complete the interviewer's (I) questions.

I \_\_\_\_\_?

L Oh yes, I do. I enjoy my job very much.

I \_\_\_\_\_?

L Because I love working with children and making them laugh.

I \_\_\_\_\_?

L I wear crazy clothes. A fancy coat and stripy tights.

I \_\_\_\_\_?

L Well, at the moment I'm working with a very sick little girl from Bosnia. She's had so many operations. She's very special to me.

I \_\_\_\_\_?

L No, she doesn't. We communicate through laughter.

I \_\_\_\_\_?

L Yes, it is. It's very tiring indeed. I'm exhausted at the end of each day.

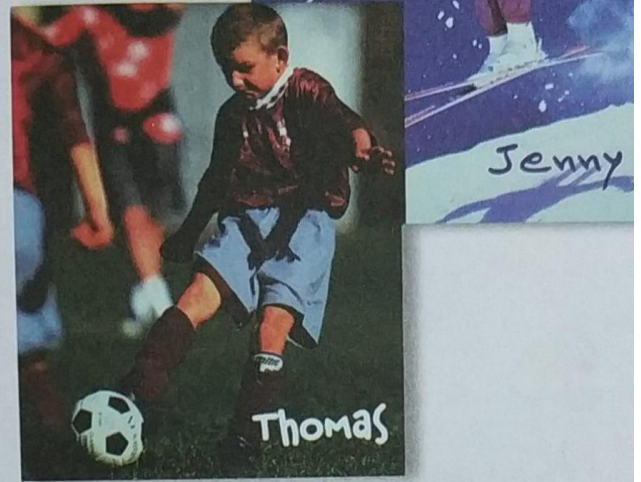
I \_\_\_\_\_?

L No, I don't. I often go out with friends. I have the best friends and the best job in the world.

## What do you think?

Discuss the questions in groups.

- What are some of the good and bad points about being a clown doctor?
- What kind of jobs make people happiest?
- When are you happiest? At work? At home? With friends?
- What were your happiest times last year?
- It's often said 'laughter is the best medicine'. Do you agree?



- 5 Ask and answer questions with a partner.

- What sports do you play?
- How often ...?
- Where ...?
- What equipment ...?
- Are you good at ...?

## EVERYDAY ENGLISH

### Numbers and dates

- 1 Say the numbers.

15 50 406 72 128

90 19 850 36 1,520

247 5,000 100,000  
2,000,000

**T 2.8** Listen and practise.

- 2 Say the numbers.

#### Money

£400 50p €9.40 €47.99 ¥5,000 \$100

#### Fractions

$\frac{1}{4}$   $\frac{3}{4}$   $\frac{2}{3}$   $\frac{7}{8}$   $12\frac{1}{2}$

#### Decimals and percentages

6.2 17.25 50% 75.7% 100%

#### Dates

1995 2020 1789 15/7/94 30/10/02

# Writing

## LETTERS AND EMAILS

### Beginnings and endings

1 How many different ways can you think of to start and end a letter or email?

wishes madam All Hi! sir  
Dear Lots of love best  
sincerely Yours faithfully

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2 Read extracts 1–11 from some letters and emails. Which are beginnings and which are endings? Write B or E.

- 1 Just a note to say thank you so much for having me to stay last weekend. **B**
- 2 Thank you for your letter of 16 April. Please find enclosed a cheque for £50.00.
- 3 Write or better still, email me soon.
- 4 How are you doing? You'll never guess who I saw last week at Dan's.
- 5 I am writing in response to your advertisement in yesterday's *Daily Star*.
- 6 We trust this arrangement meets with your satisfaction.
- 7 I'm sorry I haven't been in touch for such a long time.
- 8 I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.
- 9 I thought I'd write rather than email for a change.
- 10 Give my regards to Robert.
- 11 Take care and thanks again.

3 Look again at the sentences in exercise 2. Which are formal, and which are informal? Underline the words and phrases which helped you decide.

4 Match the beginnings and endings of these different letters and emails.

Beginnings	Endings
1 Dear Mary and Dave, Any chance that you two are free next Sat. p.m.?	• Many thanks. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future. Yours faithfully, James Fox
2 Dear Jane, Thanks for your letter. It was great to hear from you after such a long time. You asked me what I've been doing. Well, ...	• We apologize for the inconvenience and will have pleasure in processing your order as soon as we receive the additional amount. Yours sincerely, Thames Valley Computer Software
3 Dear Sir/Madam, I saw an advertisement in the <i>Daily Telegraph</i> for weekend breaks at your hotel.	• It would be lovely to see you some time. Do you ever come to London? We could meet for lunch. Love Pat
4 Hi Pete, Thanks for the invite.	• Let me know asap. All the best, Martin
5 Dear Mr Smith, We received your order for the Encyclopedia World CD ROM, and your cheque for £75.	• Can't wait to see you. Let's hope it stays fine. Love to Ellie. See you then. Deborah

