

UNIT 8: YOUR CHOICE

Task 1. Oral production:

- 1a** Which of the following quotes do you prefer?
Say why.



- 1 *Your life is a result of your choices. If you don't like your life, then make better choices.*
- 2 *No matter how long you have travelled in the wrong direction, you always have the choice to turn around.*
- 3 *Sometimes the wrong choices bring us to the right places.*

- 1b** Answer the questions.

- 1 Do you tend to give things a lot of thought or do you usually make hasty decisions?
- 2 Are you good at making decisions or are you often indecisive?
- 3 Have you ever made a decision that had negative consequences? What happened?

Task 2. Oral coproduction:

Tell your partner about a difficult decision you had to make using some of the phrases from activity 5.

The most difficult decision I ever had to make was deciding whether to ... Both options were tempting because ...

Task 3. Oral production.

What are the best and worst choices you've made in your life?

*I'd say the best choice I've ever made was ...
My worst choice? I really shouldn't have ... I
was immature and so ...*

Task 4. Oral production.

When you have to make a difficult or important choice, which of these things do you do?

put it off as long as you can
make a list of pros and cons
make a quick decision depending on how you feel
discuss it with good friends
think very carefully

Task 5. Oral coproduction:

Match the expressions (1-7) to the meanings (a-g).

- 1** to be in two minds about something
- 2** to make a hasty decision
- 3** to weigh up all the options
- 4** to have no choice
- 5** to make the right choice
- 6** to have your pick of something
- 7** to be caught between a rock and a hard place
- a** to be forced into a particular decision
- b** to do the correct thing
- c** to be able to choose anything you want
- d** to be in a situation where both alternatives are equally bad
- e** to decide to act too quickly without giving it enough thought
- f** to take everything into account
- g** not to be able to decide one way or the other

Task 6. Oral production:

Answer the questions.

- 1 If you could have your pick of jobs, what would you like to be?

If I could have my pick of jobs, I'd absolutely love to be a top chef! I adore cooking and everyone says I'm a great cook. I'm always experimenting with new tastes and food combinations.

- 2 Do you usually weigh up all your options before making decisions, or are you more spontaneous?
- 3 Have you ever made an important decision and then changed your mind? What happened?
- 4 Have you ever been caught between a rock and a hard place? What happened?
- 5 What kind of decisions are you usually in two minds about?
- 6 What hasty decisions have you made and then later regretted?

Answer the questions so they are true for you. Say why.

- 1 Which would you prefer to watch: a comedy or a horror film?

I can't stand horror films, so personally I'd much prefer to watch a comedy because ...

- 2 Where would you rather go on holiday: to the beach or to the mountains?
- 3 What would you rather be: an ordinary person or a celebrity?

Task 7. Oral production:

What would you say in these situations?

- 1 Your friend has entered you in a reality show. You hate reality shows.

*I'd rather you hadn't entered me in a reality show.
I'd prefer it if you hadn't entered me in a reality show.*

- 2 You wanted to go to the cinema but your friends have bought tickets to the theatre.
- 3 Your mother has arranged a blind date for you. You don't want to go.
- 4 Your boss has offered you a new job. You don't want to leave your present job.

Task 8. Oral production:

Does your country offer enough choices regarding education, jobs, homes and lifestyles?

I think we have a huge variety of choice of ... but nowhere near enough choice of ... This is because ... and I think people would benefit from ...

Task 9. Oral coproduction:

Do you think we are too spoilt for choice? Discuss your views on shopping and choice with a partner.

I'd prefer it if stores didn't ...

Why don't they ... ?

I'd be a happier consumer if ...

Task 10. Final task. WRITTEN PRODUCTION (190 WORDS).

A discursive essay.

- Introduction
- Arguments for and supporting ideas
- Arguments against and supporting ideas
- Suitable connectors
- Expressions of fact and opinion
- A strong conclusion with your opinion
- Respect the number of words (190 words maximum).
- Use semi-formal register
- Use the word document attached to the forum post.

Deadline: January 12th (3 weeks)