

101-2 Free Talk Syllabus

Week	Textbook	Unit	Subject	Topic
3 (3/4-3/8)	NorthStar2	1	Finding the Ideal Job	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are some things that you might do to find a job? 2. What are some job-hunting methods that you have either heard or read about that have been successful/unsuccessful? 3. What is your ideal job? Tell me why. 4. What are some reasons for deciding that this is your ideal job? 5. If you were in an interview for a job with an interesting company, what are some questions you might ask the interviewer about the company? 6. What are some questions that you would not ask in a job interview?
4 (3/11-3/15)	NorthStar2	1	The Ideal Job	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What job rewards are important to you? 2. Why would a person accept a position at a company with a low salary but offers more job rewards? 3. What are your job skills? 4. What are ways that you learned these skills? 5. What kind of setting do you like to work in? 6. What type of work setting would be a challenge to adapt to?

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5 (3/18-3/22)	NorthStar2	2	The Farming Life for Me	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are some disadvantages to growing up in a city? 2. What are some things people who live in cities do to face these challenges? 3. What are some disadvantages of growing up in the country? 4. What are some things people who live in the country do to face these challenges? 5. What are the responsibilities of a person growing up on a farm? 6. Why would someone say that growing up on a farm gives kids a greater sense of responsibility than most city kids?
6 (3/25-3/29)	NorthStar2	2	Leaving the Farm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why do some people who live in the countryside decide to leave and move to the city? 2. What things about living in a city would be difficult for a farmer who decided to move to the city to adapt to? 3. Tell about a farm or nature area that you have visited. 4. How might this place be different in 25 years? 5. What are your current responsibilities? 6. How will these responsibilities change after you graduate from the university?

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8 (4/8-4/12)	NorthStar2	3	Making Money	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is it acceptable to copy a book? Why or why not? 2. What are some things schools and governments do to keep people from copying books? 3. What would you do if you loaned a friend \$5,000 NT a year ago and he or she never repaid you? 4. What are reasons why some people find it difficult to ask others to repay money they have loaned them? 5. What are some things that governments do to make it harder to copy money? 6. How can one tell the difference between real and counterfeit money? 7. Who gets hurt when people counterfeit money? 8. What would you do if you saw someone copying money on a color copy machine? 9. Why do people buy fake computer software? 10. Why kinds of things are being done now to discourage people from buying illegal software? 11. Do you like to buy designer products? Why or why not? 12. How can you tell the difference between fake and designer products such as clothes and shoes?

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10 (4/22-4/26)	NorthStar2	6	Serious Fun	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Many people say that playing video and online games is a bad way to spend time. Do you agree with this? Tell why or why not. 2. What are some good ways to spend time? 3. What are some video or online games that you know about or play? Tell about a couple of them? 4. Why do so many young people like to play games such as World of Warcraft against thousands of others rather than playing against a computer? 5. What are some things that are both entertaining and educational? 6. What are some good online sources for learning English?
11 (4/29-5/3)	NorthStar2	6	Saving the World with Computer Games	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are some differences between playing board games with people and playing videos game with them? 2. What are some non-video games that people sit together to play in your country? Why do people like to play them? 3. What are some positive things that computer games teach? 4. How would you respond to the comment that, "Computer games are childish and a waste of time"? 5. What is a game (video or non-video game) that is no longer popular played? Why is this so? 6. What is a trend in online/video games?

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12 (5/6-5/10)	NorthStar2	7	Organic Produce vs. Regular Produce	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When you shop for fruit, what do you pay attention to? Explain why. 2. What is a fruit you use to prepare a dish and how it used in it? 3. Why do many people like to buy organic produce these days? 4. Why is organic produce so expensive? 5. What are some advantages/disadvantages to using chemicals and pesticides to grow crops? 6. If you had a piece of land and had to grow a garden, what would you grow? How would you maintain it?
13 (5/13-5/17)	NorthStar2	7	Miles to Go Before You Eat	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are some reasons to eat local produce? 2. What can be done to get people to buy local produce rather than imported produce? 3. Why should people drink a lot of water? 4. Where should we get our water from? 5. What is the purpose of a brochure? 6. Tell about a brochure you have seen. Explain its intentions.

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14 (5/20-5/24)	NorthStar2	8	"I'll take the train,thanks."	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are some environmentally friendly ways of traveling? 2. When vacationing, what are some advantages to traveling by bicycle rather than by car? 3. What are some things we can do to reduce pollution? 4. What would you do if you saw someone throw a bag full of garbage into a river? 5. What are some ways to research a trip? Be as detailed as possible. 6. If you had a foreign friend coming to Taiwan for the first time, what are some resources you would tell him or her to look into to prepare for life in Taiwan? 7. Tell about a fear you or someone you know has. What things do you/they avoid doing because of this fear? 8. Some people have a fear of snakes. In hope of getting over this fear they are gradually made to touch and hold snakes. Tell why you believe this is an effective or ineffective method for getting over a fear of snakes. 9. Most of us probably know someone who has a fear of flying. How might someone overcome this fear? What could they do?

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