

INTERMEDIATE UNIT 7

- 1 OVERVIEW:** Watch the video. Whose ideas and opinions are similar to yours?
- 2** Read Val's introduction and underline the correct words in *italics*. Then watch the video from 0:10–0:34 and check your answers.

Hi. There are a lot of things that I ¹*like/'d like* to do that I ²*'d/'ve* never done before. I'm not really a dare-devil, ³*so/then* things like bungee jumping are not really my cup of tea ⁴*but/because* I do know that trying new things ⁵*makes/make* you feel good. Today, I'm going to talk to people about ⁶*trying/making* new things and achievement. How do you feel about trying new things?

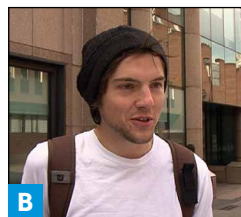


Glossary: *daredevil* = likes doing dangerous things
not my cup of tea = not the kind of thing I like

- 3** How do you feel about trying new things? Look at the people in the pictures and read their responses. Then watch the video from 0:34–1:07 and match the people to the responses. There are TWO answers for two of the speakers.



Paul



Phil



Elizabeth



Elin



Luke

- I'm always up for new things. I love travelling.
- If you try new things, you get more out of life, I think.
- Depends what they are. Obviously, there's some things I wouldn't try, but I'd give most things a go.
- I like to meet new people and try new food, see new places, see different things.
- I love to try new things. I love to travel.
- I always enjoy trying new things.
- I love trying exotic new foods, all that sort of stuff; seeing new cultures.

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Glossary: *be up for* = interested in doing
give something a go = try it
exotic = unusual/ interesting, related to a foreign country

- 4** What stops you from trying new things? Look at the people in the pictures in Exercise 3 and read the opinions below. Then watch the video from 1:07–1:37 and write true (T) or false (F) next to each answer.

- Elin thinks that fear would probably stop her. T
- Phil thinks it's hard to find the time and money to try new things.
- Paul would try anything new even if he might get injured.
- Luke wouldn't be able to try anything new at the moment because he's got to study hard, and money is also a problem.
- Elizabeth says she has a very strong stomach and could handle any new experience, even if it was dangerous.

Glossary: *injured* = hurt
handle something = deal with it

- 5** What have you achieved in your life that makes you feel proud? Look at the people and read their answers. Then watch the video from 1:39–2:29 and tick (✓) the correct answer: a, b or c.



Phil



Paul



Elizabeth

- 1** Phil went to Ethiopia because he wanted to
 a) work with a team.
 b) build houses for needy people. ✓
 c) feel special.
- 2** Paul is proud of himself because he's
 a) written a lot of plays.
 b) performed in front of thousands of people.
 c) made people laugh and enjoy themselves.
- 3** Elizabeth
 a) thinks she hasn't achieved much in her life so far.
 b) says learning French is easy.
 c) didn't do very well at school.



Luke



Elin

- 4** Luke's very proud because
 a) he passed his exams.
 b) he's doing well at university.
 c) his exam results will help him go to university.
- 5** Elin's proud of
 a) being clever.
 b) being a good person.
 c) getting a good job.

Glossary: to perform = entertain people, particularly with music, dance or acting

- 6** Who do you admire for their achievements and why? Look at the people and read the summaries of their answers, 1–3 and reasons a–c. Then watch the video from 2:30–3:14. Complete answers 1–3 and match them to reasons a–c.



Luke



Elizabeth



Paul

- 1** Luke admires Richard Branson because he ...
 a) suffered a lot but still became the leader of his country.
 b) worked hard to become a very rich business leader.
 c) has learnt so much from her.
- 2** Elizabeth admires _____ because she ...
- 3** Paul admires _____ because he ...

7 Watch the video again from 2:30–3:14 and complete Luke and Paul's answers.



Luke

Probably ¹*business* leaders such as Richard Branson, as he started off, you know, as, as hardly anything. And then he ²_____ a huge business *empire* and he's a multimillionaire.



Paul

Nelson Mandela. I admire him a lot because, ³_____ because he was *imprisoned*, which ... and he *survived* that for many years and wasn't *bitter*. When he came ⁴_____ prison I was more *impressed with* him becoming Prime ... you know, leading South Africa and *holding the country together* and changing a ⁵_____. Not many people have the ability or ⁶_____ to do that.

Glossary: *huge* = very large

Nelson Mandela = President of South Africa, 1994–1999

8 **VOCABULARY:** Match the words and phrases in *italics* from Exercise 7 to the meanings 1–6 below.

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| 1 put in prison | <u>imprisoned</u> |
| 2 keeping the country strong, and not divided | _____ |
| 3 admired/respected | _____ |
| 4 angry for a long time because something bad happened to you | _____ |
| 5 group of companies (or countries) controlled by one person (or government) | _____ |
| 6 managed to live through a serious problem/illness | _____ |

9 **PERSONALISATION:** Write *your* answers to the questions.

1 How do you feel about trying new things?

2 What stops you from trying new things?

3 What have you achieved in your life that makes you feel proud?

4 Who do you admire for their achievements and why?
