

UNIT XIV I COULDN'T AGREE MORE

1. GETTING READY

IT'S AGAINST THE LAW ...

In the United States	In other countries
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is against the law to hunt camels in Arizona. • In Kentucky, the law requires people to take a bath once a year. • In New York City, horses must be given a 15-minute "coffee break" every 2 hours. • In the state of Washington, it is illegal to pretend your parents are rich. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Switzerland, it's an offense to hang clothes out to dry on a Sunday. • It is illegal to own a dog – except a Seeing Eye dog – in Iceland. • It is against the law not to flush a public toilet in Singapore. • In Finland, people must know how to read in order to get married.

Sources: *It Is Illegal to Quack Like a Duck*; *The Book of Lists*; www.dumblaws.com

Which of these laws would you like to have in your city or country? Why?
 Can you think of reasons for these laws?
 Do you know of any other unusual laws?

2. LET'S LISTEN

A Listen to recommendations people are making at a community meeting. Do you agree with these proposals for your city? Check (✓) your opinion.

COMMUNITY MEETING NOTES

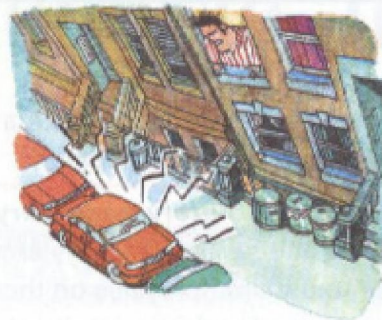
	strongly agree	somewhat agree	disagree
1. Cyclists should be required to wear a helmet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Pet owners shouldn't be allowed to walk dogs without a leash.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. People ought to be required to end parties at midnight.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Something has got to be done to stop littering.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. People mustn't be permitted to park motorcycles on the sidewalks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Laws must be passed to control the noise from car alarms.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Drivers should only be permitted to honk their horn in case of an emergency.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. LET'S LISTEN

A Listen to people discuss problems. What solutions do they suggest?



1. people talking loudly on cell phones in restaurants



2. car alarms going off at night



3. telemarketing salespeople calling too often

Solutions

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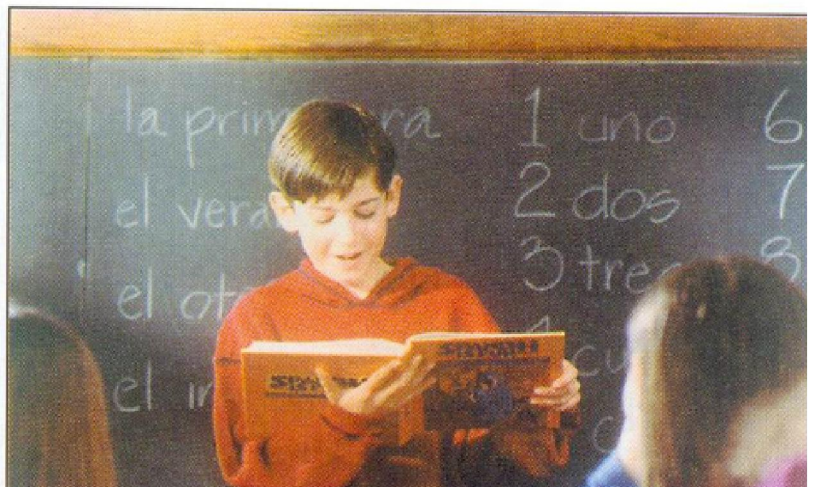
B Group work Do you agree or disagree with the solutions?
What do you think should be done about each problem?

4. Let's Listen

Task 1

People are giving their opinions. Do they agree? Listen and check (✓) the correct answer.

	Agree	Don't agree
1.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Task 2

Listen again. Are these statements true or false? Check (✓) the correct answer.

	True	False
1. He thinks Spanish is hard to learn.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. She thinks lawyers work hard.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. He thinks most TV programs are for old people.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. He had to wait an hour for the bus.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. She likes to try things on before she buys them.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. The rain is good for her garden.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. LET'S LISTEN

CONVERSATION *It isn't cheap, is it?*

A Listen and practice.

Sarah: Health insurance, child-care bills, rent! Now that I'm going to school and only working part time, I have a hard time making ends meet.

Todd: Health insurance is really expensive, isn't it?

Sarah: Yeah! My company used to pay for it when I was working full time.

Todd: And child care isn't cheap, is it?

Sarah: No, it's not. After I pay for rent and groceries, almost all my money goes to pay for my son's day care.

Todd: Colleges should provide free day care for students with children.

Sarah: I think so, too. But they don't have any services like that at my school.

B Listen to the rest of the conversation.
What is Todd concerned about?



6. LET'S LISTEN

LISTENING *You agree, don't you?*

A Listen to people give their opinions about current issues in the news. What issues are they talking about?

Issue	Opinions for	Opinions against
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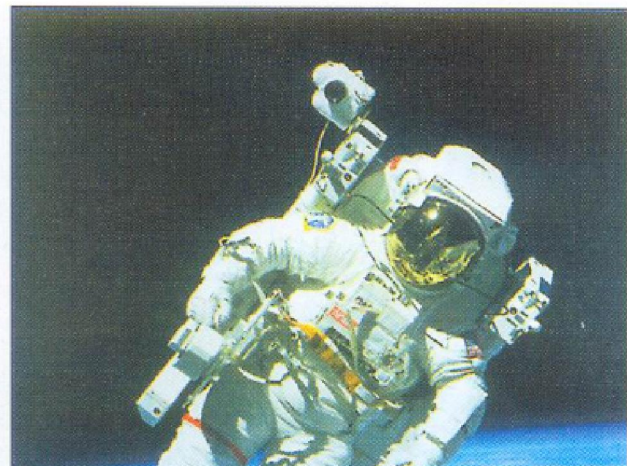
B Listen again. What opinions do you hear? Complete the chart.

7. LET'S LISTEN

Task 1

People are giving opinions about these topics. Are they for or against them? Listen and check (✓) the correct answer.

	For	Against
1. space exploration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. TV commercials	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. the Olympic Games	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. lotteries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. action movies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. pets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Task 2

Listen again. What reason does each person give? Circle the correct answer.

1. a. It's too expensive.
b. It's how we learn about the universe.
c. It isn't important.
2. a. They're too short.
b. They interrupt his favorite programs.
c. They're boring.
3. a. They encourage an interest in sports.
b. They cost too much.
c. Her country never wins.
4. a. They're dangerous.
b. They're fun to play.
c. They raise money for the city.
5. a. They're too violent.
b. They're too boring.
c. They're too loud.
6. a. They don't have anywhere to play.
b. They don't eat enough food.
c. They cost too much.