Life Upper Intermediate Unit 6d Teacher's notes

Communicative worksheet

Getting around

1 Ask students to look at the first picture on the story worksheet and establish that Suzy is about to head off on her first trip abroad, and she's going to the student's country. Ask:

What advice would you give Suzy about where to go, what clothes to bring, what to see, how to get around and what gifts to bring?

Elicit ideas and write any useful language that students come up with on the board.

2 Hand out the Student cards. Ask students to match the sentence halves and join them with *but*. Tell them to check their answers in pairs. Tell students to match the expressions to the situations in the pictures on the story worksheet. Ask them to think of other useful phrases using *but*.

Answers

1 b You could just get a taxi, but it's cheaper to take the bus.
2 d You should bring light, summer clothes, but you might want to bring a raincoat, just in case.
3 a You'll probably want to go to the beach, but you ought to see the mountains too.
4 c We usually bring flowers, but

chocolates also make a nice gift.

3 Ask pairs to choose roles and to prepare expressions that they could use in their conversation. Make sure they are aware that they should advise Suzy with reference to their own country.

With a strong class, ask students to improvise the conversation in pairs.

With a weaker class, ask students to work in pairs to prepare and write a conversation before acting it out.

4 Ask some pairs to act out their improvised or prepared conversation for the class. To create a task for the class, write the following question on the board and ask students to listen and find the answers:

What advice does Suzy receive?

5 Personalise

Ask students to describe the last time they went abroad or on a trip to another place. Ask them to say what advice they received before travelling.

6 Writing

Ask students to write an email to a friend who is about to visit them from abroad. Tell them to include advice about where to go, what to see, what clothes/gifts to bring and how to get around.