






Topic: New Decade



Keyword – To Expect – “To wait for” or “to look forward to” in the future.

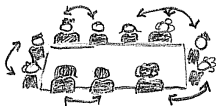
Let’s get started . . . Interview 3 people about what they **expect** for the new decade (2010 to 2019). Write down their names. Ask them each of the questions. And then write their answers, yes or no, for each box. Ask them to explain.

“In the new decade, do you expect . . . ”

| Name | to move?  | to speak English very well?  | to get a job?  | to have a baby?  | a good economy?  |
|------|---|--|--|---|--|
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |

Group Talk - Share something you learned about another person in the interviews.

Group Check-in - If you wish, share something about what’s been happening in your life. Share results from the ‘Keep Talking’ activity and Presentations.



Discuss in pairs or groups of three-

What were important events in your family during the years 2000 – 2009?

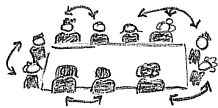
Story: In the U.S., at the end of 2009, magazines and newspapers made lists of important events that happened in 2009 or happened in the decade 2000-2009. On one list the attacks of September 11, 2001 (9/11) were the One list put the attacks of September 11, 2001 (9/11) as the most important event for the U.S. in the decade. A U.S. leader looks back on that day and says (paraphrased), “Yes, it was a horrible event. But, it also was a day for courage. People on a hijacked airplane fought the hijackers. Firefighters and policeman in New York rescued many people. Ordinary people helped each other.”



Group Talk - When did you hear the news about September 11, 2001? Was it an important event to you?



What do you think of the U.S. leader’s comments? Do you agree with her comments? Why or why not? What are your comments?



Discuss in pairs or groups of three discuss this question. Then change partners and discuss with your new partner.

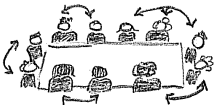


What do you think were the biggest news stories of the decade in your native country or in the world? The news might be about . . .

-change in leaders natural disasters change in laws.
- change in the economychange in technology
- other changes



Group Talk – From your discussions, make a group list of important events of the last decade.



Discuss in pairs or groups of three – Do you want to make any changes in 2010? Why or why not? If yes, make a list of New Year’s Resolutions.

Group Talk – Make a group list of New Year’s Resolutions. Give advice to each other on how to succeed at making these changes.



Role Play: Practice in pairs or groups and then present the role play to the group.

. . . .**For Intermediate and Advanced speakers:** Plan a role play about a news event that happened in the last decade. (Example: Gas prices are high. Students play the role of gas station attendants and drivers who see the gas prices and react in different ways.)

. . . .**For Beginning speakers:** Practice a conversation script prepared by the facilitator.

Keep Talking - After Talk Time, ask a coworker, friend, or store clerk: “What do you think are some of the most important events of the last decade?” Write down their answers and share them at Talk Time next week.



Presentation - One or two students can prepare a 2-3 minute talk and present it in one or two weeks. (Optional)

Internet: The American magazine, Newsweek’s most important date of the last decade - <http://2010.newsweek.com/top-10/most-important-dates/september-11-2001.html>

Special Vocabulary – decade, to expect, to wait for, “to look forward to”, economy, events, lists, attacks, paraphrased, horrible, courage, hijacked, fought, hijackers, firefighters, rescued, ordinary, technology, resolution, New Year’s Resolutions, to succeed