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Learning Strategy
(Unit 7, page 84, Reading)

READING STRATEGY: guessing meaning from context

Use the context of a reading to guess the meaning of words you don't know.

PRACTICE

1. "Some cultures have a more liberal attitude about clothing, while other cultures are more conservative."

STRATEGY: Look at the structure of the sentence for clues. The connecting word "while" shows that "in some cultures" one thing is true, but in "other cultures" another thing is true.

Are the meanings of liberal and conservative probably the same or different?

2. "One thing people notice about Holland is the way young people dress. Their dress code is "anything goes," so it's not unusual to see some pretty wild clothes there!"

STRATEGY: Look at the picture on page 84 in the Student's Book for clues to answer these questions.

- a. Look at the hat one girl is wearing. Is it the kind of hat girls wear every day?
- b. Look at the tie one girl is wearing. Do girls usually wear ties?
- c. Look at the colors they are wearing. Are these colors someone wears at work? In religious places?
- d. Do you think the girls in the picture think their clothing is fun?

What kind of clothes do you think "wild clothes" are?

3. “Thailand is generally conservative when it comes to clothing, but at Thailand’s magnificent temples, the rules about clothing, and especially shoes, are very strict. If your shoes are too open, they are considered disrespectful, and you will have to change to more modest ones.”

STRATEGY: Use information in the reading to answer these questions.

- a. What is the rule for shoes in Thailand’s temples?
- Don’t wear shoes.
 - Wear shoes that are very open.
 - Don’t wear shoes that are very open.
- b. If you wear open shoes, what will happen?

What does it mean for a rule to be “strict”?

4. “If you visit a mosque, shorts are definitely out of the question, for both men and women.”

STRATEGY: Think about what you know about the real world. A mosque is a religious place. Would appropriate clothing at a mosque be conservative or not conservative?

What does it mean to say that something is “out of the question”?