UPPER-INTERMEDIATE UNIT 4

1A Think of a time when you were very happy. Answer the questions and make notes.

1 How old were you?
2 Where were you?
3 What were you doing?
4 Why were you so happy? Was it down to one thing or a combination of things?

B Work in pairs. Tell your partner about the time you were happy.

2A Watch the DVD and number the things in the order you see them.

a) Mark Easton drawing a graph
b) people in suits walking to work
c) people working in an old factory
d) toy cars
e) people on holiday
f) a pile of coins

B Work in pairs. What is the significance of each of the things in Exercise 2A?

3A Decide if the sentences are true (T) or false (F).

1 Science says we need to change the way we live.
2 In New York city, branded goods are important.
3 Money only makes people happy when they earn above £10,000 a year.
4 Since 1950, incomes have stayed the same but happiness has increased.
5 We can feel happier by comparing what we have to others.
6 We need to work harder to be happier.
7 Things are starting to change.
8 Politicians are starting to think differently about creating happiness.

B Watch the DVD again to check.

4 Match the words/phrases 1–7 with their meanings a)–f). You can use one meaning twice.

1 average
2 income
3 brand new
4 consumerist
5 designer label
6 income
7 leisure

a) what most people earn in an economy
b) never used before
c) a person who believes buying a lot of goods and services is good
d) made by a well-known producer of quality goods
e) money you earn
f) free time

5A EITHER choose a person you know OR choose one of the people below who have changed their lives in the pursuit of happiness and find out as much as you can about him/her. Use questions 1–5 to help you.

- Wayne Adams and Catherine King
- Richard Proenneke
- Emma Orbach
- Prince Alwaleed bin Talal

1 Who is he/she?
2 Where does he/she live?
3 How did he/she change his/her life?
4 How much money does he/she have?
5 What is his/her life like?

B Work in groups. Ask and answer questions about the person you chose.

A: I chose Emma Orbach.
B: Who's she?
A: She's a woman who lives in a mud hut. She lives off the land.

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