

# VIDEO ACTIVITIES

## Unit 2B

# ENGLISH SQUAD 2

### BEFORE YOU WATCH

#### A Read the meaning of these words to help you understand the video.

##### Glossary

**cassette (n)** – a small flat plastic case containing audiotape used in the past for playing and recording music and other sounds

**cell phone (n)** – a telephone you can carry around with you

**dial (v)** – to press the buttons or to turn the disk on a telephone in order to call someone

**film (n)** – the plastic material used mainly in the past for taking

photographs or recording moving pictures, a roll of film that is held in a round metal container

**knob (n)** – a round switch on a piece of equipment

**lifestyle (n)** – the type of life that you have

**LP (n)** – long-playing record: a record that turns 33 times a minute

**put together (v)** – to produce or organize something using many different things

**record (v)** – to make an electronic copy of sounds or images

**tire (n)** – the rubber cover of a wheel that is filled with air

#### B Look at the photo and discuss if you find anything familiar in it.



*My grandparents have a similar photo with their siblings.*

*Yeah! My cousin is wearing a similar sweater in a photo from my family album.*

### AS YOU WATCH

#### C Complete the two extracts.

**Diego:** It says here that it (1) \_\_\_\_\_ complicated to make a phone call.

**Marta:** Really? Why?

**Diego:** They used to dial the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ using a number slot in a disk and turning the disk for each number. And if they made a mistake, they had to start all over again, they

(3) \_\_\_\_\_ correct it.

**Marta:** Here I have a printed photo of my uncle's family on a road trip.

**Diego:** Where (4) \_\_\_\_\_?

**Marta:** They (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to Hidalgo when they got a flat tire. They (6) \_\_\_\_\_ to change it. While my uncle (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the tire, my cousin Esther (8) \_\_\_\_\_ some flowers.

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#### D Underline the correct option to complete the sentences.

- 1 Only \_\_\_\_\_ people used to have cell phones.  
a beautiful      b important      c rich
- 2 They used to change channels with a \_\_\_\_\_ on the TV.  
a phone      b knob      c dial
- 3 People could watch and \_\_\_\_\_ videos or movies.  
a record      b copy      c send
- 4 They had to \_\_\_\_\_ the cameras with rolls of film.  
a cook      b save      c load
- 5 Mexico was going through a \_\_\_\_\_.  
a renovation      b a hurry      c crisis

#### AFTER WATCHING

#### E Read the sentences about lifestyle in the 80's and circle T (True), F (False), or N (Not mentioned).

- 1 People had to start dialing a telephone number from the beginning if they made a mistake.      T   F   N
- 2 People always changed TV channels with remote controls.      T   F   N
- 3 People rented movies at the market.      T   F   N
- 4 People could record music on a cassette many times.      T   F   N
- 5 People had to print photos before they could see them.      T   F   N

#### F Underline the correct option.

- 1 The school project is about past events / lifestyles.
- 2 Marta looked for the information / photos and Diego looked for the information / photos.
- 3 The first cell phones were small / big compared to present ones.
- 4 People rented movies for a few days / months.
- 5 Students used computers / typewriters to write their school projects.

#### G In groups, discuss the questions below about the video you watched. Write down the answers in your notebook.

- 1 What did you know about lifestyle in the 80's?
- 2 What differences did you find between what you knew and what you saw in the video?
- 3 What else would you like to know about the topic?
- 4 Did you like the video? Why?
- 5 What period in history would you like to live in? Why?