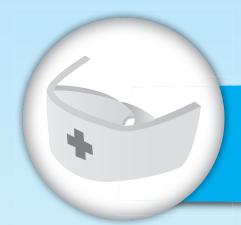
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Unit One

Obesity

Topic Preview

Directions: Work in pairs. Discuss the questions below and share your answers with your classmates.

- 1. Are you faced with the problem of obesity?
- 2. What suggestions have you heard from others to keep fit?
- 3. What does the picture on the right imply to you?



Part Warm-up Tasks

Listening Strategy

Strategy: Predicting

Predicting is a very essential strategy in listening. People often use signal words or phrases like "but, because, however, therefore, as a result", etc. to add a comment that contrasts with what has just been said or to imply what they are going to say next—perhaps not always the exact words, but at least the main ideas. Usually there are different factors which can help us predict while listening:

Intonation: Rising intonation signals more information, whereas falling intonation signals the enclosure of information.

Signal words have different effects: listing, such as firstly, secondly, thirdly; cause;

Exercise 1

effect relationship, such as *so, since, therefore*; illustration/exemplification, such as *for example, such as*; summary, such as *in a word, to sum up, in other words*; time relationship, such as *then, while, after that*; rephrasing, such as *that is to say, to put it in another way*; and condition, such as *if, unless, assuming that*, etc.

Apply the Strategy

Directions: Listen to the following recording, and write out the signal words for predicting.

1	2.	3	4	
5	6			
Exercise 2				
irections: <i>Listen</i>	to the dialogue and fi	ill in the blanks with wl	hat vou have heard.	
			,	
	Wh	at's the matter?		
J=Joan B=	Betty			
J: Hello.				
B: Oh hi, Joan	It's Betty. (1)	?		
J: Terrible.				
B: Oh, what's	the matter?			
J: (2)	······································			
B: Oh, that's to	oo bad. (3)	?		
J: I've already	tried that. But it didn't	help.		
B: Well, mayb	e you should go to the l	health center and see a d	loctor.	
J: Yeah, I gues	s I should, but you kno	ow how I hate doctors.		
B: (4)	You really sound s	sick.		
J: Yeah, that s	ounds like good advice	e. I will. I just want to f	inish reading this article for	
English clas	ss.			
B: You know,	you really shouldn't	t try to do any work r	ight now. (5)	
	2			
J: Yeah, I gues	s you're right.		Word Tips	
			health center 卫生所,卫	
			生中心,保健站,保健所	

Part Listening Tasks

Text

High Price of Obesity

Word Bank

obese /əʊ'bi:s/ adj. 肥胖的
triple /'trɪpl/ adj. 三倍的
adolescent /ˌædəʊ'lesnt/ adj. 青少年的
premature /.premə'tjʊə/ adj. 过早的; 早产的
preemie /'pri:mi:/ n. 早产嬰孩
medication /ˌmedr'keɪʃən/ n. 药物疗法
chronic /'krɒnɪk/ adj. 慢性的, 习惯性的
cholesterol /kə'lestərəʊl/ n. 胆固醇
diabetes /ˌdaɪə'bi:ti:z/ n. 糖尿病
stroke /strəʊk/ n. 中风
gallbladder /'gɔ:lblædə/ n. 胆囊
apnea /æp'ni:ə/ n. 呼吸暂停, 窒息
shed the pounds 瘦身, 减体重

Exercise 1 Listening for Main Ideas

Directions: Listen to the passage and choose the best answer to each question.

- 1. What's the main idea of the passage you've just heard?
 - A. 80 million people in U.S. are fat.
 - B. Suggestions are made on how to lose weight.
 - C. Fast-food makes all the American people fat.
 - D. Obesity is a very expensive factor within American health care.
- 2. Which of the following statements is RIGHT according to the passage?
 - A. Since 1980 obesity rates have doubled among children.
 - B. The cost of obesity in U.S. in 2000 was greater than 117 billion dollars.
 - C. Obese employee costs 1% more in health care cost.
 - D. At least 50 chronic conditions are related to obesity.
- 3. What are the major concerns of American people about obesity?
 - A. Being fat in America is becoming part of American life.
 - B. Decreased productivity is stemming from obesity.

- C. Billions of dollars are spent because of diseases related to being overweight.
- D. A number of people need to lose weight.

Exercise 2 Listening for Details

Directions: Listen to the passage once again, and then answer the following questions:

- 1. How many adults in U.S. are now suffering from obesity?
- 2. How much do American companies spend per year for their fat employees' inpatient and outpatient costs and more medication?
- 3. What are the possible chronic conditions related with obesity?
- 4. Do Americans feel panic over the high price very much?

Part Speaking Tasks

Exercise 1 Individual Work

Directions: Listen to the following passage and fill in the blanks with the words you have heard. Then, listen to it again and make a monologue based on what you have heard.

In the hospital or other healthcare facilities, a (1) will most likel	ly plan
(2) As a nurse, you will need to understand dietary requirements to	teach
clients effectively. Emphasize foods with nutrient density; that is, foods that p	rovide
significant amounts of key nutrients (3) Nutrient density becomes increase	asingly
important for those with (4) appetites due to nausea, pain, inactivity, box	redom,
or anxiety. For instance, hospitalized individuals often have increased protein require	ements
to promote healing. (5) clients with high protein requirements to consu	ıme all
their meat and milk is far more effective for their healing processes than stressing th	le need
to eat all their mashed potatoes and carrots.	
At the same time, keeping meals interesting is important. Food and mealtime	es take
on much greater (6) in a healthcare setting, and are often the highlight	of the

Diabetes mellitus (9) also contributes to such conditions as (10), osteoporosis, dental caries (decay), gastrointestinal diseases, and obesity. Although no one can say for certain exactly what proportion of these disorders is due to diet, evidence suggests that a diet high in calories, fat (especially saturated fat), cholesterol, and sodium, but low in complex carbohydrates and fiber, contributes significantly to the high rates of chronic diseases among many North Americans.	client's day. Food is also one area of care over which clients can "vent" their (7) and feelings of helplessness. So although nutrient density is important from a medical standpoint, eating less notorious foods may sometimes be important on an emotional level. The nutritional problems of most Americans are not due to (8) of single nutrients but to over consumption of nutrients. The 1998 report of the Top Leading Causes of Death released by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), revealed that, of the 10 leading causes of death, four are associated with dietary excesses and imbalances: Coronary artery disease Certain types of cancer Corolary recorder certains
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provides for the patient.	Guidance for the Patient's Obesity:
	(1)
Guidance for the Patient's Obesity: (1);	(3)

(4) _____

Part D Additional Practice

Assignment 1 Summary Writing

ummary:			

Assignment 2 Discussion

Directions: Work in pairs and discuss the questions.

- 1. Does exercising help to lose weight?
- 2. How can a person stay lean?
- 3. What problems may overweight cause to a person?

Learn by Heart

Language Focus

Situational Expressions

How are you doing?

I've got a fever and a really bad headache.

Why don't you take some aspirin?

I've already tried that. But it didn't help.

Well, maybe you should go to the health center and see a doctor./Well, you'd better stay in bed at least.

You really sound sick./Yeah, that sounds like good advice.

If I were you, I'd just lie down and take it easy for a while.

Yeah, I guess you're right.

Some might say that being fat in this country is becoming part of American life.

It may not be just the matter if too many adults visit the fast food drive-through.

But the concerns are far greater than just a number of people who need to lose weight.

There's no doubt that obesity is a very expensive factor within American health care.

All and all they say an obese employee costs 11% more in health care cost than a non-obese employee.

So being fat in America is becoming more common and costing everyone more money in health care cost.

There're at least 15 chronic conditions ... all link to obesity.

For short, the list is long and the detrimental obesity will prove in.