

SHIRIN, SOJIDA AND NAILYA, UZBEKISTAN

TEACHING NOTES

A FEW WORDS

Prestigious: An adjective to describe things that people respect and honor. The noun is **prestige**.

Crispy: An adjective to describe food that breaks easily and makes a small sound. Some examples are very thin baked foods or the outside of fried foods.

SOME QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR WRITING

1. Nailya went shopping. Do you enjoy shopping? Do you like to visit stores to look at things, even if you don't buy anything? Or do you dislike shopping and try to finish shopping as quickly as possible?
2. Do you agree that making mistakes is the way we learn and grow? Are some mistakes helpful? Are some mistakes dangerous? Is making mistakes an important part of learning a language? Why or why not?
3. Sojida especially likes food that her grandmother cooks. Who is your favorite cook? Can you cook a meal for yourself? What do you cook? Do you enjoy cooking?

TRANSCRIPT NOTES, TEXTBOOK ENGLISH

No one anywhere in the world speaks “perfect textbook English” at all times. We certainly do not want to demand that our students use only “perfect textbook English.” These notes are provided to help you if your students ask questions about some small points of usage.

Shirin: Hello everyone. We are happy to welcome you to our short interview. My name is Sharin, and these are my friends Sajida and Nailya.

Sojida: Hi everyone. My name is Sajida, and we are studying **at** one of the most prestigious universities in Uzbekistan which **is** called Uzbekistan State World Languages University.

Nailya: Thank you, Sojida.

So hello everyone, my name is Nailya. We are from Uzbekistan, and today we are going to talk a little about our week, our country, and give some advice**s** for foreign teenagers.

Shirin: Here we have questions.

What did you do last week?

Sojida: So last week I was busy with my university studies, and also I did some homestuff (housework) chores, and also I spent time with my family.

Nailya: Wow, working's great.

So, um, about me. I had a very active a week I can say. I met my friends. I went shopping, and of course I did my homework.

Shirin: As for me, I focused on my English and watched a really popular movie, *Fatima and Zuxra*.

Sojida: Wow. Amazing movie.

Nailya: So now we're going to move on to the third question. It's about food. So what is our favorite food of Uzbek cuisine, girls?

Sojida: So for me it's manti, especially when my grandmother cook them, perfectly.

Shirin: For me, it's plov. It's very delicious and a symbol of our culture.

Nailya: So for me, I really love samsa because, you know, it's crispy outside and soft inside. I really like this.

Shirin: And here's the last question. What advice can you give for foreign teenagers?

Sojida: My advice is always respect other cultures and stay open-minded.

Nailya: I wanna (want to) advise don't be afraid of making mistakes because that's how we learn and grow.

Shirin: Never stop dreaming and believing in yourself.

All: Thank you for watching!