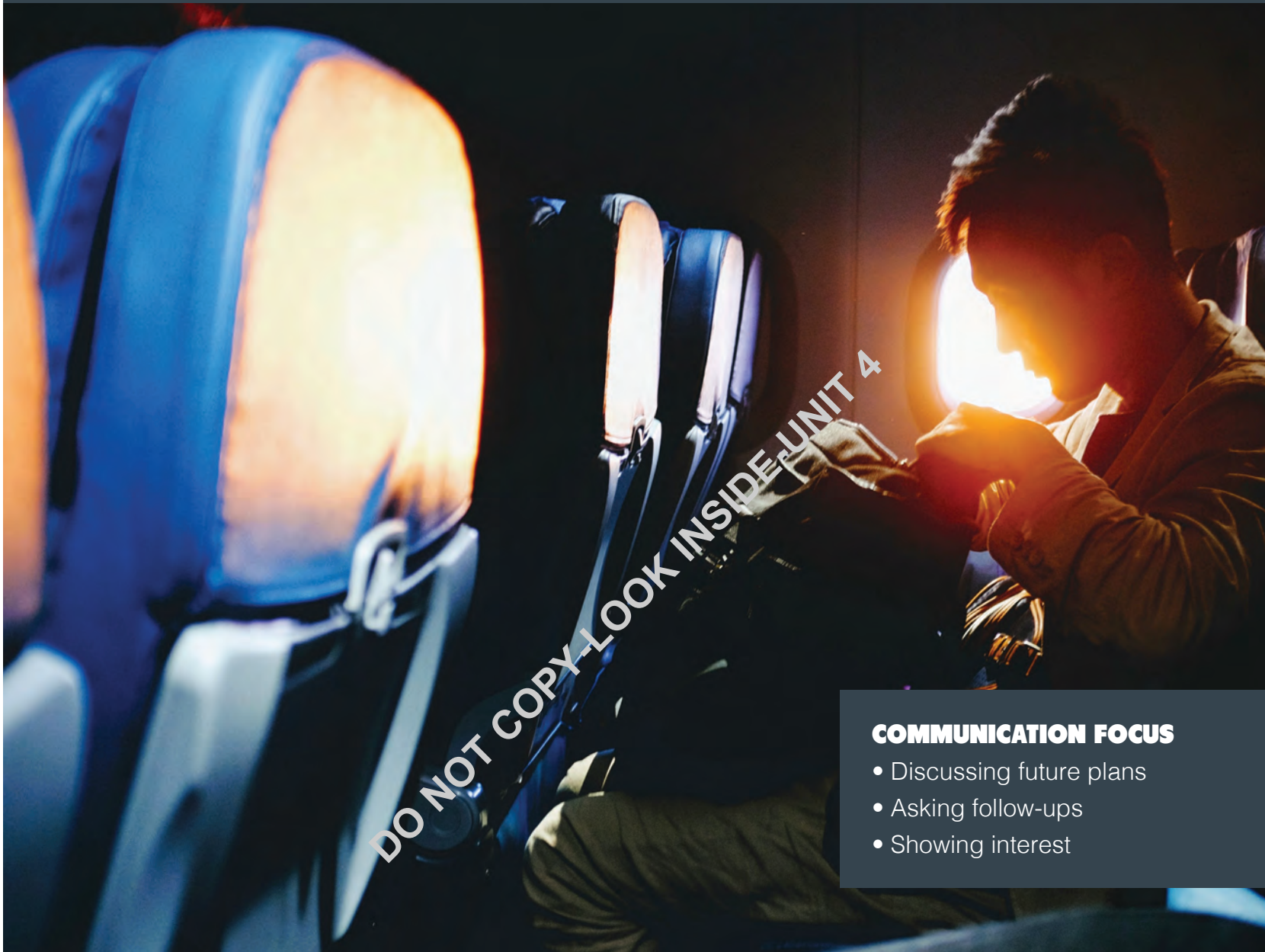


Talking About Future Plans UNIT 4



COMMUNICATION FOCUS

- Discussing future plans
- Asking follow-ups
- Showing interest

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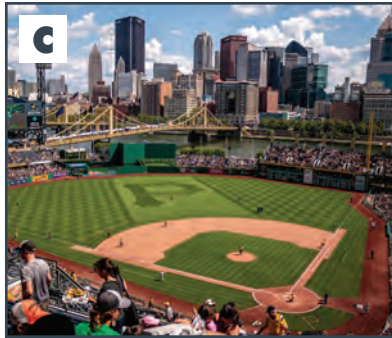
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DISCUSS THE QUESTIONS BELOW WITH A PARTNER OR GROUP.

1. What is something you are planning to do this weekend?
2. What is something you are thinking of doing this month?
3. What is something you are dying to do this year?

WORK WITH A PARTNER OR GROUP.

Look at each image and describe what the people are doing.



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WORK WITH A PARTNER.

Ask your partner these questions using the image examples above.

1. Are you planning to this week? Yes • Maybe • No
2. Are you thinking of next week? Yes • Maybe • No
3. Are you hoping to this month? Yes • Maybe • No
4. Are you dying to next month? Yes • Maybe • No

Write your own question.

5. Yes • Maybe • No

Now, find a new partner and ask them.

1. Are you planning to this week? Yes • Maybe • No
2. Are you thinking of next week? Yes • Maybe • No
3. Are you hoping to this month? Yes • Maybe • No
4. Are you dying to next month? Yes • Maybe • No

Write your own question.

5. Yes • Maybe • No

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WORK WITH A PARTNER.



With your partner, complete the conversation using the words and phrases below.

girlfriend	Paris	romantic	fishing	next year	pretty good
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- A: How are you? It's been a long time! How are things?
 B:
 A: Any plans this weekend?
 B: Well, I'm planning to go.....
 A: Going.....? Who with?
 B: Just a few friends from work. How about you? Any plans this weekend?
 A: No. Nothing much. I'm saving up for a trip.....
 B: Where?
 A:
 B: No way! I've never been to Europe. Who with?
 A: My.....
 B: Sounds.....

Now, practice the conversation. Use the information below and your own ideas.

next week	next month	next weekend	summer break	winter vacation
London	Sydney	Bangkok	Tokyo	Seoul
friends	family	sister	brother	children

WORK WITH A PARTNER OR GROUP.

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Write about your future plans. Add one follow-up question.

Future - Going to

Example: *I'm going to go fishing.*

Future - Present Continuous Phrases

I'm planning to go fishing.
I'm thinking of going fishing.
I'm playing with the idea of going fishing.
I'm dying to go fishing.

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| <p>1. What are you planning to do tonight?
 </p> <p>2. What are you planning to do next week?
 </p> <p>3. What are you thinking of doing this weekend?
 </p> <p>4. What are you thinking of doing next month?
 </p> <p>5. What are you dying to do this year?
 </p> | <p>Follow-up Question</p> <p>•</p> <p>•</p> <p>•</p> <p>•</p> <p>•</p> |
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Now, ask your partner the above questions and one follow-up question.

TALK WITH A PARTNER.

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Use future tense and follow-up questions to ask about your partner's plans.

TOPICS	What	Who With	When	How long	How
Example	<i>Beach</i>	<i>Friends</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Two Hours</i>	<i>Car</i>
Partner 1					
Partner 2					
Partner 3					

Which partner has the most interesting plans?

Why?

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WORK ON YOUR OWN.

Read about Alonzo and answer the questions below.



Alonzo lives in Potts Point, an inner-city suburb of Sydney. He has lived in Sydney since he was 12, but he is originally from the Gold Coast. For over a year now, he has been toying with the idea of riding his motorbike from Sydney to Perth. He knows it will be a long and life-changing trip, so he is planning to do the trip with his best mates, Tony and Greg. They will all start a basic mechanic course next month, just in case they have any problems during the trip. Alonzo, Tony and Greg are all dying to start the trip and can't wait until April next year.

Please write your answer below.

1. Where does Alonzo live?
2. How long has he lived in Sydney?
3. What is he planning to do?
4. How long has he been planning the trip?
5. Who is he planning to travel with?
6. What is he planning to do next month?

Please circle the best response below.

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| 7. Alonzo has always lived in Sydney. | True | False | Unsure |
| 8. Alonzo will start the ride in Perth. | True | False | Unsure |
| 9. Alonzo and three friends will do the ride. | True | False | Unsure |
| 10. Alonzo has a new motorbike. | True | False | Unsure |

Now, check your answers with your partner.

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DISCUSS WITH YOUR PARTNER OR GROUP.

Read the question below and discuss your answer with your partner or group.

1. Would you like to travel around Australia? **Yes • No**

Why?

