

- Description** Students read a text about someone changing university and answer True or False questions  
**Lesson link** Use this activity after exercise 4  
**Time** 15 minutes  
**Extra material** Print out and photocopy the *Changing university* worksheet for each student
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## Instructions

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- a** In lesson 8A SS have been studying the comparative, and learned some personality adjectives. Now SS read a text about a student changing university from Mexico to the USA, and answer True or False questions.
- b** Make a copy of the *Changing university* worksheet for each student. Give SS five minutes to read the text. The SS answer the True or False questions in pairs.
- c** Feed back as a class.

### Answers

- 1 False. He is in the USA for one year.
- 2 True.
- 3 False. He thinks it is unhealthy and he misses Mexican cooking.
- 4 True.
- 5 False. Only in the evenings.
- 6 True.
- 7 False. People often invite him to lunch on Sundays.
- 8 False. He says students in his Mexican university are more serious.
- 9 False. They go out a lot, but they work hard.

## Changing university

My name is Carlos and I'm from Mexico. I study Architecture at a university in Mexico City, but this year I'm studying in the USA at a college in Baltimore, Maryland. After the year I go back to my university again. My university is great – but it's very different to Mexico! First, in Mexico I live with my parents, but here I live on the campus. At home my mother cooks and so the food was great and my diet was healthier. Here I cook for myself but I eat a lot of fast food. Another thing is that Mexican cooking is hotter, much hotter than food here. I miss that.

Another big difference is the culture. Mexico City is bigger than Baltimore and it's busier: there are people everywhere. Baltimore is quieter but there are still nice restaurants and places to go out. Mexico City is also older than Baltimore so we have museums and ancient buildings, which I love. Baltimore is more modern, but it does have a traditional harbour and I like to walk there in the evening.

Before I came here I was nervous because my English isn't good. But everyone here is really friendly. They are generous too: they often invite me to their houses or to lunch on Sundays because they know I am here on my own. Another big difference is that the students in the American university are crazy! They go out all the time. They go to nightclubs and don't go home until three in the morning! Students in my university in Mexico are more serious. We work hard all the time. But we *are* Mexicans and we like to go out too!

### **Read the text and mark the sentences True (T) or False (F).**

- 1 Carlos will not return to his university in Mexico City.
- 2 He lives in the American university.
- 3 He thinks food is better in the USA.
- 4 Baltimore is quieter than Mexico.
- 5 He walks in the harbour all day.
- 6 He likes the American people.
- 7 He is always on his own at the weekend.
- 8 American students are more serious than Mexican ones.
- 9 Mexican students go out a lot and don't study.