

## Spot on language

### 1 It is often considered impolite to tell people directly what to do, ...

#### LÖSUNGSVORSCHLAG

- If I were you, I would offer **to give** her a lift home.  
You could also **help** her with her math homework.  
It might be a good idea **to show** her around the school.  
Why don't you **tell** her about all the cool places in your town?
- Don't even dream of **going** surfing when there's a shark warning sign.  
You ought **to check** your tent for spiders.  
You should never **throw** cigarette stubs away.  
You mustn't **hike** alone in the outback.  
Make sure **you respect** aboriginal culture.
- Have you considered **asking** local companies to sponsor the event?  
You should make sure the arena **is** accessible by wheelchair.  
Remember **to get** someone to take photos.  
It might be a good idea **to invite** local media.  
I think you should **have** flyers printed.  
How about **announcing** the event in the paper?
- Remember **to check** the weather report.  
Have you considered **asking** a local skiing guide?  
You mustn't forget **to enquire** about avalanche warnings.  
You ought **to carry** an avalanche transceiver.

### 2 a) Use the correct verb forms ... b) Discuss what you would do ...

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a) If you **travel** to Indonesia, you **shouldn't miss** a boat trip to the Komodo islands to see the Komodo dragon, a large lizard that looks like a dragon. However, you **should** always check if there **are** enough life jackets on board; sometimes these boats are not very safe. If a boat **sinks**, people **are** often in a panic, and everyone **tries** to get into one of the lifeboats – if there **are** any. Only last year a boat with European tourists sank in rough waters. If two girls from Germany **hadn't swum/hadn't been able to swim** to an island and **inform** the authorities, maybe all the other tourists who had been on board **would have died**. If they **had checked** the boat before they got on board they **might have noticed** that there was just one small lifeboat with no oars. And if they **had asked** the crew if the radio equipment was ok, they **might have been told** that it did not work at all. On second thoughts, if you really **want** to see a live Komodo dragon without risking your life, you **should go** to London zoo – there it is possible to watch the dragon through 20 metres of dragon-proof glass.

b) Individual answers expected. Students might have the following ideas: try rowing with your hands, take turns in pushing the boat, shout for help, use clothes to knot a rope and pull the boat swimming, abandon the boat and swim to the coast, etc.

### 3 You are a volunteer at a hospital which offers prenatal diagnosis, ... → S26.1

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If you are worried about having a child with Down syndrome, it might help to read what a German doctor, Professor Holm Schneider, said in an interview about life with a Down syndrome child. He says that many improvements have been made towards equality and inclusion in society life, especially in the last ten years, making life easier both for parents and their children. Although there is still a long way to go, he notes many positive points. Professor Schneider reports from extensive experience that children and adults with Down syndrome are distinct individuals, very often good-natured and optimistic, who all have special talents and often pursue their chosen paths with energy and persistence. He reminds us that not being able to do absolutely everything is common to everyone, and that being a little slower to learn is very unlikely to reduce parents' enjoyment of life with their child and being proud of their achievements, as many of the parents he has worked with have confirmed. Although many people still have little contact with people who are visibly disabled, and therefore often feel insecure when they meet them, Professor Schneider is sure that this

situation is in the process of change. Now, schools and clubs are often going to great lengths to integrate disabled people, and there are many more opportunities for young adults with Down syndrome to find a job on the mainstream job market. His secretary, for example, who has Down syndrome, achieved a school qualification and vocational training and, through hard work and persistence, managed to get the job.

So Professor Schneider recommends that parents who are afraid of having a child who may not be perfectly healthy should remember that there is neither a guarantee that any child will be healthy, nor a right to a healthy child, and he recommends that they should get into contact with experts and families who already live with Down syndrome children to find out more.

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