

UNIT 2

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Hi. My name's Charlie Johnson, and I'm going to tell you a little about myself. I'm 32 years old and I'm single. That's right, I'm not married yet. I'm 6'2" tall and I weigh about 210 pounds. I guess I could lose a little weight. I'm a computer programmer at a large company. I like my job a lot. It's interesting and I can be creative. My hours are long, about 10 hours a day. Sometimes I have to come in on the weekends. But the best part is the salary. I make \$70,000 a year. Yeah, it's good. I live in the city, in a one-bedroom apartment. I like it because it's in a good location. It's near public transportation and that's good for me. I don't have a car, but that's okay. I can walk or take a bus to work. And I have a roommate. He spends most of his time sleeping and lying on the couch. He's my cat, Floppy.

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/s/	likes	wants	takes
/z/	owns	drives	studies
/iz/	watches	uses	dances

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- 1. Lives
- 2. Walks
- 3. Drinks
- 4. Washes
- 5. Buys
- 6. Eats
- 7. Misses
- 8. Goes
- 9. Loves

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An American Family

One

This is the Shaw family. Mike Shaw is 42 years old. He is a high school math teacher. Like other public-school teachers, he works nine months a year. His hours are 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. He earns \$60,000 a year and gets excellent benefits. His wife, Maria Shaw, is 39 years old. She is a software engineer. She works at a bank from 9 to 5. She earns \$80,000 a year and she has good benefits, too. She's expecting her second child in about a month. She had her first child when she was 31.

Two

Mike Shaw drives to work. It only takes him twenty minutes to get to work. Mrs. Shaw commutes to work. It takes her 40 minutes by train to get to work. At home, she drives a minivan.

Three

The Shaws live in a house with their son, Andy. He's 8 years old. Mr. Shaw's parents also live with them. They're retired. Andy likes living with his grandparents. The Shaws have two pets, a cat and a dog. Their house cost \$175,000 and it's old. It has 4 bedrooms, a living room, a kitchen, a family room, and a small yard.

Four

The family eats out every Friday night. They usually eat Chinese or Italian food. After a long, busy week, they like to take a break from cooking.

Five

Every summer, they take a vacation for two weeks. They always go to the beach.

Six

Like many American families, they spend most evenings at home. Maria, Grandma Shaw, and Andy usually sit in the family room and watch TV or a movie. There's another TV upstairs, but everyone likes to sit together in the family room. Grandpa Shaw usually falls asleep in the chair. It's a relaxing evening for everyone except Mike. Mike sits at his desk and corrects his students' homework.

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The Average Community College Student

About 40 percent of all college students in the United States attend community colleges. Community colleges are schools that offer two-year associate degrees and certificates and licenses in a large number of careers, such as paralegal, office assistant, and information technician. The 1,108 community colleges in the United States also train students for new jobs and offer courses in many subjects, including English as a second language.

Most community colleges have open admissions; they accept almost all students who apply. Thirty-six percent of the students are the first ones in their families to attend college. Most students need one or more basic skills courses in reading, writing, or math to prepare them for college-level classes. Sixty-two percent of full-time students work, so full-time schedules are difficult. More than 60 percent of all students attend school part time. The tuition at a community college is more affordable than at a four-year school. The average tuition is \$3,520 a year, and more than half of the students receive some financial aid. Many of the students who begin at a community college transfer to a four-year college for their junior and senior years.

Emily is a typical community college student. She attends school part time. As a young woman, she is part of the 56 percent of all community college students who are women. She is 28 years old, the average age of a community college student. Emily's parents and her older brother graduated from high school, but she is the first person in her family to begin college.

Emily works full time in the admissions office in the county hospital. Her goal is to become a registered nurse. She is taking pre-nursing courses and has been accepted to the nursing program. Many of the nurses in the United States receive their degrees from community colleges.

Emily is a second-semester student. During her first semester, she needed to take a course in basic math. This semester, she is taking three courses. In the fall, Emily will attend school full time and work on the weekends. She applied for financial aid and is going to receive \$1,500 a semester next year.

Most students take three years or more to complete their degrees at a community college. Emily hopes to have her nursing degree by the time she is 31.