

Review of Tenses

We use the present continuous for decisions made at the moment of speaking.

This evening I'm helping my friend to do his homework.

- We use "will" for future plans or arrangements.

I will go to England next year.

- We use "going to" for future intentions or decisions made before speaking.

I am going to repeat the exam to get a better mark.

Topic

"Destiny". The reason why I have chosen this topic is because I think it is good to reinforce reflection and the awareness of the importance of moving forward when we face a difficult situation. Through the concepts of "destiny" and "connecting the dots" the idea is to learn and communicate, and reinforce the importance of being self-confident.

Vocabulary

Some vocabulary related to the subject:

Achieve : Conseguir

Reach: Alcanzar

Arise: Surgir

Move towards something: Moverse hacia algo

To be aligned with: Estar alineado con.

Lane: Senda, camino.

Path: Senda, sendero, camino.

Get on: Subirse

Get off: Bajarse

Pursue: Seguir / perseguir

To move forward: " Tirar hacia adelante"

Shift: Cambiar, moverse a.

Rearrange: Reorganizar

Turn into: Convertir en

Skills

Practice of written and oral productions, and written and oral comprehension.

Interaction

- Spanish language – grammar, vocabulary.
- Ethics: Occidental culture.

Attitudes

- Active participation of the students.
- Students respect to the mistakes and difficulties that others can have.
- Encourage students to move forward.

Reading

- You are going to read a text. Skim it and answer the questions:

1. What is the text about?

Answer: It is about destiny.

2. Can our decisions alter the entire course of our lives?

Answer: Yes, every new decision we make can alter the entire course of our lives.

3. Is life perfect when we achieve everything we want?

Answer: No, it isn't. There will always be new desires that arise to be achieved.

Life alignment – Shift into your destiny

People think that their life will only be perfect when they have achieved everything they want, when everything is completely going the way they want it to go. They are looking at the perfect state of life as something that is in the future, that they don't have it now but they need to move towards it. The truth is even when they have reached that state, there will still be new desires that will arise to be achieved. It is an illusion to think that the perfect life is something in the future instead of being present with us.

Your perfect life is not something that happens at a certain point of time, but it is the one where you're aligned with your highest purpose.

There is not just one line of time that you will experience. There are multiple lanes of time running parallel with each other with their corresponding alternate states of the universe. Out of the many pathways that you can take in life, there is one particular path that is in alignment with your highest purpose. The universe has what you truly desire all lined up at different points of time in that particular path. The moment you step into your true path, you are living the perfect life instantly no matter where in time.

The reason why we experience disappointment and unhappiness is because we are on another path instead of our true one. Even when we are on our true path, it does not mean we will remain in it all the time. We tend to get on and off our path from time to time. The purpose of growing is to become more developed in our consciousness and being so that we can find and remain on our true path more and more of the time.

Every new decision we make can alter the entire course of our lives in ways that changes everything.

In pursuing your true path, you may face obstacles along the way that seem to stop you from moving forward.

When you think what you've been given is wrong, you're saying that the universe makes mistakes. But there are no mistakes. Every element is a piece of a greater puzzle, and with each new piece that falls into place, the look of the entire picture in the moment is changed.

Things aren't always what they seem to be. What you see are only possible future scenarios that can only be seen from the present time point of view. But as time moves along, many elements will shift and rearrange themselves turning what seems to be bad into what is completely good.

Obstacles are not really obstacles. It is an illusion when we think something is stopping us.

So your perfect life is not something you experience when all your dreams and desires are manifested. Your perfect life is not something you have to move towards in time, it is something right beside you that you can step into instantly. It is not something in the future but what you can experience in the present now. When you shift into your destiny, it is perfect.

- Read the text in more detail. Are the following statements true or false? Copy the evidence from the text.

1. *Your perfect life is something that happens at a certain point of time.*

Answer: False. Your perfect life is not something that happens at a certain point of time, but it is the one where you're aligned with your highest purpose.

2. *You can take in life a lot of different pathways.*

Answer: True. Out of the many pathways that you can take in life, there is one particular path that is in alignment with your highest purpose

0. *Something bad can turn into something good.*

Answer: True. As time moves along, many elements will shift and rearrange themselves turning what seems to be bad into what is completely good.

Grammar exercise

- Complete the sentences using the correct future form of the verbs in brackets:

- You (go) to a new school in two years. (Answer: "will")

- When she leaves school she(work) in an office. (Answer: "will work")

- What (you do)on Sunday?. (Answer: “ are you doing”)
- I (not read) the newspaper at the moment. (Answer: “am not reading”)
- Are you (visit) somewhere new? (Answer: “going to visit”)

Pronunciation exercise

- Look at the phonetic transcript and write the words next to them:
 - [ə' raɪz]..... (Answer: Arise)
 - ['destɪni]..... (Answer: Destiny)
 - [pa:θ]..... (Answer: path)
 - [ə' tʃi:v]..... (Answer: Achieve)
 - ['ri:ə'reɪndʒ]..... (Answer: Rearrange)
 - [pə'sju:]..... (Answer: Pursue)

Listening

- You are going to listen to Steve Jobs speech in the commencement of 2005 Stanford University course. Steve Jobs is the CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of Apple Computer and Pixar Animation Studios. Listen to it and answer the questions below.

(Listen only from minute 0:00 to minute 5:20)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RtbJM9ksxo8>

- What is the story about? Answer: It is about connecting the dots.
- When did the story start? Answer: The story started before he was born.
- What did his biological mother wanted? Answer: She wanted her baby to be adopted by college graduates.
- Has he been successful in life? Answer: Yes, he has been very successful.
- How do you feel after listening to his story? (The answer depends on students ideas)

Speaking

- Work in pairs and make a conversation with your partner using the following information:

Student A

You feel very sad because you haven't got something that you expected.

You think that nothing is going on the way you wanted.

Explain how you feel.

Student B

Some time ago you thought you were no lucky at all. But some time later things changed and you realized that you were wrong. Explain your partner that things aren't always what they seem to be.

Writing

- Imagine that you felt very sad in the past when you thought you would get a good mark in an exam and you failed it . Using the information below, write (100-125 words) about your feelings.

- *It was an English exam.*
- *You studied a lot for the exam.*
- *You felt nervous during the exam and you failed almost all the questions.*
- *You felt terribly sad.*
- *You studied again and got even more prepared for the next exam.*
- *You prepared yourself to stay calm in difficult moments.*
- *You got a very high mark in the second exam.*
- *You feel happy as you learnt something more than study for an exam.*

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This exercise would be homework for the student. The student would practice grammar and vocabulary and would also learn the importance of feeling sure about oneself.