



ACTIVITY SHEET

EPISODE 15: ASTRONOMER

Practise and consolidate your learning about language functions by completing our activities. Remember you can refer to the study notes if you need help.

ACTIVITY 1

Match the function on the left-hand side with an example of its use on the right.

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| 1. preference | I suspect there will be strong growth in tourism after a media campaign. |
| 2. explaining cause/effect | One of the main differences is the quality of the product. |
| 3. opinion | Driving to work is more convenient and comfortable than public transport. |
| 4. speculating | That's due to the drought conditions and tribal war in the country. |
| 5. planning | I would rather live by the sea than inland. |
| 6. comparing | I believe that a person's attitude to life is a good indicator of success. |
| 7. describing participants | It might be a good idea to offer a free ticket to the cinema. |
| 8. contrasting | A lack of employment opportunities causes crime. |
| 9. suggesting | It's just 50 kilometres from the sea. |
| 10. giving a reason business. | Then I would like to start my own |



ACTIVITY 2

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seldom	procedure	comprehensive	approximately	economical

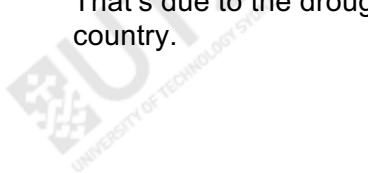
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3. Maintenance on the small car was **inexpensive**.
4. The 10-year study on childhood obesity was **thorough**.
5. Only the last two questions in the test were somewhat **difficult**.
6. Jane's travelling **companion** fell ill on the last leg of the trip.
7. John's **method** of calculating the benefits is still the most reliable way.
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