

## **Student Preparation Sheet**

### **SI Salon 1 - Phones and Phone Conversations**

Pre-Salon task:

Ask your friends and family what they own or which phone they want to buy.

What are the features and functions?

What is a good APP you like using? Why is it good?

**Key Vocabulary :**

Extension	Voicemail	Signal
Ringtone	Reject	Landline
Text message	Apps	Operating system
Data	Mute	Textese

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### **SI Salon 2 - Animals**

#### **Pre-Salon task:**

Think of an animal & complete these sentences

How many animals can you think of?

I live in ... I can...

What do they look like?

I eat... ... eat me

What do they like to do?

I'm afraid of... .... are afraid of me

#### **Key Vocabulary :**

Milked	Ridden	Stubborn
Itch	Sting	Bite
Insect	Mammal	Dragonfly
Scorpion	Cockroach	Weasel
Poisonous	Mosquito	Jellyfish

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### **SI Salon 3 - Conversation Skills**

#### **Pre-Salon task:**

Practice translating everyday short conversations you have into English.

Could you say it in a different way?

What do you want to borrow from your friends? How could you ask?

If you are a guest on a trip what help and things would you ask for?

Key Vocabulary :

Greeting	Request	Informal
How's it going?	Would you..?	Shall we...?
What are you up to ...?	May I...?	Residence
What's up?	Do you mind if I ...?	Admissions

## **Student Preparation Sheet**

### **SI Salon 4 - Critical Thinking**

#### **Pre-Salon task:**

What are some big and small choices you make? Can you think of some examples?  
How do you make a big decision? What different methods could you use to help you choose? Think of a problem and ask yourself 'why?' five times, this can help you uncover the source of the problem.

#### **Key Vocabulary :**

Critical thinking	Logical thinking	Creative thinking
Reason	Rational	Irrational
Short-term	Long-term	Educated guess
Concrete	Occur	Gamble

## **Student Preparation Sheet**

### **SI Salon 5 - Debate and Disagreement**

#### **Pre-Salon task:**

What is an example of a fight, an argument and a debate?

If you had a problem with a classmate, what would you say in English to tell them?

If you had a problem with your professor, what would you say in English to tell them?

Key Vocabulary :

Debate	Disagreement	Argument
Defend	Attack	Devils advocate
Formal	Polite	For sth to go unnoticed

## **Student Preparation Sheet**

### **SI Salon 6 - Non-verbal communication**

#### **Pre-Salon task:**

How do you say “yes”, “no”, “i don’t know”, “come here”, “go away!” “Be quiet” without saying a word. Is it different in other countries?

When someone takes a photo of you what pose and gesture do you make? What does it mean?

#### **Key Vocabulary :**

Body language	Verbal	Non-verbal
Facial expression	Gestures	Tone of voice
Choking	Time out	Helicopter

## **Student Preparation Sheet**

### **SI Salon 7 - Phrasal Verbs**

#### **Pre- Salon task::**

Can you match these words together?

Get	on
Come	Up
Go	off
Turn	out
Take	in
Put	down

How many go together? Can you make any sentences?

#### **Key Vocabulary :**

Phrasal verb	Synonym	Replacement
Caterpillar	Remodeling	Building permit
Fire extinguisher	Reschedule	Blurry

## **Student Preparation Sheet**

### **SI Salon 8 - Probabilities and Cards**

#### **Pre- Salon task:**

How many cards are there in one pack of cards?

Pick a card, What number and suit is it (hearts, diamonds, clubs or spades)?

Put the card back in the pack, can you pick the same card twice without looking?

Do you know any dice or card games? Could you explain the rules in English?

#### **Key Vocabulary :**

Deck	Suit	Deal
Dealer	Face up	Face down
Shuffle	Probabilities	Odds
Speculation	Assume	Ratio



## **Student Preparation Sheet**

### **SI Salon 9 - The Sound of English**

**Pre- Salon task:**

What are your favorite English language songs? Do you know the words?

Do you know any poetry written in English?

Think of some pairs of words that have sound similar but start with different letters.

**Key Vocabulary :**

Rhyme	Interjections	Splinter
Rinse	Mince	Sling
Sponge	Kindle	Rut

## **Student Preparation Sheet**

### **SI Salon 10 - University Entrance Exam**

#### **Pre- Salon task:**

What subject would you like to study after you finish school? Where could you study that subject?

Which country would you like to go to, to study? What are your options?

What questions are asked in an university entrance interview?

#### **Key Vocabulary :**

Preference	Interview	Course
Major	Degree	Specific
Vague	Crucial	Extra-curricular activities
Contribute	Graduate	Influence

## **Student Preparation Sheet**

### **SI Salon 11 - Life of Einstein**

#### **Pre- Salon task:**

Who was Albert Einstein? Why was he famous?

When you are too busy to talk to someone what do you say? Think of some good excuses.

Do you like doing homework? Why? Why not?

Can you think of a good invention? What is it? Why is it useful?

If you won a special prize what would you say in your speech?

#### **Key Vocabulary :**

Compass	Spark	Excel
Miracle	The Nobel Prize	Excuse
Acceptance speech	Device	Patent office

## **Student Preparation Sheet**

### **SI Salon 12 - Memories**

#### **Pre- Salon task:**

Do you have a good memory?

Where is the best place you have ever been to? Can you remember that place? Use as many adjectives as you can to describe it.

#### **Key Vocabulary :**

Memory	Memorize	Remember
Remind	Recall	Reminisce
Amnesia	Short-term memory	Long-term memory

## **Student Preparation Sheet**

### **SI Salon 13 - Travelling for Study**

#### **Pre- Salon task:**

What advice would you give someone going on holiday to China?

What country in the world would you like to visit? Who would you go with? What would you bring with you?

What would you bring back?

Spend some time looking at a world map in English. Do the country names and famous cities sound the same in English and Chinese?

Plan a trip all the way around the world, where would you stop and take a rest on the way?

#### **Key Vocabulary :**

Visa	Itinerary	Culture shock
International	Advice	Essentials
Homesick	Accommodation	Overseas

## **Student Preparation Sheet**

### **SI Salon 14 - Gilligan's Island**

#### **Pre- Salon task:**

Imagine you are on an Island in the ocean far from anybody. What would you eat? How would you live? How could you get home?

#### **Key Vocabulary :**

Island	Castaway	Native
Tribe	Hut	Bury
Dilemma	Raft	First mate
Skipper	Clumsy	Cruise
Botany	Level headed	Rural
Practical minded	Down to earth	Spoiled
Socialite	Mother-figure	Sneaky
Corrupt	Vain	Resist

## **Student Preparation Sheet**

### **SI Salon 15 - Ethical Dilemmas**

#### **Pre- Salon task:**

What is good and evil? Is this different in different places at different times?

What should you do or not do to live a good life?

When we have to make difficult choices who should we consider, can you think of some examples of decisions we make that affect other people?

#### **Key Vocabulary :**

Ethics	Morals	Ethical dilemma
Moral dilemma	Assignment	Shoplifting
Strict	To get dropped from smt	Overseeing
Accused	Urge	Pursue
Sneak	Struggling	Over the counter medication

## **Student Preparation Sheet**

### **SI Salon 16 - Fame**

#### **Pre- Salon task:**

Are you a fan? Do you have an idol?

Why are some people famous?

How could you get famous? What would you do if you were famous? Would you like being famous? What are benefits of fame? What are the problems?

#### **Key Vocabulary :**

Celebrity	Star status	Claim to fame
Relate	Pro	Con
Politician	Entertainer	Athlete



## **Student Preparation Sheet**

### **SI Salon 17 - Common Errors**

#### **Pre- Salon task:**

What part of studying English do you think is easy?

What part of English is especially difficult?

What opportunities do you have to improve your English?

What stops you getting better at English?

Translate these words directly into Chinese and then back into English- Fire car; fire leg; small heart; water dragon head; horse horse tiger tiger

#### **Key Vocabulary :**

Tenses	Prepositions	Pronunciation
Error	Consequences	Brand
Massage	Chinglish	Accurate

## **Student Preparation Sheet**

### **SI Salon 18 - Dreams**

#### **Pre- Salon task:**

Could you describe the story of your dream in English? What does it mean?

What is your worst nightmare?

Describe the perfect day or perfect place to be.

Imagine a perfect future, what would happen?

#### **Key Vocabulary :**

Dream	Nightmare	Nap
Snooze	Day dream	Snore
Analyse	Symbolism	Representation
Recurring dream	Vivid	Sleepwalk
Desire	Goal	Degrees of certainty

## **Student Preparation Sheet**

### **SI Salon 19 - Fact or Fiction**

#### **Pre- Salon task:**

What's your favorite story? Is it a movie or a book? Is it a true story?

Do you know ghost story? Tell the story in English.

Imagine you meet a friendly alien, What would you do? What would you say?

#### **Key Vocabulary :**

Fairy Tale	Legend	Fact
Fiction	Myth	Visible
Shaved	Blind	Fingernails
Toenails	Striped skin	Fur
Ghosts	Aliens	Psychic
Blood type	Determines	Fate

## **Student Preparation Sheet**

### **SI Salon 20 - Movies**

#### **Pre- Salon task:**

What type of Movie do you like?

Who is your favorite actor?

If you met a famous actor what question would you ask?

What is the name of your favorite film? What happens in the story?

#### **Key Vocabulary :**

Theatre	Celebrity	Agent
Reporter	Paparazzi	Refuse
Plot	Characters	Actor/actress
Special effects	Reasonable	Spoil
Etiquette	Theme	Blockbuster
Genre	Setting	Sequel

## **Student Preparation Sheet**

### **SI Salon 21 - Go Fish!**

#### **Pre- Salon task:**

What different card games do you know? Ask a friend or family member to teach you a new one.  
If you need help from your friends what would you say?

#### **Key Vocabulary :**

To play cards	A deck of cards	Spade
Club	Heart	Diamond
A suit	Face card	King
Queen	Jack	Ace
Joker	Shuffle	Deal
Decline	Accept	Gracefully

## **Student Preparation Sheet**

### **SI Salon 22 - Value and Worth**

#### **Pre- Salon task:**

What is very expensive to buy? If you pay more money do you always get better quality?  
Can you convince a buyer to spend more money? What things in life are worth more than money?  
If you were in charge of a school what would you do to make it better?

#### **Key Vocabulary :**

Value	Worth	Prices
Possession	Insurance	Appropriate
Guarantee	Deal	Pitch
Passionate	Empasize	Positive
Deemphasize	Negative	Rhetorical question
Advice	Panel	Quality

## **Student Preparation Sheet**

### **SI Salon 23 - Leadership**

#### **Pre- Salon task:**

A good leader must be ... A good leader must not be ...

A good leader always... A good leader never....

Can you think of any successful teams or music groups. Why do they work better together?

#### **Key Vocabulary :**

Leader	Respective strength	Respective weakness
Individualist	Collectivist	Debate
Lateral thinking	Bitter	Neon light
Sparrow	Mineral	Whiskey
Hawk	Personality	Decision making
Commitment	Sympathetic	Blame

## **Student Preparation Sheet**

### **SI Salon 24 - Planes, Trains and Automobiles**

#### **Pre- Salon task:**

What is the best way to travel?

What is the fastest, cheapest, most comfortable, safest and most reliable way to go to different places?

#### **Key Vocabulary :**

Advantage	Disadvantage	Designate
Summary	Stranger	Presentation
For / against	Proposition	Kick-off
Slogan	Catchy	Associated
Benefit	Drawback	Segway
Hoverboard	Unicycle	submarine



## **Student Preparation Sheet**

### **SI Salon 25 - China English**

#### **Pre- Salon task:**

If you had to go a new country you had not heard of before what questions would you ask before you go?  
Make a list of six.  
Answer these same six questions about China.

#### **Key Vocabulary :**

Chinglish	Phrase	Language families
In common	Tones	Characters
Memorize	Alphabet	Inflected
Hongbao	Pinyin	One county, Two systems
Gaokao	Guanxi	Hukao System
Chengguan	Feng Shui	Mianzi

## **Student Preparation Sheet**

### **SI Salon 26 - Family Dynamics**

#### **Pre- Salon task:**

What makes parents happy?  
What makes sons and daughters happy?  
What should families do together?

#### **Key Vocabulary :**

Association	Description	Divorced
Married	Remarried	Step-son
Half brother	African American	Middle child
Siblings	Ex-husband	Dating
Relocate	Mature	Despite
Degree	Inconvenience	support

## **Student Preparation Sheet**

### **SI Salon 27 - Memory Practice**

#### **Pre- Salon task:**

What did you do yesterday? Starting with going to bed at night try to remember what you did backwards finishing with waking up.

#### **Key Vocabulary :**

Memory	Engage	Memorize
Whisper	Supreme	Belief
Disbelief	Random	Crazy
Forthcoming	Believable	Alternative
Oxygen	Slug	Misplaced
Frown	Wrinkle	Blink
Manufacture	Overhead	Raw materials