HAPPINESS

All the answers must be given in Spanish

PRE-READING ACTIVITY

1. Tell three things that in your opinion characterize happy people.
2. Do you think happiness has to do with age, race, educational level, material wealth, or anything else?
3. Tell your sense of well-being (use images on page 2). Then do the same with four of your partners.
4. Who do you think are happier: married people, unmarried people, or divorced people? Explain.

WHILE-READING ACTIVITY

CONNECTIVES

Look for connectives in this reading and tell in Spanish the two linked ideas

NOUN PHRASES

Look for noun phrases (composed by at least 5 words) and give their Spanish equivalents.

REFERENTS

Look for reference words in this reading. What does each expression refer to?

SCANNING

Answer in Spanish according to the text
1. What is the happiest time of life?
2. Who are happier, man or women?
3. Does happiness have to do with age, race, educational level or material wealth?
4. In general, are the Americans happy or unhappy?
5. Tell five groups of people that are not happy.
6. Why it is not possible to know whether the happiness of people in wealthier nations is based on money?
7. Tell three anti-intuitive insights discovered by this research
8. After you have read the whole text, suggest the title and subtitles for the reading. Justify your choice.

POST-READING ACTIVITY

RHETORICAL FUNCTIONS

From the reading give a sample of
1. Cause-effect: religion and happiness.
2. Classification: how people feel about their lives.
3. Comparison: happiness in Portugal vs. happiness in Netherlands.
4. Definition: very rich people.
5. Description: some characteristics of self reported happy people.
6. Instructions: to become a happier person.

CRITICAL READING

According to some surveys the Colombians are among the happiest people in the world. Do you agree or disagree with that statement? Explain

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