
Life Skills
Video Practice
Stand Out 4 Unit 8

Ask your students the following questions to introduce the topic of the video they will watch.



A **BEFORE** **Discuss the questions with a partner.**

1. Which places in your community need to be cleaned up? Why?
2. What can you do if an area near you has a lot of litter?

Silent Viewing: Show the video in segments without sound so students can guess at the story line.

WATCH THE VIDEO WITHOUT SOUND AND TRY TO GUESS THE STORY.



Second Viewing: Show the video again so students can check predictions.

WATCH THE VIDEO WITH SOUND AND TRY TO RETELL THE STORY.



Ask your students to watch the video and complete the activity. Replay the video if needed.



B **WHILE** **Watch the video and complete the parts of the conversation.**

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Naomi: What a (2) _____. It used to be nice and clean.

Mateo: Well, it's definitely not nice and clean (3) _____.

Naomi: How did it (4) _____ so bad?

Hector: It all changed after the local (5) _____. Remember?

Check the correct answers with students.



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C **AFTER** **What do Mateo, Naomi, and Hector suggest to fix the problem?**

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- ☐ do nothing
- ☐ picking up the garbage twice a week
- ☐ writing to 100 people
- ☐ planting new trees

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Select students. Have partners take turns performing the task. Check and correct anywhere possible.



CHOOSE SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE CHANGED. DRAFT A SHORT LETTER TO THE CITY COUNCIL IN WHICH YOU DESCRIBE THE PROBLEM AND SUGGEST A SOLUTION.

UNIT 8 This Place Looks Like A Garbage Dump

Naomi: Look at this place! Can you believe it? **Mateo:** Man, this place really needs to be cleaned up. There's trash everywhere. **Hector:** This place looks like a garbage dump. **Naomi:** What a shame. It used to be nice and clean. **Mateo:** Well it's definitely not nice and clean anymore. **Naomi:** How did it get so bad? **Hector:** It all changed after the local elections, remember? **Mateo:** That's right. After this election, I noticed that this neighborhood started to get really trashed, and they stopped picking up the garbage like they used to. **Hector:** I guess the city council decided they had more important ways to spend our money. **Naomi:** Well something should be done about this. **Hector:** I agree. But what can you do? **Naomi:** We could at least write a letter to the city council or something. **Mateo:** That's not a bad idea. **Naomi:** I think I will write a letter to the city council. Does anybody have a pen and paper? I'm so mad I want to start writing it right now. **Hector:** Here, use mine. **Naomi:** Help me make a list of things to include. For starters, I think all this garbage should be cleaned up right away. **Mateo:** But that won't solve the problem unless they pick up the garbage on a regular basis, like they used to. **Naomi:** You're right. The garbage needs to be picked up at least twice a week. **Hector:** And what about this graffiti? Can't they do something about that? **Naomi:** The graffiti should be t r a s h e d off. **Hector:** And, it would look nicer if they planted some trees or something. **Naomi:** Trees need to be planted. Anything else? **Mateo:** Well, let's just leave it at that for now. You can't change the whole world in one day. **Naomi:** Wow! Isn't this great? **Hector:** It looks just like it used to. **Naomi:** There isn't a single scrap of paper on the ground. **Mateo:** Even the graffiti has been r emoved. **Naomi:** It's amazing, isn't it? I wrote that letter to the city council, and I got more than 100 people to sign it. Three weeks later, this place is like new. **Hector:** Yeah, but where are the trees? We said we wanted some trees to be planted! **Mateo:** I guess you can't get everything you want. **Naomi:** The important thing is we got involved. We did something and we made a difference. **Hector:** Guys, I'm getting a little emotional. Can I get a hug? **Mateo:** Get out! **Hector:** Guys? Guys!