

Preparatory English 2

Unit 1: Congratulations, Asking & Giving Advice

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Warming up

Congratulations versus Condolences

List out the occasions when both are expressed.



Congratulations

The Patterns of Expressions

- **Congratulations on...**[your graduation/the birth of your little girl/your promotion]
- **Well done, *Dave*!** [I heard you have just received the JPA scholarship].
- **That's brilliant, *Mike*!** [I am so happy to know that you have been nominated for the best student award]!



Condolences

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Before we go further....

Message from Alice:

Friends, I think I'm in trouble. Lately, I get a lot of strangers on my Facebook list and some of them keep on harassing me on my wall. **What should I do?**

- *How would you help Alice?*



Grammar Focus

Advice vs. Advise (What's the difference?)



Grammar Focus

Advice (Noun) – guidance or recommendations or suggestions.

Advise (Verb) – the action of giving guidance or suggestions.



Asking for Advice

The Patterns of Expressions

- ***Would you mind advise me on*** [the course registration for this semester]?
- ***Can you provide some ideas for*** [the birthday party]?
- ***I need your opinion on*** [the trip this coming weekend].



Giving Advice

The Patterns of Expressions

- ***Maybe you can consider*** [completing the assignments earlier].
- ***I think you should*** [buy the new iPhone].
- ***It would be good if you*** [try harder next time].

Activity 1

Read this text and try to offer advice to Jess.

Dear Aunty Alice,

I am 21 years old. My mother passed away at the beginning of the year and I am still grieving her loss. When I come home, I expect to see my mother but she is no longer around. I am an only child and have no brothers and sisters to share my grief with. Worse still, I think my father is dating. What should I do? I cannot come to terms with this.

Jess.

