

# While You Were Away

A lot has happened in your life while you have been abroad. You may have seen new sites, met new people, experienced a different culture(s), spoken a different language, tasted different foods, and had new adventures. Although different from yours, your friends and family have also experienced changes in their lives—some of which you are not yet aware. This activity allows you the opportunity to recognize the changes in the US that you are aware of and identify some that you may need to investigate.

## Changes you are aware of

### Family Changes

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

### Friends' Changes

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

### Changes on Campus

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

### Community Changes

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

### Changes in US Culture

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

## Changes to inquire about

### Changes Among Family and Friends

- New partners
- Marriages/Divorces
- Births
- New living arrangements
- Illnesses
- Deaths
- Career changes
- Graduations

### Changes in the Community

- Neighbors
- New roads
- New shopping areas
- New buildings
- Public transportation availability

### Changes on Campus

- New faculty
- Different procedures
- New buildings
- Different living situation
- New graduation requirements

### Changes in US Culture and Society

- Slang expressions
- Movies
- TV programs
- Clothing style
- Music
- New laws