
ANSWER KEY

Unit 4**A**

- 1 False. She thinks they're doing OK, but doesn't think they're perfect and acknowledges they've made some mistakes.
- 2 False. He thinks he's a liar and should go to prison.
- 3 True. He doesn't believe the official line – that the war was about human rights and protecting people (though perhaps students could argue that he's not sceptical; he just totally doesn't believe the official reasons!)
- 4 True. She's worried about the government's economic policy and notes that inflation has shot up.
- 5 False. She thinks he comes across as being really fake – and that he just says whatever he thinks people want to hear.
- 6 True. She thinks that if they implement the tax cuts they're promising, it'll lead to reduced public spending, which will hurt the poor.
- 7 False. He's worried that if the country becomes more like Sweden or Norway then it'd be bad for him as he'd end up having to pay higher taxes.
- 8 True. She claims he's only thinking about himself, not about society as a whole.

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- 1 what do you think of
- 2 since they came to power
- 3 I don't trust him
- 4 the taxpayers who are paying for
- 5 made some mistakes
- 6 go into recession
- 7 comes across as being
- 8 opposition wants to cut taxes
- 9 struggling to make ends meet
- 10 I'd never vote for him
- 11 it'll be very bad for me
- 12 just thinking about yourself

VIDEO SCRIPT

- Mai Are you ready to start?
- Danilo Yep. Do you want to ask first or shall I?
- Mai You can start.
- Danilo OK. So, what do you think of the government?
- Mai Well, I think they're doing OK. They're doing a lot to improve education. I mean, standards have improved since they came to power. More people are going to universities now, which is good.
- Danilo Well, that might be true, but I think the foreign policy is crazy.
- Mai Really? Why?
- Danilo Well, the president is an idiot. I don't trust him. He's a liar. Everyone knows he's a liar, but no-one ever says anything. He should go to prison!
- Mai What do you think he tells lies about?
- Danilo The war, for a start. He said it was all about human rights and protecting people, but really it's just about money. People die so big businesses can make more money. But it's the taxpayers who are paying for everything, so rich people can get richer.
- Mai Well, I supported the war! But I don't think the government is perfect. They have made some mistakes. I don't agree with all their policies. I think that their policy on the economy isn't working. I mean, some parts of the economy are doing very badly. Inflation has shot up. We might go into recession if things don't change.
- Danilo Tell me about it! That's why I'm going to vote for the opposition next time.
- Mai Seriously? I can't believe it! I can't stand their leader.
- Danilo No? Why not?
- Mai He just comes across as being really fake! He sounds good and looks good on TV, but it's not real. He's just saying whatever he thinks people want to hear.
- Danilo I just don't see it that way. I think it's great the opposition.
- Mai Seriously? Why? That will just hurt poor people even more. Less tax means less government spending, less facilities for people. Some people are already so poor that they're struggling to make ends meet. How will that help them?
- Danilo People will be free to spend their own money how they want to – or to save money more if they want to.
- Mai That's crazy. That's why I'd never vote for him! We need more public spending and higher taxes, really, not the opposite. Like, like Sweden and Norway. So we can spend more on schools and roads and hospitals and things.
- Danilo If we become like Sweden or Norway, it'll be very bad for me. I mean, at the moment I have a very nice life, a good house and everything. I don't want to lose that.
- Mai So you're just thinking about yourself?
- Danilo Hey. Don't kill me. It's not worth it. It's only politics.