



Five College Center for the Study of World Languages

### **Conversation Preparation Guides**

**Title: Activities of the Family**

**Topic: Living with a Host Family**

**Level: Intermediate**

### **Practice on Your Own**

Imagine that you are staying with a host family in a country where the language is spoken. Since you are now a part of the family, you want to know about the daily activities of the family so that you too can participate in them.

- How do you greet and address the different members of your host family?
- Prepare to ask what the daily activities of the family are and list them.
- You should ask if the activities are performed based on gender and write down what is appropriate for you.
- You will need to find out what time to wake up and when each activity is done.
- You can ask if there is specific attire that you need to wear. If you don't have the required attire, ask your host family how and where to get it.
- Prepare to tell you host family the activities of your own family and what you specifically do.

### **Practice in Conversation Session**

- Be prepared to tell your conversation partner and fellow students the country you are visiting. Your conversation partner and fellow students will follow up with questions about where exactly you will be living (in a city or in a village).
- Be prepared to role play situations in which your conversation partner plays the role of one parent of the host family. Say it is morning. Greet the parent in a culturally appropriate way using the correct morning greetings, and ask what you need to know and do. Also let the host ask you about the activities of your own family and your participation in them.
  - For example: The host mother tells you that you can assist with preparing meals, cleaning the house and doing some work on the farm. She tells you that you will need to wear a traditional garment as you engage in these activities. She offers you one and you thank her. Your host mother also asks you about the chores that you do in your own family.
- Let your conversation partner and fellow students ask you about the activities you enjoyed most and the ones you disliked. Give reasons for your answers. Use the target language as much as

you can to express yourself. Ask your conversation partner and fellow students to tell you if they have ever lived with a host family and what their experience was like.