

## UNIT 6

# THE YOUNG PIONEERS CLUB

### GETTING STARTED.

*Identify the activities that Ho Chi Minh Young Pioneer and Youth Organization (Y&Y) participate in. Check (✓) the boxes, then add more activities to the list.*

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | helping blind people         | <input type="checkbox"/> | cleaning up beaches   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | helping elderly people       | <input type="checkbox"/> | caring for animals    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | helping handicapped children | <input type="checkbox"/> | taking part in sports |



### LISTEN AND READ.

- Secretary:** Hello. May I help you?
- Nga:** Good morning. I'm enrolling for the activities for this summer.
- Secretary:** Right. Let me get an application form and we can fill it out. What's your full name, please?
- Nga:** Pham Mai Nga.
- Secretary:** And when were you born?
- Nga:** April 22, 1989.
- Secretary:** Where do you live and do you have a phone number?
- Nga:** I live at 5 Tran Phu Street, and I don't have a phone at home.
- Secretary:** Now, what are your hobbies?
- Nga:** I like drawing and outdoor activities. And I enjoy acting, too.
- Secretary:** Drawing, outdoor activities, ... and acting. Well, please take this form to your teacher and ask her to sign it. Then bring the form back to me.
- Nga:** All right. Thank you.

1. Practice the dialogue with a partner.

2. Complete Nga's details.

• Name: _____	• Date of birth: _____
• Home address: _____	• Sex: _____
• Phone number: _____	• Interests: _____

**SPEAK.**

*Look at the phrases in the boxes. Then practice the dialogues with a partner.*

Asking for favors	Responding to favors
Can/Could you help me, please? Could you do me a favor? I need a favor. Can/Could you ... ?	Certainly/ Of course/ Sure. No problem. What can I do for you? How can I help you? I'm sorry. I'm really busy.
Offering assistance	Responding to assistance
May I help you? Do you need any help? Let me help you.	Yes/No. Thank you. Yes. That's very kind of you. No. Thank you. I'm fine.

- a) **Mrs. Ngoc:** Could you do me a favor, please?  
**Hoa:** Sure. What can I do for you?  
**Mrs. Ngoc:** Can you help me carry my bags? I've hurt my arm.  
**Hoa:** Certainly. I'll help you.  
**Mrs. Ngoc:** Thank you very much. That's very kind of you.



b) **Receptionist:** May I help you?

**Tourist:** Yes. Can you show me the way to the nearest bank?

**Receptionist:** Sure. Turn right when you get out of the hotel.  
Turn left at the first corner. It's on your right.

**Tourist:** Thank you very much.

*Now use the appropriate phrases in the box to make similar dialogues about some of the following situations with a partner.*

WHO	WHAT	WHY
tourist	needs to find a police station	lost money
neighbor	needs help tidying yard	has a broken leg
friend	needs help fixing her bike	has a flat tire
aunt	needs to buy some vegetables	is busy cooking meal

 **LISTEN.**

*Fill in the missing words.*

Children of our land (1)___.	Children of the (8)___ hold hands.
Let's sing for (2)___,	Let's (9)___ our love from (10)___ to place.
Let's sing for (3)___.	Let's shout (11)___ loud,
Let's sing for the (4)___	Let's make a (12)___,
between (5)___ and (6)___,	Oh, children of the (13)___,
Oh, children (7)___ our	hold hands.
land, unite,	

*Adapted from a song by Margarete Thomas-Cochran*

**READ .**

Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union is an organization for Vietnamese youth from 15 to 30 years of age. The Union builds good character, love for the nation, and encourages good citizenship, soft skills and personal fitness.

The Union was founded on March 26 1931 by the beloved President Ho Chi Minh. It had different names over the years. One of its first names was 'Vietnam Communist Youth Union'. In December 1976, it was officially named as it is called today: Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union. However, people normally use the name 'The Youth Union' for short.

The Youth Union, together with other youth organizations such as the Young Pioneers Organization, the Vietnam Youth Federation, the Vietnam Students Union, often hold social activities such as Helping the Handicapped, Cleaning the Environment, Green Summer Volunteers Campaign, and other similar movements. These activities aim to help the young develop their public awareness and form their personality.

Ever since the Union was founded, its aims and principles, established by President Ho Chi Minh, have been the guidelines for the young Vietnamese people of today and tomorrow.

**1. Fill in the missing information.**

- a) The Youth Union was founded in .....
- b) In ..... the Youth Union was officially named as it is called today.
- c) The Youth Union's activities aim to help the young develop .....
- d) Its aims and principles have been ..... for the young Vietnamese people of today and tomorrow.

**2. Answer. Then write the answers in your exercise book.**

- a) At what age can one join the Youth Union?
- b) When was the Youth Union founded?
- c) What is the complete name of the Youth Union?
- d) Can you name some social activities of the Youth Union?
- e) What do these activities aim to help?
- f) Who established the guidelines for the Vietnamese youth?
- g) (*open question - optional*)  
What names have the Youth Union had over the years?



## WRITE.

### 1. Read the passage and complete the letter.

November 21, 2003

### NOTICE

*To: All Y&Y members of the school*

The Y&Y is planning to help the community by encouraging all members to participate in a recycling program. All you have to do is to collect used glass, paper and cans, and send them for recycling. By doing this, we can help save natural resources and earn some money for the organization.

If possible, you can participate in other programs such as raising funds for the poor, helping street children and planting trees and flowers along the sidewalks or in the parks.

Join us and register from today.

The Secretary

Dear Linh,

I'm glad to tell you that I'm going to have interesting activities.

The Y&Y is (0) planning to help the (1) \_\_\_\_\_. I will participate in its (2) \_\_\_\_\_ program. In this program, we will (3) \_\_\_\_\_ glass, used paper and cans. Then we will (4) \_\_\_\_\_ them for (5) \_\_\_\_\_.

I hope I can (6) \_\_\_\_\_ natural resources and (7) \_\_\_\_\_ some money for my school Y&Y in these activities. I also think about (8) \_\_\_\_\_ in either (9) \_\_\_\_\_ trees and flowers or (10) \_\_\_\_\_ street children. It is really interesting, isn't it?

Write to me soon and tell me all your news.

Love,

Nga

2. Read the dialogue between Hoa and her aunt. Then write Hoa's letter to her parents telling what she is going to do.

**Aunt:** Hoa, you look very happy today. Anything interesting at school?

**Hoa:** Yes, Aunt. I'm going to join the Y&Y Green Group.

**Aunt:** Really? What will you do?

**Hoa:** We are having an environment month.  
And, we're going to clean the banks of the lakes on weekends.

**Aunt:** Will you do anything else?

**Hoa:** Oh, yes. We're going to plant trees and flowers in the school garden and water them every afternoon after class.

**Aunt:** That sounds excellent.

**Hoa:** Yes, it is. And, we're planting young trees and plants to sell to some schools. We hope to give more green color to the city and earn some money for our school Y&Y.

**Aunt:** You're really great, Hoa!

Dear Mom and Dad,

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## Language focus

- Present tense with future meaning
- Gerunds
- Modals: *may, can, could*

### 1. Work with a partner. Ask and answer questions about Y & Y Spring activity program.

a)

*When do they collect and empty garbage?*

*On January 9.*

b)

*Where do they collect and empty garbage?*

*At Dong Xuan Market.*

c)

*What time do they start and finish work?*

*They start at 8 am and finish at 5 pm.*

*Youth and Young Pioneers Organization  
Spring Activity Program*

**ARE YOU READY ?**

Activity	Place	Date	Time
Collect and empty garbage	Dong Xuan Market	Jan. 9	8 am - 5 pm
Plant and water trees along streets	City center streets	Feb. 2	7 am - 10 am
Help the elderly and street children	City rest home and orphanage	Mar. 26	7 am - 4 pm
Have big gathering to support cultural-sport programs	Central stadium	Apr. 15	5 pm - 9 pm



2. Work with a partner.

a) Look at the table. Talk about our friends' hobbies.

A: Ba loves playing soccer, but he doesn't like washing up.

B: Lan doesn't like playing soccer and she doesn't like washing up, either.

	Ba				Lan			
	love	like	don't like	hate	love	like	don't like	hate
playing soccer	✓						✓	
washing up			✓				✓	
cooking meals				✓		✓		
performing music		✓				✓		
gardening			✓				✓	
gathering broken glasses		✓				✓		
watching TV		✓			✓			
camping	✓					✓		
playing badminton				✓			✓	
doing homework		✓						✓

b) Copy the table into your exercise book. Then complete it with information about you. Next ask and answer questions with your partner.



3. Work with a partner.

a) Use the expressions in the box to ask for a favor. Then practice the dialogues with a partner.



*help me with this math problem*  
*buy a ticket*  
*water the flowers in the garden*  
*take me across the road*

- A.      **Woman:**      Can/Could you help me, please?  
          **Man:**            Yes, certainly.  
          **Woman:**      Can you \_\_\_\_\_?
- B.      **Old Woman:**    Could you do me a favor?  
          **Boy:**             What can I do for you?  
          **Old Woman:**    Can you \_\_\_\_\_?
- C.      **Boy:**             I need a favor.  
          **Girl:**            How can I help?  
          **Boy:**             Could you \_\_\_\_\_?
- D.      **Grandpa :**        Can you help me, please?  
          **Niece:**          Yes. Of course.  
          **Grandpa:**      Can you \_\_\_\_\_?

b) Use useful expressions in the boxes on page 55 to complete the dialogues.  
Then practice the dialogues with a partner.

A: \_\_\_\_\_ help you?

B: Yes. Thank you. Could you fill in this form for me?

A: \_\_\_\_\_ any help?

B: No. Thank you. I'm fine.

A: Oh. This bag is heavy.

B: Let \_\_\_\_\_.

A: Yes. That's \_\_\_\_\_ of you.