

Where are we from?



Let's get to know each other.

Point to the country that you're from

And answer the questions below.

What is your name?

What country are you from?

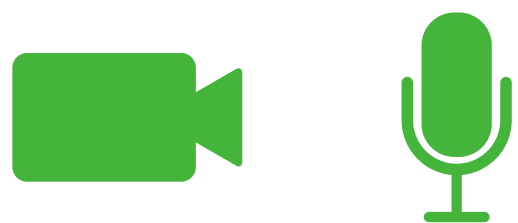
What is the name of the town or village you're from?

What language do you speak in your country?

What is your favourite thing about that place?

What is your favourite food?

What are some of your hobbies?



Group Activity

Mona + Evan

Samantha

Hiro + Vicky

Ken

Read the text below and underline the words that you do not understand.

A text about Samantha

My name is Samantha Sew (My last name is pronounced Soo) and I am a TESL student-teacher at Thompson Rivers University.

I come from a small island close to South Africa called Mauritius. It is a beautiful island where there are only two seasons in a year: summer and winter. In the summer, the highest **temperature** can go up to 40 degrees! In the winter, the lowest temperature can go down to 13 degrees, which isn't that cold when **compared** to Canada. We have beautiful beaches like Hawaii, and a green landscape with colourful flowers all year round. Canada, more **precisely**, Vancouver, became my new home six and a half years ago, and I love it here despite the cold.

Moreover, I am a **bilingual** speaker, which means I can speak French and English fluently. It was tough at first since French is my first language. I used to **translate** every single word in my head from French to English before I spoke, but now, whenever I go back home, it seems to be the opposite. Sometimes I can even speak both at the same time! It's called Frenglish.

I have **several** hobbies, but my favourites are singing, drawing, reading, playing guitar and taking pictures. My family at home has three members: my husband "Yaz", my dog "Pepper" and myself.

That sums up a little bit about myself and I am looking forward to knowing you all better.

The other group doesn't know about Samantha.

Help them learn about her.

Use the questions below to write a summary about her.

Feel free to add more details if you want to.

1. What does Samantha study at Thompson Rivers University?
2. Where is Mauritius?
3. What is the highest temperature in the summer of Mauritius?
4. What languages does she speak? What is the language called when she speaks French and English at the same time?
5. Write down three of Samantha's hobbies.
6. What is the name of her husband and her dog?
7. What words or phrases did you find interesting and the other group could add to their vocabulary journal?

Bonjour!
Hello!



Read the text below and underline the words that you do not understand.

A text about Ken

Hello everyone, my name is Ken. It is nice to meet you all! I'm taking the Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) program at TRU to become a better teacher. Here I would like to talk about myself, my life, and my hobbies.

I was born in Ottawa, the capital city of Canada! When I was about eight months old, me and my family moved to Yokohama, Japan because my mother is Japanese, and my father found a job to teach ESL in Japan. I lived in Japan for 10 years, and I grew up speaking English and Japanese at the same time. After living in Japan, we moved to Kamloops, and I have been living here since that big move.

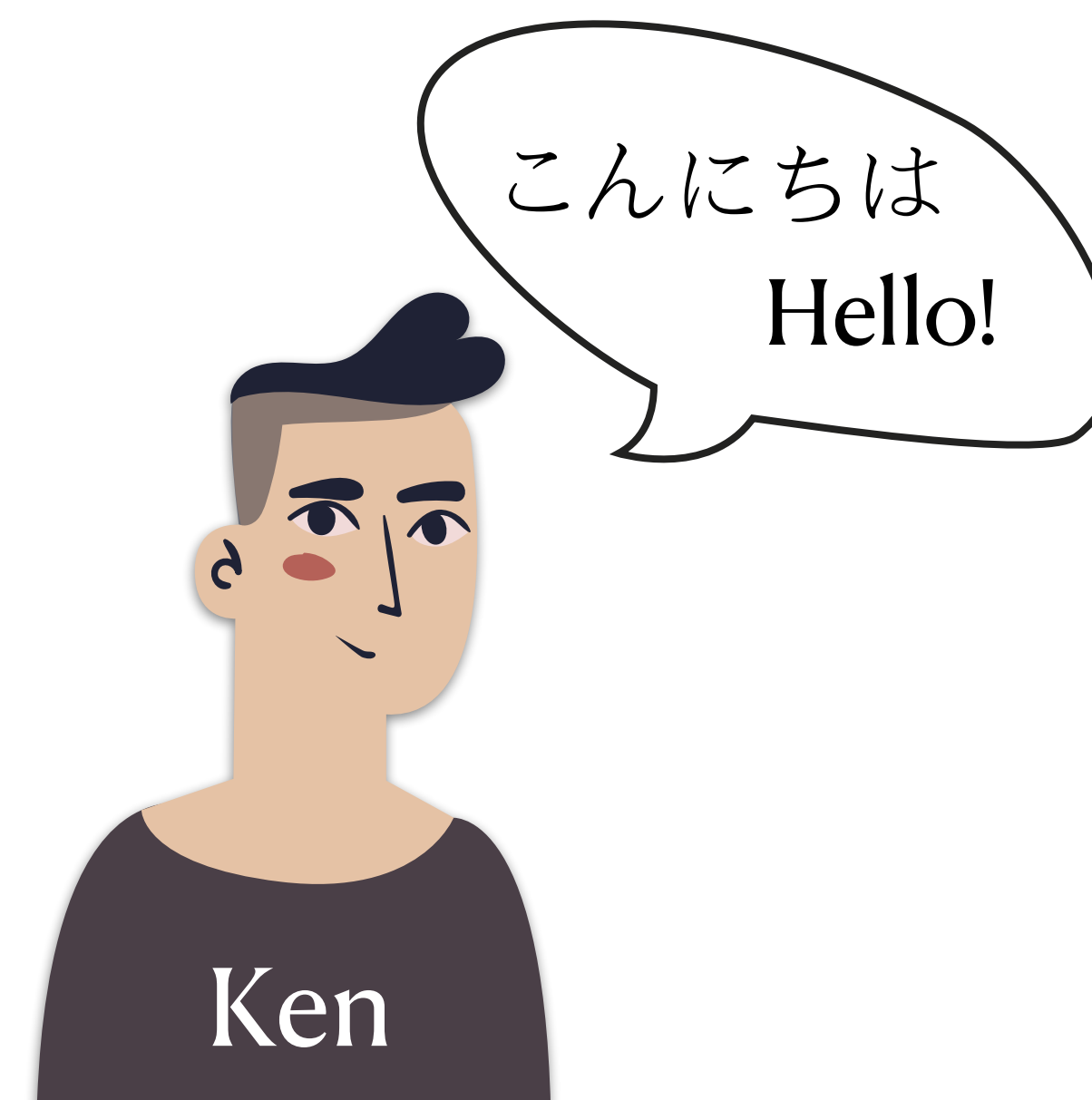
I'm almost finishing my studies in the Bachelor of Science - Physics program at TRU. I don't really know what I want to do after I graduate, but I think I will teach ESL, or become a pilot to fly airplanes because I love to fly.

I love to volunteer at my church, because I can serve my community and help people. I love to play the piano, and my favourite pieces to play are Chopin's pieces, and Jazz. You already know I love to fly, but I don't have a pilot's licence yet. So I play flying games in the meantime. I also like to play racing games like Gran Turismo, because I like cars. Finally, I like to shoot guns, and I go target shooting whenever I can.

I am very excited to be a part of this course with you. I hope to get to know you over this semester, and to have great times with you all!

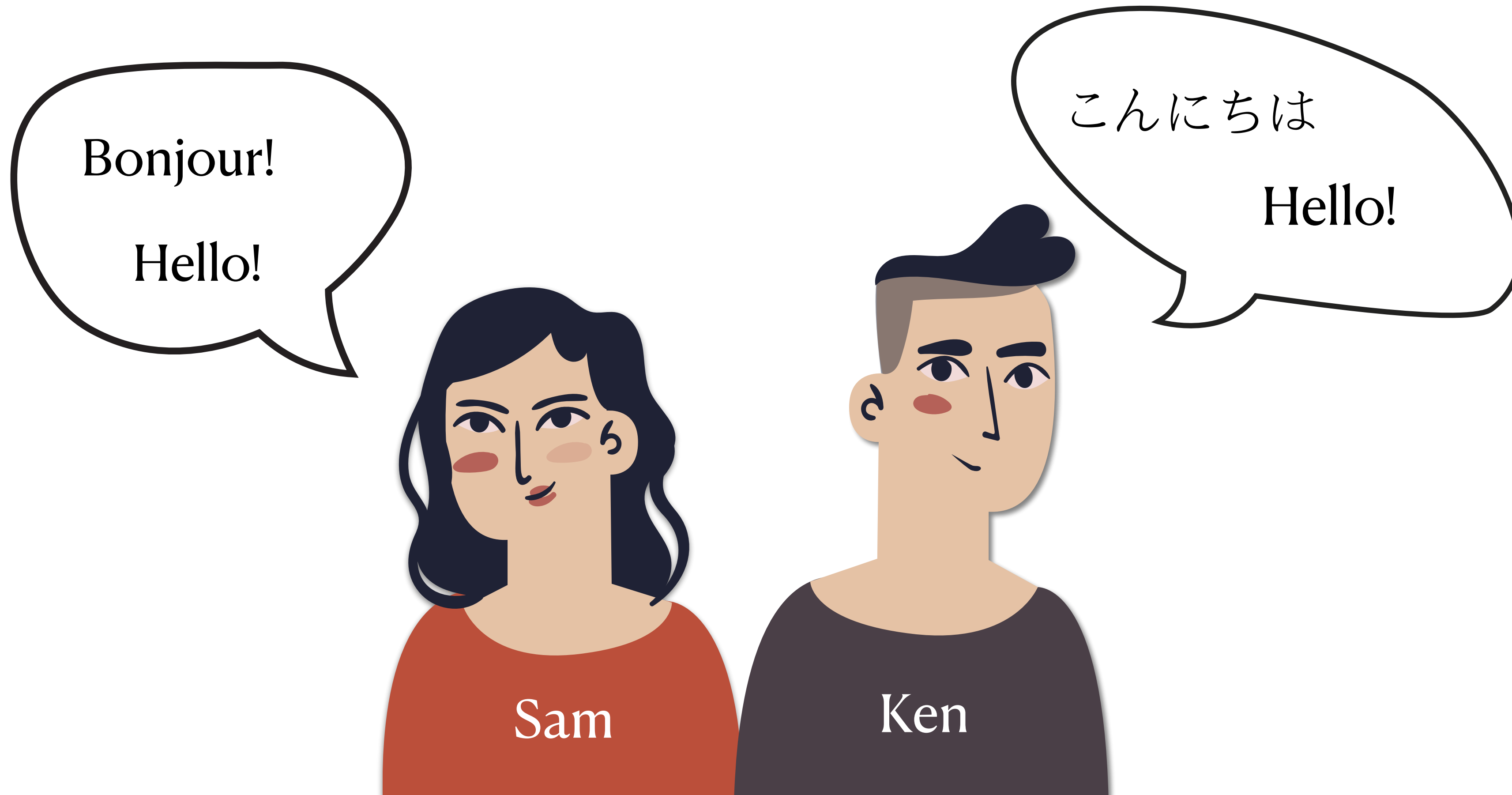
The other group doesn't know about Ken.
Help them learn about him.
Use the questions below to write a summary about him.
Feel free to add more details if you want to.

1. What are two places Ken has lived in?
2. What two programs is Ken taking at TRU?
3. What does Ken want to do after he graduates?
4. What are three of Ken's hobbies?
5. What kind of games does Ken like to play?
6. What words or phrases did you find interesting and the other group could add to their vocabulary journal?



What did you learn?

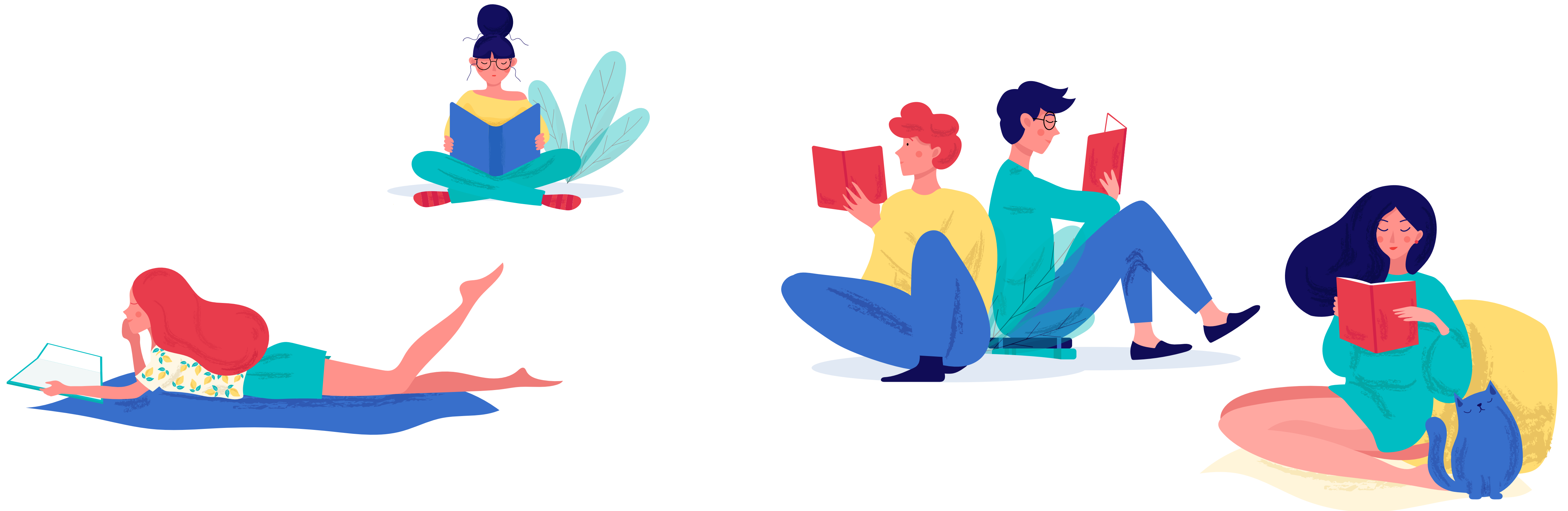
Read your summary to the other group so they can know us better.



For Next Class

For next class, Janis would like you all to read page 48, “**Is Txting Bad 4 English?**”, of your textbook.

Underline the words or phrases that you do not understand and add them to your vocabulary journal.



What about reading?

What have you read today that was in English? Make a list.

(Signs, labels, books, etc...)

Do you like to read?

If yes, what do you like to read?

If not, what is your favourite show or movie?

What about reading?

(Tips and Tricks before you leave us)

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Do you like to read?

If yes, what do you like to read?

Here's a tip!

Set a reading goal!

Pick a reading of your choosing: a book, an article, recipes, etc...

And read for at least **10 minutes** a day. Reading shouldn't be a chore, and what's 10 minutes out of 24 hours?

If not, what is your favourite show or movie?

Here's a tip!

Try watching an episode in English with subtitles and read the dialogues.

