

# NEW CUTTING EDGE

## UPPER INTERMEDIATE

### Module 2 – Life's ups and downs

- 1 What can you remember from the text in Module 2 about what is good for you? Write one sentence for each of the following areas.

Exercise

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A low-fat diet

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Drinking tea and coffee

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Eating chocolate

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Playing computer games

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Being married

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Low self-esteem

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Watching soap operas on TV

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Now check what you have written with the text on page 19.

- 2 Read this news report and correct the prefixes.

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#### Teacher's notes

This worksheet is designed for use after completion of pages 18–23.

- 1 Ask students to think back to the text they read *So you think you know what's good for you?* on page 19. If you like, you could get students to discuss what they remember with their partners. Students write one sentence for each of the areas. They can then check their answers by looking again at the text on page 19.
- 2 Students read the news report and correct the prefixes.

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