

## Theme 1: Teenage Life

### Situation 2: Image and Pressure to be Slim

Some secondary school students are talking about a famous Canto-pop star who they admire. This star is called Mia Choy and she is young, slim and pretty. Mia Choy is the spokesperson for a slimming product. One of the characters disagrees with the other students and thinks that they shouldn't be so concerned about their image.

**Characters:**            Liu            Chen            Wong            Chu            Wai

**Note:** All the characters are teenage females.

### SCRIPT

- Liu:** Hi, everyone. . . have you done your Maths homework?  
**Chen:** Maths homework. . . don't be so boring. We are talking about the best way to get nice and slim.  
**Liu:** Again? That's all you ever talk about!  
**Wong:** No, it isn't. Besides, there is nothing wrong with wanting to look pretty.  
**Chu:** Yes, did you see that picture of Mia Choy in the MTR today? She really looks great: so slim, so cute...no wonder everyone likes her.  
**Wai:** Which picture? I didn't see that.  
**Chu:** That's because you were busy brushing your hair and putting on make-up!  
**Liu:** Can we please talk about something different for a change?  
**Wong:** Are you bored with our conversation? If you are, you can just leave.  
**Liu:** I'm not bored...really. I just don't think famous people should promote slimming products.  
**Wai:** What? Mia Choy is promoting slimming products?  
**Chen:** YES! You must be the last person in Hong Kong to find out, Wai.  
**Chu:** I love Mia Choy. She is lovely. She looks cute and sings like an angel, too.  
**Wong:** Her singing is okay, but she is at least 25 years old, you know. It is about time she went on a diet.  
**Chu:** Yes, girls really have to take care of their looks to stay popular. I would hate to be fat and ugly.  
**Liu:** Are you joking? Are you crazy?  
**Chen:** Look, Liu, I have had enough of you today. Stop being so rude and start being normal.  
**Liu:** I don't think it is normal to think and talk about being slim and pretty all the time.  
**Wai:** Why? It is a lot more interesting than talking about Maths homework. Perhaps you should lose some weight.  
**Liu:** I don't need to lose any weight. I am healthy and happy, thank you! I don't trust slimming products.  
**Wong:** Well, if Mia Choy uses the product, I think the product is good. In fact, I would like to lose some weight.  
**Chen:** Yes, so would I.

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**Wai:** Me too.

**Chu:** I would like to be slimmer, too.

**Liu:** I just don't understand you.

**Chen:** Well, we just don't understand YOU! Don't tell us how to lead our lives. We are supposed to be friends. Why do you always disagree with us?

**Wai:** And talk about homework and books.

**Chu:** Let's leave her alone. Liu can find some new friends.

**Wai:** Bye, Liu.

**Chen:** Stop, don't go! I just meant...we don't have to talk about slimming all the time. . . wait. . .