

1 Write down the verbs. One example is given.

example: use banks

_____	cars	_____	banks
_____	a TV	_____	hot dogs
_____	electricity	_____	a phone
_____	the doctor's	_____	baseball

2 Use the phrases from TASK1 and complete the table below.

The Amish can

The Amish can't

3 Complete with can or can't.

- 1 Her parents aren't very strict. She _____ do what she wants.
- 2 You _____ park here. It's only for taxis.
- 3 _____ I smoke here? No, you _____ .
- 4 They _____ eat pork because they're Muslims.
- 5 _____ we pay by credit card? Yes, you can.
- 6 In England, you _____ vote when you're 18.

4 Do you think the sentences are true (T) or false (F)? Read paragraph 3 and 4 and check your answers.

- 1 Amish women can't have short hair. ___
- 2 They can wear watches, but not other jewelery. ___
- 3 They can't wear glasses. ___
- 4 Amish men can't have zips. ___
- 5 Amish men can't have beards until they're married. ___
- 6 Their children can't go to university. ___
- 7 The Amish can't marry people from outside their community. ___
- 8 The community is getting smaller each year. ___

THE AMISH COMMUNITY

A) The Amish live in Pennsylvania, USA. They came from Switzerland and Germany in the eighteenth century and live together on farms. Although they live just 240 kilometers from New York City, their lifestyle hasn't really changed in the last 250 years. They've turned their backs on modern materialism: cars, high technology, videos, fax machines, etc. and they have very strict rules which they all have to follow.

B) They can't use electricity, so they have to use oil lamps to light their houses. They're allowed to use banks and go to the doctor's but they can't have phones in their houses. They use horses for transport because they aren't allowed to fly or drive cars or tractors. They can play baseball and eat hot dogs but they can't have TVs, radios, carpets, flowers, or photos in their houses. Although the Amish don't have churches they're very religious.

C) Amish women have to cover their heads all day. They can't curl or cut their hair. They can't wear buttons or jewelry, wedding rings or watches, but they can * wear glasses. The men can't have pockets on their shirts, or belts or zips on their trousers. Single men can't have beards. If an Amish marries somebody from outside the community, he or she has to leave. Children leave school at thirteen or fourteen because the Amish don't believe in higher education.

D) For the Amish the family is very important, and everybody helps their neighbor. They live in an old-fashioned way because they think that modern technology and habits have destroyed community life. There are now more than 100,000 Amish, and the number is growing every year.