All change!

Activity 1
How many different meanings of the word 'Change' can you and your partner think of? Write your definitions below.
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Activity 2
Complete the sentences below with the following 'change' phrases in the correct form.
changeable change to get changed to be short-changed a change of air to change hands
to change your tune to change your mind All change! change

1. When I got up this morning I put on a T-shirt and shorts but when I saw that it was snowing I ......................................................
2. ‘I hate learning English!’
   ‘You ............................................ . You used to love it!’
3. ‘How many times has that shop ......................’
   ‘I don’t know exactly but I think it has had at least three different owners this year.’
4. I gave the shop assistant £10 for this £2 toy and she only gave me £5 back. I .........................!
5. ‘The weather’s very unpredictable at the moment, isn’t it?
   ‘Yes, it’s very .........................’
6. ‘Liverpool Street Station. The train terminates here. ......................’
7. When her husband died she decided that she needed a .................. so she sold the house in London and went to live in Tuscany.
8. My son doesn’t know what he wants for his birthday. One day he says he wants books, the next day he says he wants a computer. He keeps on ..........................................
9. My wife doesn’t understand me. She’s not the woman I married. She’s ..............................
10. ‘Why have you stopped the car?’
    ‘Because the traffic lights ...................... to red.’

Activity 3
Use the following questions to begin a conversation with your partner.

1. Have you ever been short-changed? What did you do about it?
2. How long does it take you to get changed? (For example, before going out for the evening?)
3. Have you ever changed your tune all of a sudden? What made you change your tune?
4. Are you a very decisive person or do you change your mind quite often after making a decision?
5. What do you think are the biggest changes that can happen in a person’s life? For example, getting married, starting a family, starting a new job, leaving school, retiring, etc?
6. If you needed a change of air, where would you go and what would you do there?
7. What have been the biggest changes in your life so far? How did you cope with them?
8. Do you like change or do you prefer things to stay the same?
9. How easy or difficult do you find it to change?
10. How have you changed over the years? Are you the same person you were when you were younger?
11. They say we live in a 'changing world'. In what ways is the world changing? Do you think it is changing for the better or for the worse?
12. Some people resolve to change at New Year: they make New Year’s Resolutions. For example, they resolve to give up smoking or lose weight. Do you make New Year’s Resolutions? If so, what are they and do you stick to them?
Activity 4
Go to EnglishClub.com and click on the ‘TP Homework’ icon. Use the information you find there to answer the questions below.

1. Does the TP homework talk about a) Life Changes or b) Climate Change?
2. What is ‘Empty Nest Syndrome’?
3. What is the answer to the Quick Quiz?

Activity 5

‘All change is progress.’ Do you agree?

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