

Unit 1 Simon's Instrument

My Musical Family

- G:** Who in your family plays a musical instrument?
- B:** All of them.
- G:** That's interesting! What instruments do they play?
- B:** My sisters play the guitar and my parents play the piano.
- G:** A musical family!
- B:** Yeah. I'm the only one who can't play anything. I'm not too happy.
- G:** Well, why don't you come to violin class with me?
- B:** Well... errr... maybe. I'll think about it.

Unit 2 Congratulations!

On the Team

- B:** Congratulations! I heard you were picked for the baseball team.
- G:** Yes, I will play for the senior team this year.
- B:** Wow, I bet you will practice a lot.
- G:** Yes, we have to practice every school day for two hours.
- B:** Every day for two hours?!
- G:** Coach is pretty serious this year.

Unit 3 Helen Keller

An Amazing Woman

- B:** Have you heard about Helen Keller?
- G:** Yes, she was an amazing woman!
- B:** I heard she actually wrote a book.
- G:** Yes, that is true.
- B:** That is amazing. She was deaf and blind!
- G:** In fact, she went on to help others as well.
- B:** Really, what did she do?
- G:** She traveled and spoke to others. She told people never to give up!

Unit 4 Exciting Rides Are the Best!

A Fun Day

- G:** You look happy!
- B:** Yes, I just got back from Six Flags. My sister had her birthday party there.
- G:** Is Six Flags the amusement park?
- B:** Yes, and it is great! So many rides!
- G:** What did you like the best?
- B:** The Wild Western ride. It's the highest roller coaster in the country!

Unit 5 The Man and the Penguin

A Funny Animal

- G:** Penguins are funny animals.
- B:** Why do you say that?
- G:** Well, first of all, they are birds but they can't fly.
- B:** Well, that's true.
- G:** And some penguins actually live underground.
- B:** No way!

Unit 6 How a Frog Grows

Where Are You Going?

- B:** Do you want to come with me?
- G:** Where are you going?
- B:** I'm going to catch some tadpoles.
- G:** Where are you going to do that? The pet store at the mall?
- B:** No, I'm not going to the mall. I'm going to the lake.
- G:** Oh! How will you catch them?
- B:** With this net. I'm going to put them in this bowl.
- G:** Can I hold the bowl?

Unit 7 Sally's Morning

Oh Dear!

- G:** Look at the time! I will be late!
- B:** When does school start?
- G:** In about 15 minutes.

B : What happens when you are late for school?

G : The teacher has a list. She writes down my name.

B : Really? How often are you late?

G : I'm rarely late, only three times this semester!

B : That's not so bad. Don't worry so much.

Unit 8 Basketball Season

A New Sports Season

G : When does the soccer season start at your school?

B : It will start next Thursday. The first practice was last week.

G : Is it like the basketball team? Do you have to have a doctor's note to practice?

B : Yes. And we have to pay twenty dollars for a uniform, bus travel, and new sneakers.

G : For the basketball team, we had to pay twenty-five dollars. That paid for meals when we traveled out of town.

B : I guess we have to pay for our own meals this season.

Unit 9 Hero's Adventure

You Have to Play It

G : Come here! You have to play this game. It's really fun!

B : What kind of game is it?

G : You choose a character and try to go through a magical forest.

B : What makes the game so much fun?

G : The characters are cool. And you can do lots of different things in the forest.

B : This game has only one button. How do you control the characters?

G : There are questions on the screen. Press the button once to answer "yes" and twice to answer "no."

Unit 10 A Shopping List

What Do You Have to Do?

G : What do your parents ask you to do?

B : I usually have to pick up my little brother from school.

G : Why do you have to do that?

B : Well, my mother has to buy things we need for dinner.

G : Like what?

B : Sometimes she buys meat, cheese, milk, eggs, and vegetables.

G : Do you do anything else for your parents?

B : Sure, sometimes I go shopping when my mom can't.

Unit 11 An Exciting Lesson

Time for the Lesson

G : Are you ready for your horse riding lesson?

B : Not really. I don't want to learn how to ride a horse.

G : Why not? It's easy.

B : Maybe. But I don't like horses. They smell bad.

G : What are you talking about? When did you smell a horse?

B : At the city zoo. They have some horses there.

G : Maybe they smelled bad because it was the zoo. The horses for our lesson don't smell bad.

Unit 12 A Pink Birthday

Something Interesting

G : Did you do anything interesting last week?

B : Yes! I went to my friend's birthday party. It was very interesting!

G : Why was it interesting?

B : Everything at the party had something to do with cars.

G : What do you mean?

B: All the plates and cups had cars on them. And the cake looked like a car. Even most of his presents were toy cars.

G: How did you feel?

B: At first, I felt bad because I didn't get him a car as a present.

G: But he liked your gift anyway?

B: Yeah, he did. I gave him two movie tickets.

Unit 13 Mother Knows Best

Mom Said To . . .

B: Do you do what your mother tells you?

G: I do now!

B: What happened? What made you change?

G: One time, she told me not to go near a cat in the park.

B: Why did she tell you not to go near it?

G: It was a wild cat. It did not live with people.

B: What happened?

G: Because I was so stubborn, I tried to catch the cat and hold it. It made a scary noise and ran away. I was a bit scared of cats after that.

Unit 14 How to Make Tacos

The Food I Like

B: What kind of food do you like?

G: I like Japanese food, like sushi.

B: Sushi? You mean fish that is not cooked?

G: Right. But I like the rice with sushi more than the fish.

B: Can your mother make sushi at home?

G: No. It's too hard to make at home. We always eat sushi at a restaurant near our apartment.

B: How often do you eat sushi?

G: Not very often. Maybe once or twice a month.

Unit 15 A Cartoon Sponge

Have You Seen It?

B: What is your favorite cartoon?

G: My favorite cartoon is Hello Kitty. Have you seen it?

B: No, I have never seen the cartoon. I have seen Hello Kitty dolls in stores. Is it the same character?

G: Yes, it's the same character.

B: In the cartoon, what is the cat's name?

G: Her name is Hello Kitty. In the cartoon, she lives with her parents and her sister, Mimi.

Unit 16 Sam's Brother

Take Good Care

B: What is something you take care of?

G: I take care of the plant in my bedroom.

B: Is it a big plant or a small plant?

G: It's not very big. I keep it in a small pot. I can easily pick up the pot and move it.

B: How do you take care of your plant?

G: I just give it water. That's all I do in order to take care of it.

B: That sounds easy. How often do you give your plant water?

G: I give it water every other day.

Unit 17 The Score

Last Weekend's Game

B: There was a baseball game on last weekend, wasn't there?

G: Yes, it was the Bears against the Lions.

B: Did you watch that game on TV?

- G:** No. I went to the baseball stadium.
B: I really like the Bears. They were the visiting team for that game, right?
G: Right. Did you hear the final score? The Bears won 8 to 5.
B: Really? Way to go, Bears!

Unit 18 Sticking Together

A Tough Time

- G:** My family went through a tough time last winter.
B: Really? What happened?
G: We had to move because our old apartment was too expensive.
B: Was it hard to find a new apartment?
G: Yes! My parents were really worried about finding a good place to live. They had to look for one for over a month.
B: I guess you found one.
G: We didn't. My uncle found an apartment for us. Now we live very close to his family.

Unit 19 Saturday Morning TV

When Do You Watch?

- B:** How often do you watch TV?
G: I watch TV every day. What about you?
B: I don't watch TV often. However, sometimes I watch sports on the weekends.
G: So, I guess you don't see that great show on Wednesday night.
B: What show is that?
G: It's a show about firefighters. It is both funny and sad. I always watch it with my parents.
B: Neither of my parents watches much TV. I guess my family is too busy to watch TV.

Unit 20 The Red Planet

An Interesting Planet

- G:** My favorite planet is the sixth planet from the sun. Do you know what that planet is called?
B: The sixth planet? Isn't that Neptune?
G: No, Neptune is the seventh planet. Saturn is the sixth planet.
B: Oh! Saturn is the planet with rings, right?
G: Right. It also has quite a few moons.
B: How do you know so much about Saturn?
G: I read a book about it. I like to learn things about other planets.