Unit 1 Sports Day

The last event is a race.

It is about to start.

Mike, John, Sam, and Fred are waiting at the line.

They all look excited.

Their coach comes up.

“Are you ready to race?” he asks.

The boys all nod.

“1 . . . 2 . . . 3 . . . Go!” Coach shouts, blowing the whistle.

Everyone except for Fred starts running.

“Fred! Why aren’t you running?” Coach asks.

“Because my number is 4,” answers Fred.

Unit 2 A Special Gift

One day, a butterfly heard her farm friends talking.

The chicken said, “I lay eggs for the farmer’s wife.”

The cow said, “I give milk for the farmer.”

The robin said, “I sing beautiful songs for the farmer’s family.”

The butterfly didn’t have a gift.

She wanted to go off to cry alone.

But the farmer’s kids kept chasing her.

They were laughing.

Then the butterfly realized something.

Her gift was giving joy to them.

Unit 3 Whose Home?

Wilma wanted to make a necklace, so she went to the beach.

She looked for shells and found a beautiful one.

Then Wilma saw a crab digging in the sand.

“Is this yours?” Wilma asked.

“It was mine,” said the crab.

“But I grew too big, so I left it.

You can have it.” Wilma was happy.

Now she had a special shell and a great story to tell her parents!

Unit 4 A Birthday Surprise

Danny Nickerson had a serious medical problem.

His mom wanted to cheer him up.

For Danny’s birthday, his mother asked people to mail cards to him.

People started sending birthday cards.

And they kept sending them!

The cards came from all over the world.

Danny received more than 150,000 birthday cards in the mail!

He and his mom couldn’t believe it.

Danny had the best sixth birthday ever.

Unit 5 Fun on the Water

Last August, I went on a new adventure with my family.

We went sailing on the sea!

At first, big waves made our boat roll from side to side.

I started to feel sick.

Later, we located a great fishing spot.

The waves were much smaller there.

I easily caught two fish.

My brother didn't catch any.

He was unhappy because of that.

But he enjoyed my fish for dinner!

Unit 6 Who Has Milk?

We get milk from cows and goats.

One cow gives about 100 cups of milk each day.

One goat gives less than 20 cups of milk each day.

Try them both.

Do they taste different?

In fact, cow's milk has a higher amount of natural sugar.

Some people feel uncomfortable drinking it.

Goat's milk has a lower amount of natural sugar.

It is easier for some people to drink.

Unit 7 A Visit to the Doctor

My sister had a high fever.

Dad took her to see a doctor.

I had to go, too.

After the checkup, Dad and the doctor talked and talked!

My sister and I got bored.

So I helped my sister practice reading.

My sister read the letters on the eye chart.

I told her the ones she read wrong.

Then the doctor said, “Your son needs glasses.”

That is how my bad eyesight was found!

Unit 8 Our City

Billy and his father were walking down the street.

“Dad,” Billy said, “can you guess what the tallest building in our city is?”

“City Hall?” asked Billy’s father.

“Nope!” said Billy.

“Is it my office building?”

“Guess again.”

“Is it the new bank building?” asked his father.

“No, it isn’t!” said Billy.

“I give up. What is the tallest building?”

“It’s the library,” said Billy, “because it has the most stories!”

Unit 9 The Candy Man

Milton Hershey found a job he liked and worked hard at it.

Hershey made chocolate and candy.

He started his own business at the age of 19.

His first two candy shops were failures.

But he learned from his mistakes and kept on trying.

His third try was a success!

It made him a wealthy man.

After that, he built a factory and a town, Hershey, Pennsylvania!

Unit 10 The Hungry Squirrel

Sam the Squirrel loved to visit Ann's garden.

Ann always put out some tasty nuts for Sam.

One day, Sam wanted to try something new.

Sam saw red vegetables growing in the garden.

They looked good.

Sam took a bite of one.

His mouth became hotter and hotter!

His stomach began to hurt.

He felt sick.

Little did he know, he had eaten a red hot pepper!

Poor Sam!

Unit 11 A Good Pet

Rats are very smart.

They make excellent pets.

You can buy both male and female rats as pets.

You can get them when they are five weeks old.

A pet rat will probably live for about two years.

Don't get just one.

Choose two male or two female rats.

Rats like to live together.

But don't buy a male and a female to live together.

They might produce a lot of babies!

Unit 12 Dad's Work

My father is my hero.

He works hard in a steel factory.

His hands are rough and full of cracks.

I know he is tired after work.

But he always helps me with my homework in the evenings.

After doing homework, we read the newspaper and talk about it.

I have a chance to hear stories from around the world!

I would love to spend every day with him. He's my hero!

Unit 13 All Dressed Up

Sarah was nervous.

It was her first day as a teacher.

Sarah put on nice pants and her favorite red polka-dot shirt.

Then Sarah left for school. Her first class was great!

Sarah's students paid close attention to her.

They had a lot of fun together.

As Sarah was leaving the classroom, a student came up to her.

"Teacher, you are so beautiful," he said.

"You look just like a clown!"

Unit 14 Making Money

Lisa worked all summer.

She did chores at home.

She watered plants and changed the toilet paper.

Lisa pulled weeds and mowed lawns for her neighbors.

She baked cupcakes and made lemonade to sell.

Lisa earned $1,185.

"I'm going to help some children in Africa. I need to make more money," said Lisa.

After a garage sale, she collected enough money to help them.

"Lisa, where's your bed?" cried her mom.

Unit 15 Husbands and Wives

Ann and John Betar are husband and wife.

They got married in 1932.

They have been married for over eighty-three years!

They are the longest-married couple in America.

What's their secret to a happy marriage?

"Understanding one another," answered Ann.

"And always agreeing with your wife," added John.

The world record for the longest marriage is eighty-six years.

You're close to the world record, Ann and John!

Unit 16 A Volcano

Imagine a volcano.

Are you thinking of a mountain?

A volcano is a kind of mountain.

But it isn't just a mountain.

It has a deep hole inside it.

This hole goes miles down into the earth.

There is hot liquid rock there.

Sometimes a volcano shoots this liquid rock out the hole.

Then we say the volcano is active.

The largest active volcano on earth is in Hawaii.