**Listening to the News 3\_Fun Facts and Links**

**American Life**

**Fun Facts:**

1. Did you know that Presidents of the United States have planted gardens on the roof of the White House?
2. Did you know that Martin Luther King Jr. fought for civil rights in the U.S.?
3. Did you know that childhood obesity is a major problem in the United States?

**Books/Links:**

1. The Obesity Epidemic (Harcombe, 2010)
2. Childhood Obesity (<http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/obesity/facts.htm>)
3. Christmas Trees (Hill, 1989)
4. Sodium Content of Common Foods (<http://oto2.wustl.edu/men/sodium.htm>)
5. White House Vegetable Garden (http://www.nytimes.com/2009/03/20/dining/20garden.html)

**General Interest**

**Fun Facts:**

1. Did you know that grunts, sighs and laughs can be interpreted across cultures?
2. Did you know that people pay big money to tour Antarctica?
3. Did you know that there are cars that run only on electricity?

**Books/Links:**

1. Electric Cars (<http://www.fueleconomy.gov/feg/evtech.shtml>)
2. Chronic Disease (<http://www.cdc.gov/chronicdisease/index.htm>)
3. Cross-Cultural Communication (Norales, 2006)
4. Robot Patients (<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/8292127/ns/nightly_news/t/robot-patients-help-train-young-doctors/#.Tv0xfxxBV6k>)
5. Antarctic Tourism (http://www.antarctica.gov.au/about-antarctica/tourism)

**Science**

**Fun Facts:**

1. Did you know that medical school students practice surgery on “robot” patients?
2. Did you know that blood is a tissue?
3. Did you know that depression is common during holidays?

**Books/Links:**

1. Daydreaming: Unlock the Power of Your Mind (Barth, 1998)
2. Atlas of Human Anatomy (Netter, 2010)
3. A Mindful Way Through Depression (Williams, 2007)
4. Music and Your Unborn Child (<http://www.babycenter.com/0_music-and-your-unborn-child_6547.bc>)
5. Why Does Daydreaming Get Such a Bad Rap? (http://www.webmd.com/balance/features/why-does-daydreaming-get-such-bad-rap)

**World Interest**

**Fun Facts:**

1. Did you know that a fire line can be used to contain a wildfire?
2. Did you know that there is a special kit to help children deal with stressful situations?
3. Did you know that global warming is progressing faster than anticipated?

**Books/Links:**

1. Forest Ecosystems (Perry, 2001)
2. Global Warming (Seymour, 2010)
3. Wildfires (Simon, 2000)
4. The Voluntary Energy Cooperative (<http://www.vec.org/>)
5. Asian Martial Arts and Their Origins (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asian\_martial\_arts\_(origins))