

New Frontiers WB 4

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UNIT 1

[Track 1-01]

Number 1:.

M1: Jeremy does not have a lot of money. This is because he didn't have very good attendance at his school. So, he didn't get good grades and couldn't get into a private school or university. Now, he's worried about what to do next.

Number 2.

M1: Schools need to create a strong curriculum to help as many students as possible. Good teachers and courses will help motivate students and build their interest in academics. Students also need to work hard to do well in school. Schools need to support their students and build their confidence.

Number 3.

M1: When Sharon went to private school, she met the man she would later marry. It was her best friend, Tina, who encouraged Sharon to ask Ben out to dinner. Thanks to this individual, Sharon and Ben lived happily ever after.

[Track 1-02]

Narrator: Number 1.

F1: Hi, I'm Samantha. I attend AltSchool, a private high school that helps me with my individual goals. In order to have some spending money, I work as a babysitter on weekends. This is because AltSchool is very expensive, and my parents don't have much money to spare. My dad's name is Leon and he has an OK salary, since he works as a police officer. But my mother, Jennifer, doesn't make much money as a music teacher.

Narrator: Number 2.

M2: Hi! My name is Yin, and I have just started college! Thanks to my supportive parents and hard work, I'm going to a top university. My father, Harry, who is a world-renowned chef, has encouraged me to become a lawyer. He makes a lot of money, and so does my mother, Janet, who is a doctor. Since they think that university will be stressful, and want to make sure I succeed, they are paying for my education.

[Track 1-03]

Number 1

M2: Hey, Sherry, how have you been?

F2: Hi, Mark. Not so great... I'm really not feeling too well today.

M2: Would you like to go to the park with me today?

F2: I don't know. I've been spending a lot of time outdoors lately. Today, I'm feeling very tired.

M2: Oh, I see. I haven't been to the park lately, so I thought it would be nice to go. I'm a bit disappointed that you're tired.

F2: Sorry to disappoint you. If I wasn't so tired, I would go.

M2: That's OK. I don't need to be convinced. I believe you.

Number 2

F1: Hello, Peter. What have you been doing lately?

M1: I've been going to see a lot of plays. In fact, I've just been to see one at the ABC Theater, it was called "Wolf in Sheep's Clothing."

F1: That's a frightening title. How was it?

M1: Actually, I thought it was very well done. You know, I'm convinced you would enjoy it, actually. I think you'd find it fascinating.

F1: Oh, really? I'll research it online, then. I might be frightened by it. If it looks OK, I'll watch it.

Number 3

M2: Wow! What a satisfying meal.

F2: You sound pretty happy, Gerry.

M2: That's because I've been eating healthier. Just a few months ago, I was telling my sister how tired I always felt. She asked me about my diet, and I told her about my disgusting eating habits. My sister convinced me that I needed a change, so I've been trying a new diet recently.

F2: How's it going?

M2: Everything's going really well! I'm feeling great. I've gotten thinner, and I feel healthier and healthier every day.

F2: Interesting! What have you been eating lately?

M2: I've been trying a lot of new things! I don't want to stick to a diet that's too strict. Today I'm having a garden salad.

F2: Well, I'm glad you're in such a good mood. That's fantastic.

UNIT 2

[Track 2-01]

F1: Help! Did you see what direction that taxi went? My colleague forgot his suitcase inside! We were talking when it suddenly drove off. Mark and I didn't have a chance to ask the driver to open the trunk. Now we've lost Mark's luggage! It's a huge problem because all of the information about our new project is in that suitcase. If we don't get it back, we'll never achieve our dream.

[Track 2-02]

Narrator: Number 1

M1: Hey, Joanna, how are you?

F1: I'm feeling tired because I have three jobs right now.

M1: Wow! That does sound very difficult. Why do you have three jobs?

F1: My aim is to go back to college as soon as I can save enough money.

Narrator: Number 2

F2: Hi, Henry. What have you been up to lately?

M2: I just finished university, and I feel very satisfied with my grades.

F2: That's fantastic! You should be proud of everything you've achieved.

M2: Thanks, it wasn't easy, but now I have a chance to get my dream job!

Narrator: Number 3

F1: Hey, Daniel. How have you been doing?

M1: To be honest, I haven't been doing so well.

F1: Oh, I'm very sorry to hear that. What exactly has been bothering you?

M1: I'm dealing with this really big challenge at work. I have a chance to do a big project, but I don't know if I can do it!

F1: Oh, that does sound very difficult, but I'm sure you can do it if you try your best!

M1: Yes, I'm hoping my colleagues will help, too!

Narrator: Number 4

M2: Hi, Sarah. What have you been doing lately?

F2: I've been going to night classes. It's very stressful!

M2: Why is it so stressful?

F2: My aim is to get the best grades, but I'm finding it a challenge to stay awake so late! I feel like I never have the chance to get enough sleep!

[Track 2-03]

F2: If you want to achieve success, you first have to decide what direction you want to go. Now, when I say direction, I don't mean up or down, or left or right. What I mean is the way you'd like your life to look one day. Another thing that is important to remember is that your success depends on what kind

of chances you take. If you don't take a chance, and try new things, you aren't likely to achieve your dreams. So, make sure you take some time to decide what your aim is. When you do that, you'll have a much better chance at celebrating future success.

[Track 2-04]

Narrator: Number 1

M1: Anita achieved very high grades in high school. She's celebrating now because she just found out she's going to university. Anita knows that going to university will be a big challenge. She knows she will have to work hard. She's known since she was a child what direction she wanted her career to go in. One day, she wants to be a great doctor. She thinks this will be her big chance. She was excited when she found out that she could go. She is also anxious and nervous about how hard it will be. But her mother and father are confident she will do well.

Narrator: Number 2.

F2: I have a very bad habit of clapping my hands when I'm taking a test.

M2: Why is that a bad habit?

F2: It seems to make the teacher nervous and the other students anxious.

M2: Why don't you try just rubbing your hands together instead?

F2: That's a great idea, thanks!

M2: You're very welcome. I think everyone has some bad habits. I have a habit of being careless and getting lost when I go on long hikes.

F2: Why don't you download a map onto your cell phone? I'll never forget the time when my dad got lost in a park. I was quite worried. He had been gone for hours when he finally showed up near the park's entrance.

M2: Oh, that does sound frightening; I'm sure glad he was OK!

Narrator: Number 3.

F1: Lizzy had made herself a sandwich for lunch. She had put it in the fridge earlier that day. It was a special vegetable sandwich because she had gained a lot of weight. Lately, she'd had some difficulty buttoning up her pants. She was disappointed about her weight, so she had been trying to turn it around. When it was finally time for lunch, she was in such a hurry to eat the sandwich, that she bumped into her colleague and spilled his coffee.

F2: Oh, Mark, I'm sorry for being so careless! This spill is all my fault. I'll clean it up right away.

M1: That's OK, you seem to be in a big hurry, but running in the hallway is a bad habit. Why don't you try walking instead?

Narrator: Number 4.

M2: The knights faced many difficulties on their journey. They had been walking for days before they found the right path.

F1: What happened next?

M2: They took a moment to celebrate, of course! And then, they waited for their true test to begin.

F1: What was their test?

M2: First, they had to reach the top of the mountain. Then, they had to swap the red ruby stone for the blue sapphire in the dragon's den.

F1: Were they worried they might fail?

M2: No, they were confident they would find a way to achieve success.

F1: What happened at the dragon's den?

M2: It turns out they didn't have to be frightened at all! The dragon was lazy and careless; he had a habit of sleeping for weeks! The knights had made the swap before the dragon had even opened its eyes.

Review Unit 1-2

[Track R1-01]

M2: Hey, Mary. Will you please swap lunches with me?!

F2: Excuse me, Marcus, I haven't had a chance to sit down yet!

M2: Sorry. I have a habit of speaking too loudly when I am nervous. Anyway, I'm hoping you'll share some of your lunch with me. Is there anything you would like to trade?

F2: I haven't gotten around to seeing what's in my lunch yet. Let me have a look.

M2: OK. Why don't I sit here quietly? When you finally decide if there's anything you want to trade, let me know.

Unit 3

[Track 3-01]

Number 1. [phone call]

F1: Hey, John. How's it going? Sarah, Priya, and I are all going hiking this Sunday to Constitution Peak. That's the place that we went to last time, where we saw that beautiful sunrise. How about joining us?

M1: Ah, that might be slightly difficult – I'll be playing soccer with the faculty team on Sunday morning.

F1: That shouldn't be a problem. We're going to meet up at my place, and we'll be heading off at 2 p.m.

M1: OK, great. Then I'll be there!

F1: Awesome, see you on Sunday!

Number 2. [phone call]

F2: Hello, Zena. Is that you?

F1: Hi, Marie!

F2: Zena, hi. Are you busy tonight? We're having a small party at my place to celebrate the end of the semester, at around 8 p.m. Why don't you join us? It will be nice. I'm going to cook some *aloo matar*,

that Indian dish that you showed me how to make when you were last here.

F1: Oh, wow. You learned how to make it? But, you said that it's tonight, didn't you? Actually, tonight I'll be going to Jenny's calligraphy exhibition, so unfortunately I'm not sure if I'll be able to make it.

F2: Ah, really? That's a shame. OK. Well, if the exhibition finishes early please come over!

F1: Well, OK I'll try, but I have a feeling that it's going to finish quite late.

Number 3. [background noise: busy cafeteria]

M2: Hey, Lisa! Lisa.

F2: Oh, hi, Luca. What are you doing here? I thought you had a study session in the laboratory this afternoon.

M2: Yeah, I passed on that. Lisa, what are you doing on Friday? We're going to check out the basketball game at the sports center. Do you want to join us?

F2: Hmm... I'll be hanging out with Jack for most of Friday. What time does it start?

M2: It starts at 4:30. We'll meet outside just before.

F2: 4:30? OK, sure.

Number 4. [skype]

M1: Hi, Mom.

F1: Hello, David, dear!

M1: Mom? Joanne, Mila, and I will be going out for dinner tomorrow, around 6. We're thinking of checking out that new Turkish restaurant on Madison Street, the one which is in the old electronics repair shop building. Are you available tomorrow night? How about joining us?

F1: Tomorrow for dinner? Let me check. Oh, no. I'll be playing tennis at 6 p.m.

M1: Ah, OK. And Saturday evening is not possible, right? You'll be playing cards.

F1: Actually, I won't be playing this week. Bridge club is canceled all this month.

M1: Oh, great. Then let's meet on Saturday around 6 p.m.

[Track 3-02]

F2:

Number 1. The facilities in this hotel are very good. There is a swimming pool and a gym!

Number 2. Yeah she's my favorite actor. She's so beautiful and charming.

Number 3. The price? Well, it's not too expensive. I would say it's reasonable.

Number 4. My father and I have very different hobbies and interests. He's from a different generation than me.

Number 5. This building is historic. It's where the king died.

Number 6. This singer is so famous in my country. But, he's not well known in the U.S.

[Track 3-03]

Number 1. [Radio announcement style]

F2: Sit back and relax, feel the warm sea and the golden sand on your feet. Listen to the ambient

beats surround you. For fun in the sun, come to AquaFest, the most amazing DJ festival in the world. Tickets are a (very reasonable) \$10, and it starts on Saturday, June 16th.

Number 2

M2: Hey, Gio. Did you hear about the animation festival? It's going to start next week, so I think we should make a reservation for tickets. Why don't we go together? It looks so cool, and it could be a great opportunity for us to meet some professionals in the animation field.

Number 3

[Radio announcement style]

F2: Do you like cool jazz music? Do you like spending time with good friends in a beautiful historic setting? Then join us at the two-day Cronenberg Castle Jazz festival. Doors open this Friday at 5 p.m. Due to limited availability, please remember to reserve tickets in advance.

Number 4

F1: Hey, Karl. Are you going to the beach this weekend?

M1: Yeah, maybe on Saturday afternoon. But in the evening I'm going to the World-Beats Festival.

F1: Oh, cool. I heard about that. It sounds great. But isn't it going to rain?

M1: Actually it's an indoor festival. But anyway, yeah, I think it will be great. They're going to have so many famous DJs there.

[Track 3-04]

[podcast style conversation]

M1: And now we have a very special guest who's here to talk about an amazing new festival, the magnificent Dean Masters. Hello Dean!

M2: Hi, Jim, and thanks so much for having me on your show. So yeah, next week is the Kri-ATE Animation Festival. That's K-R-I-A-T-E. It starts next Friday and runs through Sunday evening.

M1: Cool, so is it free?

M2: Well... it's not free, but the ticket price is more than reasonable: \$5 each. We also have special guests there, like the famous film maker Mia Ito. She will give a prize to "best young animator." The prize is \$1,000!

[Track 3-05]

Narrator: Number 1

F2: What is the most famous festival in your country? What kind of festival is it?

Narrator: Number 2

F2: What was the last festival you went to? When did you go, and how was it?

Narrator: Number 3

F2: What did you enjoy, and what did you dislike about that festival?

[Track 3-06]

M2: OK, guys. Who's going to the BBQ party on Thursday? Marie, how about you?

F1: No, sorry. I can't make it... I'll be doing my assignment until late.

M2: How about you, Leah?

F2: Thursday? Yeah I think so. I might be a little late though.

M2: Max? Are you going to come?

M1: Sure! I'll definitely be there!

M2: And... Lena?

F1: Ermm...Thursday.... I don't know... Can I just say "maybe?"

Unit 4

[Track 4-01]

M2: So, Amanda, have you done all your preparation for the career advice interview tomorrow?

F2: Yeah, I guess so. But I'm still not sure what kinds of questions he'll be asking me.

M2: Well, he'll probably just ask the usual stuff, like, "What kind of career do you want to have? What field do you want to work in?"

F2: If that's all that I'll be asked, it will be pretty easy – I want to go to law school and then join a law firm.

What do you want to do, Neil, career-wise? Let me guess. You want to be a teacher or a professor, right?

M2: No way! I'll never work in education. I'm really sick and tired of being inside a classroom. And to be honest, I don't really like working with people. I'd rather be doing a job where I'm working with machines. You know, like working for some kind of manufacturing company.

F2: But if they have machines to manufacture things, will they really need you?

M2: Umm, yeah, to make the machines I guess, or to fix them.

F2: Well, I guess it's good to be optimistic!

[Track 4-02]

F1: You'd like to be a nurse? Cool, that sounds like a really rewarding and worthwhile occupation. How are you going to pursue that goal?

M1: Well, I've put together a plan. First, of course, I need to graduate high school. As you know, I'll do that next year. Then I need to study healthcare. For this, I want to go to a university in Singapore. Singapore is a little more expensive than here, but it's a better place to study healthcare.

Oh, and before I go to Singapore, I definitely need to improve my English so that I sound more professional. After I graduate from university, I will have to study more to get my nursing certificate. Then I hope to get a job in a hospital. Ideally, it would be in Australia.

F1: Well, that sounds like a pretty solid plan. But, why do you want to work in Australia in particular?

M1: Because nurses are paid well there. AND there are so many beautiful beaches to go surfing. I'm absolutely crazy about surfing!

[Track 4-03]

F1: So Priya, what do you want to do when you're older?

F2: I want to get a job in accounting. That's also my father's occupation. I hear that jobs in accounting are well paid, and I think I'm quite good at math. If I can't do that... then erm.... Well, I'd like to be a math teacher, like you.

F1: Well, Priya, I think you would be a very good math teacher. But don't worry, you're very smart, so if you study hard, I'm sure you will have a great career in accounting.

Review Unit 3-4

[Track R2-01]

[Phone rings... picks up.]

F1: Hello, is that Professor Ferguson?

M1: No, this is David, his research assistant.

F1: Can I speak to Professor Ferguson please?

M1: Yes, OK, please wait one moment...[pause] Sorry, unfortunately, he's not in the office right now.

F1: Ah, OK. I see. This is Marla Gretchen, the new professor in the department of communication. I need to talk to him about next week's presentation, the one which he is co-presenting with me. Do you know when he'll get back?

M1: Oh, hello, Marla. Actually I'm not sure when he'll get back. I think maybe he went out for lunch. If I had to guess, I would say he will probably be back in about an hour or so.

F1: OK, that's no problem. I'll call back around 3.

M1: OK, I would think he'll definitely be back by 3 p.m.

F1: Great. Thank you!

Unit 5

[Track 5-01]

M2: Number 1. The gap was filled by the builder.

Number 2. Do you know a good plumber?

Number 3. The hole in the tire needs to be fixed.

Number 4. Help! There's a leak in the ceiling.

Number 5. The repairman is painting the door frame.

Number 6. We bought a new carpet for the house.

Number 7. The old pipe was replaced with a new one.

Number 8. I need to hire a plumber to fix the leak.

[Track 5-02]

Number 1.

F2: What do you think about smart homes, Dave?

M2: I think more people should change their homes into "smart" homes.

F2: Oh, why is that?

M2: Smart homes use technology to be more efficient, so they are good for the environment.

Number 2.

M1: What type of living conditions require year-round heating and cooling?

F1: Umm, I guess conditions where people live in very hot or very cold places.

M1: People that live in these conditions should consider using smart thermostats, which reduce the costs of heating and cooling.

F1: That's right. Smart thermostats can reduce energy costs by about 20%.

Number 3.

F2: How is solar power created?

M2: It's created by the sun, so it's free and also renewable.

F2: Wow, that's great! Solar power seems like an efficient way to save energy.

M2: It definitely is, especially now that solar panels are cheaper than they were ten years ago.

Number 4.

M1: Have you heard of smart water faucets?

F1: Yes, we have them in the bathrooms at work. They have new technologies that help save water.

M1: That's right. They adjust the amount of water being used depending on what you're doing.

F1: It sounds like smart water faucets are another device we can use to save our planet.

[Track 5-03]

F2:

Number 1. We must help preserve our planet's environment.

Number 2. Our home's electricity is produced by solar panels on the roof.

Number 3. You should install this anti-virus program on your computer.

Number 4. Turn off the lights before you leave the house so you don't waste electricity.

Number 5. The sun's heat melted the last of the snow on the ground.

[Track 5-04]

Number 1.

M2: Please turn off the lights before you leave the house today. We're using too much electricity.

F2: I think these old lightbulbs use too much electricity. We should buy energy-saving lightbulbs.

M2: Good idea! I'll get some today at the hardware store.

Number 2.

F1: What are you reading about, John?

M1: I'm reading about smart homes. Did you know that our homes waste a lot of power? Many people are changing their homes into "smart" homes to help protect our planet.

F1: We should be doing everything we can to help protect the Earth. Let's think of ways we can make our homes more energy efficient.

M1: Yes, let's do it!

Number 3.

M2: The conditions in the office are terrible. It's too hot in here! My fan doesn't seem to be working very well.

F2: There's a fan over by my desk. You can cool yourself in front of it.

M2: Thanks, Meg. We really need to install air conditioners in here.

F2: Yeah. Let's chat to our boss about it when he's back in the office.

[Track 5-05]

Number 1.

M1: Did you get much sleep last night, Karen?

F1: No, not at all. I heard a loud smashing sound in the middle of the night and woke up.

M1: Oh, no! What happened?

F1: The storm was so strong it broke a bunch of windows in the house.

M1: That's terrible. Let me know if there's anything I can do to help.

Number 2.

F2: Hey Scott, can I help you fix the stove?

M2: No, thanks. I thought I'd try to fix it myself. I just need to get a few tools at the hardware store first.

F2: OK, but it doesn't look like a simple task. I'm not an expert, but it might be difficult to fix.

M2: Yeah, you're probably right. I think I'll have to call a qualified person to help me out.

F2: Good idea! If you try to fix the stove yourself, you could cause more damage to it.

Number 3.

F1: The chain on my bike suddenly broke when I was riding home last night.

M1: Sorry to hear that, Cathy. I'm not an expert with bikes, but I can examine it for you. I fixed my bike chain a few weeks ago.

F1: Really? Well, this chain is old and weak. I don't think you can repair it, Ryan.

M1: Hmm, let me take a look. Oh, it broke in two! You'll have to buy a new one, Cathy. Don't worry. The hardware store sells bike chains.

F1: Thanks, I'll stop in there today.

Number 4.

M2: Thanks for your support today, Joan.

F2: No problem, Dennis. The same thing happened to my computer a few weeks ago. Installing the anti-virus software was a simple task.

M2: I didn't know it was so easy for my computer to get a virus.

F2: Now that you have installed the software, your computer should work without any problems!

Unit 6

[Track 6-01]

Number 1.

F1: Hello sir, what's your occupation?

M1: I'm a firefighter. It's my duty to protect our farmland and forests.

F1: How are wildfires affecting the environment?

M1: Wildfires are becoming more common. They are responsible for a lot of damage to the environment. They destroy homes and reduce the amount of forests we have.

F1: Thank you for fighting to protect nature.

Number 2.

M2: What are you reporting on today?

F2: I'm reporting on the huge rainstorm that is flooding the downtown area.

M2: There have been a lot of floods lately, haven't there? What do you think is causing this flooding?

F2: Yes. Climate change is causing terrifying weather events such as huge storms and floods, like this one.

M2: Thank you for bringing this environmental problem to everyone's attention.

Number 3.

F1: What's your occupation, Sir?

M1: Hello. I'm a fisherman. I work on big boats in the ocean.

F1: How is pollution affecting your job?

M1: The ocean is very dirty, so I've not been catching many fish this year. If I don't catch fish, I can't sell them and make enough money to feed my family.

F1: That's awful. We must work together to protect our oceans!

Number 4.

M2: Are you still working as a scientist, Mrs. Marshall?

F2: Yes, I am. In fact, I'm studying the effects of climate change on the weather.

M2: Oh, what can you tell us about this environmental issue?

F2: The rise of global temperatures changes the weather, which changes food production. Without enough crops, we risk running out of food.

M2: Wow, we must take climate change seriously!

[Track 6-02]

Number 1.

F2: There is an increasing number of wildfires. Scientists fear there are more fires each year because of climate change.

M2: It's true that rising global temperatures are causing more wildfires around the world. Firefighters can only do so much to prevent these fires from destroying farmland and forests.

Number 2.

M1: Climate change is destroying our planet. It's causing the ice caps to melt. Soon they will all disappear.

F1: Melting ice caps cause sea levels to rise. It's predicted that sea levels will rise by 48 centimeters by the year 2050.

Number 3.

F2: Serious damage to our planet is caused by pollution, and the resulting problem is climate change. Pollution is one of the main factors in destroying the Earth's climate, both on land and in the oceans.

M2: One way to reduce pollution is to reduce how much energy we use. We need to use more renewable energy, such as wind, solar, or hydro power. All these are 'cleaner' ways to produce energy.

Number 4.

M1: Flooding is another problem caused by climate change. As sea levels continue to rise, many coastal cities risk being flooded.

F1: Flooding is also a serious issue for farmers. Floods can cause plants to rot, which means food production is affected.

[Track 6-03]

M2:

Number 1.

My professor explained that it's important to protect the natural world. The easiest way for us all to make a difference is to recycle.

Number 2.

This article says that islands in the Pacific will begin to disappear in the future if we don't stop the ice caps from melting.

Number 3.

Global warming could change the seasons in countries all over the world. Winter could become hotter and summer might be more rainy and wet.

Number 4.

Our house was destroyed in the hurricane, but we hope to reuse some of the materials from the old house to build ourselves a new home.

[Track 6-04]

Number 1.

M1: Hi. I'm Mr. Green. As an environmentalist, it's my job to study the best ways to protect the environment. There are many different environmental issues, but I have the most knowledge about our oceans. We must stop polluting our oceans so that we can preserve them for the future.

Number 2.

F1: Hello, my name is Laura. As a park ranger, it's my job to make sure that everyone knows they are responsible for our planet. You can help the Earth by making it your duty to recycle, use less water, and produce less waste. Doing simple things can make a big difference!

Number 3.

M2: My name is Professor Andrews, and I study climate change. One major environmental issue we have is rising sea levels. It's predicted that sea levels will rise by 48 cm by the year 2050. This is a serious issue. If we don't start working together now, we will lose the fight against climate change.

Review Unit 5-6

[Track R3-01]

Number 1.

M1: There's a leak in my ceiling. I need someone to fix it.

F1: Sure thing. We'll send someone over.

Number 2.

F2: I don't think we can wash the carpet ourselves.

M2: No. We'll have to rent some equipment.

Number 3.

F1: What are you doing?

M1: Oh, I have to paint my door frame. It got scratched when I moved in.

Number 4.

F2: Wow, it's hot out today!

M2: Yes, there has been a huge rise in the temperature compared to last year.

Number 5.

F1: Scientists claim that the Earth's weather patterns are changing.

M1: Wow! I hope we'll be OK.

Number 6.

F2: What do you do at your new job?

M2: Lots! But, my main duty is to pick up the trash.

[Track R3-02]

F2: Our homes waste a lot of power. This is why many people are changing their homes into “smart” homes. Smart homes use technology to be more efficient. Some devices you might find in a smart home are smart thermostats, solar power, and smart water faucets. Smart thermostats are used to reduce the costs of heating and cooling. Solar power is created by the sun, which means it is free and renewable. Smart faucets have new technologies to help you save water. These are just a few devices we can use to be more energy efficient, reduce waste, and help protect and preserve our planet. We can also help save our planet by making it our duty to recycle as much as possible. This simple thing can reduce the amount of garbage we create. Another simple thing is to take public transportation to reduce how much energy we use and how much pollution we create. Pollution causes climate change, which has become a serious threat to the future of our planet. We are all responsible for taking care of our Earth, and we must start taking care of it now!

Unit 7

[Track 7-01]

Number 1.

M1: I love skateboarding. What about you?

F1: I'm not into skateboarding, but I'm really into cycling.

Number 2.

F2: I'm not fond of watching horror movies. What about you?

F1: They're OK, but I think action movies are more exciting.

Number 3.

M1: What kind of photography do you like?

M2: I like wildlife photography, so I always take pictures of magnificent animals.

Number 4.

M2: What do you feel like doing today?

F2: I really want to finish this painting that I started.

[Track 7-02]

Number 1.

F1: I'm Kelly, and I love activities, especially rock climbing. I think gyms are so-so, but rock-climbing gyms are great! Here people can enjoy rock climbing without actually climbing a real cliff or a steep mountain. People use safety equipment to go rock climbing, so everything is safe. I ought to go rock

climbing more often!

Number 2.

M1: Hi, I'm Zach. I usually avoid playing video games, but I like live action role-playing games. This is called LARP or larping. I like to get involved in these games because players dress up in costumes and pretend to be characters while questing with other players in real life. It's the best!

Number 3.

F2: Hey there, I'm Sandra. I always look forward to going to an escape room. They are games that take place in rooms where players have to work together to solve complicated puzzles in order to get out and move on to different rooms. I enjoy going to escape rooms on the weekend!

Number 4.

M2: Hello, I'm Marco and I'm keen on drone racing. This is an activity where participants fly drones with video cameras on them. The goal of the race is to complete the track as fast as possible. I intend to continue drone racing for a few more years. It's exciting to play and to watch!

[Track 7-03]

M1: Hey, Ted. Do you feel like watching the soccer game with me on TV?

M2: Sure, Jack. What teams are playing?

M1: Juventus and FC Barcelona.

M2: Cool! I love Cristiano Ronaldo. He's a forward on the Juventus team. He's my favorite soccer player!

M1: Really? My favorite soccer player is Lionel Messi, who plays for FC Barcelona!

M2: Whoa, no way! Why do you like him?

M1: He's a great team player, and he puts in a lot of effort in games. He has also scored 671 goals since he started playing soccer as a professional! Why do you like Ronaldo?

M2: That's amazing! Well, Ronaldo has unbelievable soccer skills. He has helped his team win many championships. As a professional soccer player, he has scored 689 goals and has 219 total assists.

M1: That's awesome! Let's watch the game and see which team will defeat the other team.

M2: May the best team win!

[Track 7-04]

M1: Hello everyone, we are here at Fenway Park in Boston. I'm with the co-host, Dan O'Brien, who has been covering the Boston Red Sox for over 20 years. Dan, before we get started with today's game against the New York Yankees, can you tell us a little bit about Boston's greatest rivalries in baseball?

M2: Sure, Bob! It's the perfect day for you to ask me that question because the Boston Red Sox and the New York Yankees are two of the oldest teams in Major League Baseball, and their rivalry goes all the way back to 1919. The Yankees are here today to defend their title against the Red Sox.

M1: Wow, that's amazing! What can you tell us about this old rivalry?

M2: Well, it started in 1919 when the Red Sox sold the great baseball player, Babe Ruth, to the Yankees. While playing for the Yankees, Babe Ruth became the greatest baseball player in the sport's history. The Yankees also became the most successful team in baseball. No one could defeat them. They have won 27 championships. Sadly, the Red Sox couldn't win a championship for 86 years. Red Sox fans blamed the team's unbelievable record on the loss of Babe Ruth.

M1: Whoa, no way! That's interesting. The good news for those Red Sox fans out there is that the team finally succeeded and won a championship in 2004.

M2: That's right, Bob. It took a lot of effort, but the Red Sox finally became champions!

[Track 7-05]

a. F1: I'm really into cycling on the weekends. This hobby is a great way to experience nature and also have fun! I'm also fond of surfing, but I hate it when the water is too cold. This is why I usually go cycling and surfing in the summer! I feel like it's the best season to enjoy my favorite hobbies.

b. M2: I went fishing last week and caught a magnificent fish! I love fishing, but it can also be boring if I don't catch any fish that day. I always intend to catch a bunch of fish, but sometimes I only catch one or two. I'm keen on catching another big fish soon!

c. M1: I used to be so-so at football, but I worked really hard and got better at it. I don't have any natural abilities that make me a great player, but I work the hardest of anyone else at practice. I put in a lot of effort to be the best, and now I'm the captain of the football team!

[Track 7-06]

1. F2:

Hi, I'm Lisa. A couple years ago I was really into dancing. I thought it was a great way to express how I felt. Then one day, my dad gave me a new camera. I started taking pictures of everything. Now, I really love photography. It's so much more creative than dancing.

2. M2:

Hey, I'm Simon. My friends and I are really into watching movies. We also like studying and learning about camera techniques and special effects that directors use. I really love horror movies. I think they are more complicated to make than any other type of movie.

3. F1:

Hello, I'm Maria. I love playing all kinds of video games. Well, actually, I really hate playing fighting games. There's just nothing amusing about them. I'm really into action RPGs, though. I think they're kind of like fighting games but more interesting. I never get bored playing action RPGs.

4. M1:

Hey there, I'm Ben. I used to be into going to the skate park with my friends. After a while, though, I got bored of it. I needed something new. That's why I tried downhill skateboarding. It's more exciting than regular skateboarding because you can go so much faster.

Unit 8

[Track 8-01]

F1:

Number 1. You should apologize to the teacher for shouting during class.

Number 2. Saying 'please' and 'thank you' is polite behavior and makes other people feel respected.

Number 3. I feel like a bit of an outsider when I go to a new country and I don't speak the language.

Number 4. A taboo is something that you should not say or do.

Number 5. People who move to a new country often have unique experiences.

Number 6. We are ready and willing to make the trip to Japan.

Number 7. It's important to remember to respect people's personal space.

Number 8. You can save precious time while traveling abroad if you plan your trip before you go.

[Track 8-02]

Number 1.

F2: Hey James, I heard you're traveling to Thailand soon.

M2: Yes, I can't wait! I know you've been there before, Kate. Do you have any advice for me?

F2: Hmm, I know that you should respect people's personal space. For instance, it's taboo to touch someone's head in Thailand. The head is considered the cleanest and most precious part of the body.

If you touch someone's head by accident while traveling in Thailand, be sure to apologize right away!

M2: Wow, I had no idea! Thanks for letting me know, Kate.

Number 2.

M1: Are you excited about moving to Japan, Kelly?

F1: I think it will be an incredible adventure, but I'm also a bit nervous. I've never been to Japan before. I know the country has its own unique set of rules.

M1: I definitely had culture shock when I went to Japan for the first time. You just have to remember a few things before you go there.

F1: Oh, really? Like what?

M1: You have to be particularly careful with chopsticks in Japan. Don't wave them around while you're eating. Also, don't stand them up vertically in your rice bowl.

F1: Great tips, Paul. Thank you!

Number 3.

F2: I'm thinking of traveling around some countries in the Middle East this summer. What do you think, Max?

M2: That sounds like a cool experience, Jane. You just have to remember that things that are polite in one country can seem rude to people in another country.

F2: Right, so do you know about any taboos in that area?

M2: I've read that showing the bottom of your feet can make people feel very uncomfortable. It's also important not to cross your legs or lay back when someone is sitting opposite you.

F2: That's interesting. I need to learn more about the dos and don'ts before I travel.

M2: Good idea!

[Track 8-03]

Number 1.

M1: What would people think if I rode my bicycle on the sidewalk?

F1: Oh, they might think you are rude.

Number 2.

F2: Is it all right if we argue loudly in public?

M2: No, of course not. You shouldn't argue in public.

Number 3.

F1: Is it OK if I greet people with a handshake?

M1: Yes, but just make sure to use your right hand.

Number 4.

M2: It is all right to leave a tip?

F2: Yes, of course. It shows you appreciated the good service.

Number 5.

F1: Is it OK to leave some food on my plate?

M1: Yes, you should. It shows you are satisfied.

Number 6.

M2: Would people mind if I wore my shoes inside their home?

F2: Oh, I think they might be quite offended.

[Track 8-04]

Number 1.

M1: I'm having a really hard time. I have no one to hang out with.

F1: I'm sure you'll find some friends soon!

Number 2.

F2: Sorry, Dan. I have to hang up now. I'll call you back later.

M2: Sure, no problem!

Number 3.

M1: I'm really nervous about the first day of school.

F1: Don't worry! Just hang together with me for now. And, we'll both make lots of new friends soon.

Number 4.

F2: You'll stop feeling homesick soon, I'm sure.

M2: I know. I just need to hang in there.

Number 5.

M1: When I'm feeling lonely, I hang out with my friends.

F1: I do the same thing!

Number 6. F2: Hang on just a minute, please. I have another call.

M2: OK, I can wait.

[Track 8-05]

M1: Hey, Camila. Have you experienced culture shock before?

F1: Yeah, I've experienced it a few times, actually. The first time was in Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam.

M1: Oh, wow. What was challenging about that trip?

F1: Well, I found Vietnamese culture to be very different. I didn't know you mustn't wear your shoes inside the house.

M1: Oh, right. So, what was the second time you experienced culture shock?

F1: The second time was when I went backpacking in Italy. When I was in the countryside, I couldn't communicate very well because I don't speak Italian.

M1: Did you try to learn the language?

F1: Every time I tried to speak it, people couldn't understand my pronunciation.

M1: I see why that was a negative experience.

F1: Yeah, but it was also amazing to learn about people's different cultural lifestyles. Before I go traveling again, I'll spend some time learning about the culture.

M1: That's great that you're willing to do that!

Review Unit 7-8

[Track R4-01]

Number 1.

M1: What kind of movies do you like to watch?

F1: I'm fond of action movies, but I also like dramas. I might watch one later if you're interested.

M1: Uh, no thanks. I hate dramas! I like funny movies. They are amusing and fun to watch.

F1: Yeah, I agree.

Number 2.

F2: What do you think of this painting I made?

M2: It's really cool! I wish I could be as creative as you are.

F2: Hey, don't forget about your hobby! You take magnificent photos.

M2: Yes, I love photography. I ought to take photos more often, though.

Number 3.

M1: Hey, Noah. What do you feel like doing today?

M2: Ugh, I can't do anything. I have to finish this essay. I really dislike writing about history. It's so boring!

M1: Ah, too bad! I'm keen on playing video games. Come join me once you've done your essay.

M2: Sounds good, Paul.

Number 4.

F1: Whoa, that's a cool ring! I love the precious stone in it.

F2: Yeah, it's pretty unique, right? I got it in Mexico when I was living there.

F1: Wow, no way! I didn't know you lived in Mexico!

F2: I studied abroad there for a year. It was an amazing experience!

Number 5.

F1: Have you had any negative experiences while you've been here?

M1: I felt a bit homesick at first, but my new friends have made me feel really welcome.

F1: That's great, Max. It also seems like you're getting better at communicating with people.

M1: I have a really great teacher who's been helping me with my pronunciation.

[Track R4-02]

Number 1.

M2: Hey, I'm Peter. I've been living in China for a year now. I'm studying here, and I love it! I definitely experienced some culture shock when I first arrived. I didn't speak the language, so I had a lot of trouble communicating with the locals. I also got lost a lot because I couldn't read the signs. I started using my phone to help me translate, which helped a lot. I also started immersing myself in the culture and lifestyle in China. Now I don't feel like an outsider!

Number 2.

F2: Hi, my name is Camila. Let me tell you about my experience traveling around Europe by train. I can't stand flying, but I love being a passenger on a train. Once I crossed the border into a new country, I spent time hanging out with locals and experiencing the local culture. Train travel can get

lonely, and you don't have a lot of personal space, but it's a great way to see more of a country. If you're willing to travel by train, you can have a unique experience!

Number 3.

M1: Hi, I'm Aarav. Let me tell you about my experience living in Germany. I was a student here for a few years, but now I play soccer professionally. I've really enjoyed playing soccer here, and a lot of my teammates have become my friends. It takes a lot of hard work and effort to play soccer at the professional level. This weekend is our championship game against France. I hope we can defend our title and become champions once again!

Unit 9

[Track 9-01]

Number 1: Tom

M1: I'm having a tough time at my part-time job these days. The new manager seems to really hate me for no reason. He always blames me for problems even when it's not my fault. He constantly shouts at me, even in front of customers! Last week he called me stupid in front of eight people.

Number 2: Ella

F1: The girls in my new school are really mean. I posted a picture of my party costume online, and the other girls wrote some terrible comments, saying I looked like a monster. I was really hurt.

Number 3: Seth

M2: There's a guy in school called Bryan. He's bigger than everyone else, and he always punches me in the arm whenever he sees me. He's pretty strong so it really hurts. I wish he would stop. Last week he grabbed my bag and threw it over a wall!

Number 4: Bailey

F2: I'm having a terrible time at school. There's a girl called Melissa, she's really popular. She always has parties and stuff at her house but she never invites me. Sometimes, she and the other girls point and laugh at me in the playground. It makes me feel really terrible.

[Track 9-02]

F2: OK, first to speak is Marcia.

F1: Environmental pollution and climate change are the two most serious challenges that we face today. If we are going to solve these problems, we need to make big changes in the way we live as a society. And the government needs to take action on certain behaviors such as raising taxes on damaging activities like driving cars too often and flying too often. If we can get people to stop doing these things, maybe there is hope.

F2: OK. Thank you, Marcia. Thomas? Over to you.

M1: While I agree that pollution and climate change are important challenges, the idea that increasing taxes will solve the problem is incorrect. Raising taxes like that will make societies poorer. And poorer societies care less about the environment. We need to focus on economic growth first. We need to get as many people as we can out of poverty, and then we can more effectively deal with climate change and pollution.

[Track 9-03]

M2:

Number 1. I think we should create more affordable housing.

Number 2. Most people think the biggest issue right now is taxes, they are way too high.

Number 3. If we invested more in new business, the level of unemployment would drop.

[Track 9-04]

F1: The best way to solve this bullying issue is to first, talk to the bullies. If they understood why their behavior is so bad I think they would stop doing it. Mila, do you agree with that?

F2: To be honest, I'm totally against that idea. The only thing bullies understand is punishment. I would make bullying illegal in this country, so if it happens we could call the police!

Unit 10

[Track 10-01]

M1: Hey, Carrie. You look terrible! What's up?

F1: Hey, Tom. Yeah, I had a job interview this morning. But it was kind of a disaster.

M1: Yeah? Why? What happened?

F1: Well, first I think the alarm on my phone broke. I didn't hear it, so I woke up one hour late. I rushed out of the house and then realized it was so cold and rainy. But I didn't have time to go back for my coat and umbrella. So, of course, I got wet. Anyway, I got to the interview place 15 minutes late. I wasn't well prepared, so I didn't answer the questions well. Obviously, I didn't get the job.

M1: Wow, that sounds pretty bad.

F1: Yeah, it was. If only I'd used my alarm clock rather than this stupid phone, then I would have gotten there on time.

[Track 10-02]

F2: Number 1: Oh! It's 6 o'clock? I'm supposed to be in the library right now.

Number 2: I made a promise to Luke that I would help him.

Number 3: He's having a difficult time writing his history essay.

Number 4: His goal is to get an A or B grade.

Number 5: I really regret falling asleep now.

Number 6: I wish I had drunk some coffee to stay awake.

[Track 10-03]

M2: Number 1: What is something you wish you hadn't done?

Number 2: What is something you wish you had done?

Number 3: What do you wish you were doing right now?

[Track 10-04]

F1: Number 1: If only I'd studied a little harder for that exam. I could have gotten an A+!

Number 2: If I hadn't gone to that party, I would never have met John, my husband.

Number 3: I could have had a great life and met so many movie stars if I'd gotten that job in Hollywood.

Review Unit 9-10

[Track R5-01]

F1: It was a terrible explosion.

M1: Yes. But whose fault was it?

F1: I don't think we can say one person is guilty of everything. Many people and many decisions led to the disaster.

M1: Yeah that's probably true. For example, if the factory manager had turned off the machine before he left, it wouldn't have exploded.

F1: Yes, but he thought it had already been turned off. It was his employee Nikolev's responsibility to do that. If Nikolev had done his job, the manager wouldn't have needed to turn it off.

M1: Yes, true, but I wish the manager had checked anyway.

F1: So does he, I'd imagine.