

New Frontiers WB 5

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Unit 1

[Track 1-01]

M1: John's favorite pastime is enjoying the great outdoors! He likes going on long hikes and exploring wildlife parks. Sometimes, he goes online to find the location of geocaches. When he finds them in the parks, he always enters his name in the logbook. He even brings special coins to put in the cache boxes.

While he still likes to go on hikes, he's recently found another outdoor hobby. Sometimes, instead of looking for hidden caches, when he goes on nature hikes, he brings his bow and arrows. He has found that there are many good targets to shoot at in the forest. Some of his targets include tree stumps or old logs. It's quite fun, and he gets to enjoy a challenging sport as well as spend some time in nature.

[Track 1-02]

W1: Hello everybody, my name is Kelly. Welcome to the Hobby Stop Club, where we come together to share our favorite pastimes. I really enjoy cooking, so my favorite hobby is volunteering to cook meals for homeless and elderly people. I like doing this because I can have fun and contribute to other people's lives.

Who would like to speak next? Jim?

M2: Hi, my name is Jim, and I enjoy being outdoors. If I had to choose a favorite pastime, it would definitely be bungee jumping. Although this is a recent hobby I've tried, it's so much fun! I can't wait to go again.

W1: And what about you, Lee?

W2: Hi, my name's Lee, and I don't care for outdoor activities as much as Jim and Kelly. What I do like is calligraphy.

M2: Oh, I think I've heard of calligraphy. Is it like karate and taekwondo?

W2: No, not at all! It's a kind of decorative writing. I've been practicing it since I was five years old.

[Track 1-03]

M1: You look upset. What happened at your soccer tournament today?

W1: Our team lost, we're all feeling a little regretful about the result.

M1: Regretful? What do you think you could have done differently?

W1: Well, we've all missed a lot of practices this year. We could have been more organized and played better if we practiced more. Also, we ignored our best player too much last year, so he left the

team.

M1: That's tough. But, you learned from your mistakes. Next year, you can all work harder to not repeat them. So try not to be so hard on yourself.

W1: Yeah, you're right. We'll practice extra hard next season. Hopefully, we'll have a more joyful result next year when we see how much our hard work can pay off.

[Track 1-04]

Number 1

W2: [regretful] Hi, my name is Henrietta, and I have had a terrible day. First, I got on the wrong train by accident. Then, I got off the train on the wrong side of town. It was pouring with rain, and I'd forgotten to check the weather report before I went out, so I didn't have my umbrella. I sure wish I'd planned better.

Number 2

M2: [joyful/excited] Hello, my name is Liam. I just received the best phone call! I've won a trip to see each of the seven seas! It's a reward for a contest I'd entered on the radio. I've never been so excited or happy in my life!

Number 3

W1: [amused] Hi, I'm Rachel, and I'm a blogger. I just got back from the theater. I saw the funniest play I've ever seen in my life. I'm going to write a review about it. I'll say, "This play is easily the best play of the year, ten out of ten stars for making me laugh out loud!" It was fantastic!

Number 4

M1: [offended] My name is George, and I'm here to make a complaint. Today, when I was riding the subway, I saw something that really made me angry. I cannot believe that companies are allowed to put up such terrible advertisements on subway cars.

Number 5

W2: [jealous] Hello, I'm Sherry. Today, I went to the mall with my family. My sister and I wanted to buy new jackets. We looked around and I found the perfect jacket. But I didn't have enough money for it, so I went out to find my mom. When I came back, the jacket was gone! My younger sister saw me trying it on and bought it when I went looking for my mom. It's so unfair! I wanted that jacket.

Number 6

M2: My name is Gerald, and lately, I have been feeling pretty lonely. I don't know why my friends aren't speaking to me this week. Today, they walked right past me in the cafeteria! I've tried talking to them, but they just turn around and walk away. Their behavior is making me feel really bad.

[Track 1-05]

W1: Are you sure we're allowed to swim on this beach? I've never been here before.

M1: Yes, I'm sure. I've been to this beach many times.

W1: I don't know... That sign says we shouldn't swim here. I think we should go. Swimming's not my favorite hobby anyway.

M1: In my experience, nobody has ever gotten in trouble for swimming here. That sign is just there to tell people to be careful.

W1: I somehow doubt that. Why don't we go for lunch instead? I know a place with delicious Thai cuisine.

M1: Aw, come on. I appreciate your concern, but trust me. This will be a lot more fun.

W1: No. I said I don't want to. And, you'll be regretful later when you've gotten in trouble for swimming where you're not supposed to.

M1: All right. Fine. I got you. Let's go eat. Then we can find another place to swim.

[Track 1-06]

M2: Number 1: Look at this collection of photos I gathered.

Number 2: I'm sorry. I have to deny your application at this time.

Number 3: Wow! I hit the target dead center three times in a row!

Number 4: I didn't realize the time! I'm late!

Number 5: This is going to be a memorable dinner. My whole family is here.

Number 6: My sister likes to imagine she's an astronaut.

Number 7: Susan is offended by your post online. You should apologize.

Number 8: I adore cats! Can I hold yours for a bit?

[Track 1-07]

Narrator: Number 1.

W2: What did you think of the food there, Johnny? Would you consider going back?

M2: I don't know. I don't really like their cuisine. It wasn't that great. I'd rather go shopping for the ingredients and cook for myself to be honest.

Narrator: Number 2.

M2: I remember when we all gathered around the big tree and had a huge family picnic.

W2: Yes, that was a really lovely day. I'm glad we could organize that! Next time we all have some leisure time, let's do it again.

Narrator: Number 3.

W2: Haven't you ever been to the gigantic ball of string?

M2: I've gone there, yes. But, I didn't find it all that memorable. I'd rather go to see the tiny elephant statue instead.

Unit 2

[Track 2-01]

M1: Number 1. Anxiously, she sat down to write her English test.

Number 2. Unexpectedly, the boy shouted her name.

Number 3. Nervously, she answered the question.

Number 4. Without warning, a strange creature ran into the kitchen.

Number 5. Unfortunately, the pedestrian had been trapped in the jeep.

Number 6. As quick as a flash, Leo hopped over the fence.

Number 7. Suddenly, the wind stopped.

Number 8. Bravely, the heroine set out to rescue the small child.

[Track 2-02]

W1: Not all heroes wear capes or fly through the sky. In 2008, Robin Emmons found out that more than seventy thousand people in her state couldn't afford to buy enough food to eat. She immediately took action. She dug up her entire backyard—on purpose! Instead of green grass and pretty flowers, she decided it would be more useful as a massive garden. This helped make up for the lack of fresh fruits and vegetables. She's an everyday hero for believing that every life matters. We should all be grateful for these "everyday heroes." In the end, they make the world a brighter place.

[Track 2-03]

Narrator: Number 1.

M2: 1. Emily had been waiting for the bus when, suddenly, a car came down the street much too fast. There was a horrible sound as it hit another car. Emily immediately rushed over to help the people trapped inside.

Narrator: Number 2.

W2: Kenny was disturbed by the smell of smoke coming from outside. When he looked out the window, he saw the building next to his was on fire! Rather than keep on studying, he raced to the rescue. In the end, he saved three people from the fire.

Narrator: Number 3.

M1: Andrew was grateful he'd gotten to go to the mall. He was going to keep on shopping when he saw a small boy crying. Andrew stopped shopping and went to the child and asked him what was wrong. The child said he had been shopping with his mother when he had gotten lost. Andrew called the police, who quickly contacted the boy's grateful parents.

Narrator: Number 4.

W1: Carrie was tired because she'd been exercising for hours. She'd been exercising hard on purpose because she was training for a competition. When she decided to stop running and rest, she saw an injured cat. She took off her sweater and wrapped the little cat up. Then she took it to get help.

[Track 2-04]

M2: Hey, Jill. What were you up to when I called you last night?

W2: Oh, yeah, sorry I didn't answer the phone, Len. I had been studying since 9 a.m. By the time I heard the phone ringing, I was getting ready for bed!

M2: Oh, that's OK. What were you studying?

W2: Have you ever heard of Marco Polo?

M2: No, I haven't.

W2: Really? I'm surprised! He's a pretty well-known adventurer. He was a great explorer who went on an expedition to China. He ended up staying there for 17 years.

M2: Wow, he stayed in China that long?

W2: Yeah. He'd been traveling for 24 years by the time he went home.

M2: Yikes, that's a long time. What took him so long?

W2: Oh, I forgot to mention that he was an explorer in ancient times. He went to China in 1271.

M2: Ah, so traveling must have been harder then.

W2: Yep.

M2: Well, being lost for so long sounds terrible! I'd be exhausted if I had walked around Asia for 24 years before finding my way home.

W2: They had horses, you know. Marco Polo wasn't lost. He was exploring. Anyway, after he'd gotten back from his travels, his stories were made into a book called *The Travels of Marco Polo*. I think it was published around the year 1300. I just borrowed it from the library yesterday. It was so amazing! I couldn't put it down. I had read the entire book by dinnertime.

M2: Did you learn much?

W2: I sure did—the book covered everything from his birth to his death. He had an extraordinary life, but it wasn't always an easy one. For starters, his mother died when he was just a baby, in 1254. And in 1296, after he returned from his travels, he had to go to war. Unfortunately, later that same year, he got captured by his enemies and sent to prison, where he stayed for three years. On the upside, that's where he told the other prisoners stories of his travels. His cellmate thought his adventures were so spectacular that he wrote Marco's stories down. Those writings later became the book I read last night.

M2: Hmm... Interesting.

Review Unit 1-2

[Track R1-01]

Number 1

M1: Have you seen my cache of baseball cards? I've lost it.

W1: No, you never told me where you hid it, sorry.

Number 2

W1: What do you like to do in your leisure time?

M1: I like to rest at home.

Number 3

M1: What are you laughing about, Emily?

W1: I was so amused when I first saw this movie that I'm sure I'll enjoy it again.

Number 4

W1: I believe in being kind every day.

M1: That's an excellent way to live!

Number 5

M1: My eyes hurt today.

W1: Likely because you stare at a computer screen all day.

Number 6

W1: I heard it's your birthday, so I got you a little something.

M1: Oh, thank you! That's very thoughtful of you.

Number 7

W1: Sorry to disturb you. Can you take a call right now?

M1: Yeah. Just give me a moment.

Number 8

W1: Why do you look so tired?

M1: It's just a lack of sleep. I stayed up all night studying.

Number 9

M1: Why are you crying?

W1: I failed another test! I give up on this class. I'm just going to take it again next year.

Number 10

W1: Do you think we're prepared for the family dinner this weekend?

M1: Yes, we bought lots of food today!

[Track R1-02]

W2: It was a dark and stormy night. Josh was standing, looking out his window. He doubted anyone would be outdoors in such a terrible storm. Since he usually went cliff diving on Tuesday evenings, he was feeling bored from being stuck inside.

Without warning, a car came speeding around the corner at the end of his street. Suddenly, it stopped. In fact, it stopped so suddenly, Josh was impressed! He wondered who was driving. He could only stare as a tall woman stepped out into the pouring rain. She was carrying something—it looked like a

gigantic present—she was bringing it to his house!

Josh couldn't help but feel a little awkward as he opened the door. He had no idea who this person was!

"Special delivery!" she exclaimed.

Josh reached for the gift. "Would you like to come in from the rain?" he asked.

The woman looked regretful as she shook her head 'no.' Then, as quick as a flash, she turned and disappeared into the night.

[Track R1-03]

M2: Hi! My name is Haruto, and I'm 17. I'm originally from Japan. My family only recently moved to Korea. I've only been attending Korea International School for the past few months. It's an impressive school! I felt a little awkward at first, but I've been grateful to have such an amazing opportunity. My favorite subjects are math and science. I think English is just sort of OK.

One thing that's helped me, almost immediately, is that I made a lot of friends. I did this easily because I have a lot of interests. My favorite pastime is making ikebana floral arrangements. I enjoy ikebana because it's relaxing, and I can make beautiful flower arrangements for my friends and family.

When I showed my arrangements to the other students, they looked very impressed! We started talking about our different backgrounds. This led to a discussion about what places we'd like to visit. If I like anything more than ikebana, it's going on adventures! I have a long list of places I'd like to visit, from Brazil to the Antarctic. Now we all gather once a week for the Explorer Club, where we talk about places we've been to and places we'd like to visit. It's been a lot of fun getting to know new people. The other students say I'm joyful and friendly. I'm not sure if that's true, but I'm happy to be making new friends. I'm really enjoying it here in Korea!

Unit 3

[Track 3-01]

M1: Good morning, Melody. I was wondering if you have any favorite bands.

W1: Hey, Greg. Hmm, well, since I'm a musician, I appreciate a lot of different bands. But, I still think one of my favorites has to be the Beatles.

M1: Oh! I love the Beatles. They were a great rock 'n' roll group.

W1: Totally! They influenced so many different people, too. What about you? What bands do you like?

M1: Hmm. I don't really know a ton. My favorite style of music is rock 'n' roll and maybe country.

W1: Country? I didn't know you liked country music.

M1: I only really listen to the hits. And, I also like going to the concerts. The audience at a country

music concert is always lots of fun. It's also fun to see less famous performers at events like the city fair.

W1: Really? Isn't the fair coming by next week? How much is admission?

M1: I think we can get tickets for about \$25 a day.

W1: Let's go! I want to see what these concerts are like.

[Track 3-02]

M2: My name is Sam, and I'm here today to talk about music. Did you know that the origin of music is unknown? That's because it's so old we're not sure when it began! What we do know is that there are many different styles of music. We call these different styles "genres." All of the music in a particular genre shares certain qualities. For example, rock 'n' roll music typically includes a guitar, bass, and drums. Musicians get creative and invent new genres all the time. Musicians can be influenced by many things: a sound, a band, another musical genre. Musicians are often inspired to produce new music by mixing different genres. For example, the Beatles were greatly influenced by the music and culture of India. These influences went on to change the performers' musical style in their later years as a band.

[Track 3-03]

1. M1: How was shopping?

W1:

- a. I had a spectacular time!
- b. The shoppers were dull.
- c. I was eager to shop!
- d. I saw some good entertainment.

2. W2: How was your day?

M2:

- a. It was boring, I had a magnificent day.
- b. It was exciting! I had a regular day.
- c. It was awful. I had an OK day.
- d. It was OK. I had an ordinary day.

3. W1: What are you signing up for?

M1:

- a. I'm registered for the soccer team today!
- b. I'm registering for the soccer team today!
- b. I'm register for the soccer team today!
- c. I'm a register for the soccer team today!

4. M2: Hey, Anne. It's me, Frank!

W2:

- a. I'm sorry. I've never met Anne before.
- b. I'm sorry. I don't know Anne.
- c. I'm sorry. I don't recognize you.
- d. I'm sorry. I'm not recognizing you.

[Track 3-04]

W1:

The annual Winter Festival was coming up soon. I was excited to register for the dance competition since I've been attending it as an audience member ever since I was a little girl. I've been practicing my dancing for the event for many years. Now that I've turned 16, I can enter the competition!

I remember being very eager to participate ever since I was five years old. Now, it's finally happening! I can finally walk down to the community center to register! I know that once I'm on stage, I'll dance so beautifully, no one will even recognize me. I'm feeling absolutely spectacular! You see, to me, the dance competition is no ordinary competition; it's been a family tradition for three generations—my mother, my grandmother, and my great-grandmother have all danced at the Winter Festival.

[Track 3-05]

W2: Hey, Aaron, I haven't seen you around recently. Where have you been?

M2: Hi, Kelly! Oh, I've been traveling abroad; my family and I just got back from China. We celebrated the Chinese New Year there.

W2: Chinese New Year?

M2: Yeah. It's different than the New Year you're used to. Part of the custom is to give special gifts. It was amazing; we got candy and books as gifts right before we had to fly back home.

W2: Neat! I've never been to China; it sounds really cool. I'm eager to go there someday!

M2: I hope you do get to go someday, Kelly. What about you, Jack, have you ever been to China?

M1: No, I haven't. Last year I went to Korea though. My family makes the trip annually to celebrate *Chuseok* with our entire family. It's the only time I get to see my grandparents. They always provide a lot of spectacular food, like *songpyeon* and *hangwa*. The part I don't like is all the traffic. It's so busy on *Chuseok*; we have to sit in the car for hours in order to get anywhere.

W2: Oh, that doesn't sound like fun. But the *Chuseok* feast sounds delicious. All things considered, I hope I get to visit Korea someday, too!

M1: What about you, Kelly? Where have you been?

W2: Oh, my family only does ordinary things every year.

M2: Like what?

W2: We go to the local community festival. Every year, my family registers for the annual three-legged race.

M1: What's that?

W2: In brief, two people have to tie one leg to the other person's leg, and then run a race.

M2: That sounds like a lot of fun!

W2: Really? You think so?

M1: Yeah, can we come with you this year?

W2: Sure!

Unit 4

[Track 4-01]

1. W1: Hi, there. Can you help me? I'm looking for some financial advice.

M1: I've done a lot of training in money management, so I think I'll be able to advise you, no problem!

W1: That's great! I'm wondering how much of my income I should start saving? I want a nice nest egg for college.

M1: That depends on your budget. Let's take a look.

2. M2: Going to university is a high priority for me, so it's very important I get good grades.

W2: Good. Yes, going to university would be a huge benefit for you. You'll have many more job opportunities in the future.

M2: I'm just worried about getting into a good school. But, as long as I remain positive, I'm sure I will succeed.

[Track 4-02]

Narrator M: Timothy

W1: I'm sorry, Timothy, but it's your obligation to make a car payment today.

M1: Oh no! I'm completely broke. My paycheck will come next Friday. Can't you wait until then?

W1: No, because the payment was due last week we can't wait any longer.

M1: What happens if I don't pay?

W1: If you can't pay us, then we have to come and take your car.

M1: Please don't do that; I'll find a way to pay up!

W1: I would advise you to find someone and get a loan as soon as possible. Can your parents lend you some money, perhaps?

M1: No, but my sister has a decent income. Maybe she can help. I'll call her right now.

Narrator M: April

M2: Hey, April! I just heard the good news. Congratulations!

W2: Thanks. I'm super excited to get started on Monday.

M2: How long did they hire you for?

W2: I'll be working for them for two months, but I'm hoping they'll hire me for another job after that.

M2: I'm sure that with your positive attitude and amazing talents they will want to hire you again!

W2: Thanks, Mike.

Narrator M: Dane

W1: What's the matter, Dane?

M1: Oh, I'm so bored. I have had this job for so many years now; it's become so dull working here.

W1: Oh, that doesn't sound very good. Why don't you find a new job, then?

M1: I need the income. Also, I have a contract that says I have to work for them for the next five years.

W1: I see. Well, I suppose if you have a contract with the company, then you are obligated to keep working there.

M1: Yeah...

W1: Try and stay positive. I'm sure that some parts of your job must be enjoyable! Focus on those.

Narrator: Pamela

M2: Hey, Pamela, how are you?

W2: I'm not doing very well. I've been trying to figure out these questions for the last hour.

M2: Maybe I can help. What are you working on?

W2: It's my math assignment; it's due tomorrow. Here is question one: Your income is two thousand dollars every month, but you spend half of that on shopping. You spend half of what's left on eating out. If you spend $\frac{1}{16}$ th of your total income on gas for your car every week, how much money will you have left to save for college every year?

M2: Why, that's simple math! You can't figure that out on your own?

W2: No! I've been sitting here trying to think of the solution. Can you walk me through it?

[Track 4-03]

M1: Hi. I'm here because I really need you to loan me some money.

W1: OK. But first, I need to see what kind of income you have.

M1: Why do you need to see my income?

W1: We have to know what sum of money we can lend you. It depends on how much money you make annually.

M1: Oh?

W1: It's so we know you won't struggle financially to make your monthly payments.

M1: Oh, that makes sense.

W1: Once we figure that out, I'll make a contract for you to sign. Then you can apply for a loan.

M1: Great!

[Track 4-04]

1. M2: I'm not sure what I should label this section of the spreadsheet.

W2:

- a. What if we labeled it "expenses"?
- b. What if we worked on the spreadsheet?
- c. What if we labeled it on the spreadsheet?
- d. What if we made a budget?

2. W1: How about a section for “costumes”?

M1:

- a. You're right. That's useless. Great idea!
- b. Oh, we don't have enough categories.
- c. No, that's useless. We don't spend much on those.
- d. Oh, that's a good idea, but costumes are useless.

3. W2: Do you think financial planning has much value?

M2:

- a. Yes, I think budgets are important.
- b. Yes, let's divide up our expenses.
- c. I don't know how much it costs.
- d. No, I'm not sure if we should value it.

4. M1: What should we name our store?

W1:

- a. It's going to make lots of money, so let's description it as “Gravy Train.”
- b. It's going to make lots of money, so let's divide it as “Stingy.”
- c. It's going to make lots of money, so let's call it “Gravy Train.”
- d. It's going to make lots of money, so let's section it “Stingy.”

[Track 4-05]

W2: Hello and welcome to Dial-A-Dollar, the number one talk show about financial planning! Whether you're tired of being broke or just looking to get money-wise, I'm here to advise! This show will be a great benefit to everyone out there who struggles to get by. Missed another payment? Worried about how to pay off that huge loan? Don't let yourself remain in the dark! Learn how to get yourself a decent budget and how to calculate which expenses should be priorities.

Instead of working for your income, make your income work for you. If you want long-term results, then stay tuned because when we return, we will be having a magnificent talk about how to get you onboard the gravy train! Choo-choo!

[Track 4-06]

M1: I'm sorry Mary, but I can't afford to pay up today! I'm so broke, I'm struggling just to pay the rent.

W1: You can't pay? That's not OK, Mack! You've owed me for a long time. It will have been a year next week since I loaned you that money. What's the problem?

M1: I lost my job last year. It took me awhile to find a new one. My financial situation never recovered.

W1: You're lucky I'm a decent person, and I sympathize. I'll give you one additional week. But, if you don't get me the money by then...

M1: Thank you for the extra time. I'll save enough to pay up, don't worry!

Review Unit 3-4

[Track R2-01]

M2: Hey, Leslie. I have a question for you. Have you ever been to a financial advisor?

W2: Why yes, Dan, I have. I've seen a financial advisor several times. I go annually and have been going since I started working three years ago.

M2: Oh, nice! Where did you find your advisor?

W2: I went to a bank, and I was assigned an advisor there.

M2: How was the experience? Was it exciting?

W2: Exciting? I don't know if I'd say it's exciting. It's kind of a boring experience, to be honest. But I think that it's probably good to see an advisor and regularly review your financial plans.

M2: I'm a little nervous. I'm about to have my first visit with a financial advisor! I just got my first part-time job.

W2: Really? That's spectacular, Dan!

M2: Thanks! The job is a bit dull, and I'm not sure I'll like it. But I definitely like the money. Anyway, I'm going to see an advisor tomorrow to ask about different savings accounts.

W2: That's a smart move. You should start saving as soon as you can.

M2: Yeah, but how much should I save, and what kinds of savings accounts are there, is what I'm wondering.

W2: Well, I'm not an accountant, but I'm sure it'll depend on what you're saving for, as well as how much your income is. Have you started to record your budget and spending?

M2: No, I haven't.

W2: You need to start there then. That's what I always do before I go to see my advisor. I suggest making a spreadsheet where you divide your money into different sections based on your typical spending habits. Stuff like your food, travel, and shopping expenses.

M2: OK, that sounds easy enough. I'll get on that.

Unit 5

[Track 5-01]

M1: Hey, Ines. Check it out... I got my results.

W1: Oh. Hi, Rick. Results for what?

M1: I took a personality test. It's called the Myers-Briggs test. Let's see... it says I'm an ESTP type.

W1: ESTP type? What does that mean?

M1: I'm checking it.... So E means I'm outgoing, energetic, and enjoy working with other people. And the other parts... Well, it means I'm a debater. I'm not passive, and I don't mind arguing against someone's opinion.

W1: Well, it's true that you're kind of outgoing, but are you a "debater"?

M1: ...I think I am. I mean, I'm disagreeing with you right now so...

W1: I guess so.

M1: Why don't you do the test?

W1: I don't think those kinds of things are very accurate. I mean, how can you identify someone's personality so simply? It seems really unscientific to me.

M1: This test is a series of questions invented by scientists. Many companies require that people take them.

W1: OK, but that's the problem. People probably answer the questions in the way they want to be seen. Not in a way that really shows who they are.

M1: (laughs) Well, just try it. I will decide if it's accurate.

[Track 5-02]

M2: Number one: How would you describe your personality? Use three adjectives.

Number two: What kinds of jobs do you think are most appropriate for introverts? Give two examples.

Number three: What kinds of jobs do you think are most appropriate for extroverts? Give two examples.

[Track 5-03]

Narrator: Number 1

M2: So Esther, how would you describe your personality?

W2: Well... I think I'm a patient person. I think I'm also cautious. I like to do things carefully and I avoid risk whenever possible.

Narrator: Number 2

M2: Milo? How about you?

M1: Hm. My friends say I'm ambitious. I guess I agree with that. Another thing I often hear is that I'm pretty reliable. If you ask me to do something, I'll make sure I get it done.

Narrator: Number 3

M2: Amelia? What about you?

W2: To be honest, I think I'm a little emotional and sensitive at times. If someone says something nasty about me, I get really upset and angry for days afterwards.

[Track 5-04]

W1: Everything OK, Lucas? You look stressed.

M1: Oh. Hi, Ana, I have to hire a new waiter for the restaurant today. We have three candidates coming in for a job interview later on. I don't know what to ask them, though. I've never done a job interview before. I mean, I've done it as an interviewee, but never as an interviewer.

W1: What do you mean... interviewer, interviewee?

M1: The interviewer is the person who asks the questions, the interviewee is the one who answers.

W1: Ah, right. I see. Sorry. Umm... Don't worry about it. It'll be easy. I interviewed people before back in Poland. You have their résumés, right?

M1: Yes, they sent me those by email.

W1: Good. So you don't need to ask them about qualifications and their work experience, you already have that information. You need to focus on their personalities. What kind of person are you looking for?

M1: Well... for a waiter... they need to be polite, friendly, intelligent, and reliable.

W1: Right. So you need to ask them questions that help them to reveal their true personality. And then choose the candidate who seems most polite, friendly, intelligent, and reliable. So, to check if they are polite and friendly you could ask something like, "if a customer walked in here right now, what would you first say to them?"

M1: Ah-ha! That's great. Thanks a ton, Ana. Now I just need to prepare a few more questions.

[Track 5-05]

Narrator: Number 1

W2: I would say I'm pretty outgoing: I hate being alone, so I spend my free time with friends. These days, I'm very active. I think my picture shows my personality well.

Narrator: Number 2

W1:

I've told you about the positive aspects of my personality. Now for the negative: I think I can be a little too sensitive at times. I worry a lot about what other people think of me. This makes social media a problem for me. Any nasty comment toward me posted there really upsets me.

Narrator: Number 3

W2: I think one negative aspect of my personality is that I'm too hardworking. I know people think working hard is a good thing, but I can't switch it off and just relax. I would love to just relax, but it's hard to do that when I'm always thinking about work.

Unit 6

[Track 6-01]

W1: Is that your new smartphone?

M1: Yeah. Nice, isn't it?

W1: Totally. It looks great. But it must have been expensive, right?

M1: It was quite cheap, actually. I got a discount because my brother works at a phone store.

W1: Wow, you're so lucky. I wish I could get discounts on stuff, especially on something as important as a phone.

M1: Yes, absolutely. I hope he's still working there when it's time to buy my next phone!

[Track 6-02]

W2: Joe. Turn on the lights in the kitchen.

M2: OK... Lights are now on!

W1: Steph, whom are you talking to?

W2: Oh, that's Joe, my home digital assistant. You see that white box on wheels? That's him.

W1: Wow... I've never seen anything like that before.

W2: Oh? He is great, Alice. He's so helpful. I have him answer the phone if I'm out; turn on the radio or the heating... stuff like that. Oh! And I can even have him answer the door and receive packages. He can even sign for packages!

W1: Wow, that's seriously cool. Can I try it out?

W2: Sure, go ahead.

W1: Joe, turn off the lights in the kitchen.

M2: I'm sorry, I didn't catch that.

W2: Actually, it works better if I say it. He recognizes my voice. Joe, turn off the lights in the kitchen.

M2: I'm sorry, I didn't catch that.

W2: Ah...I guess he's still learning.

[Track 6-03]

M1: Question 1: What are the advantages and disadvantages of having a digital home assistant like Joe?

[pause 5]

Question 2: In the future, do you think every house will have some kind of digital assistant?

[pause 5]

Question 3: What kind of housework can only be done by a human?

[Track 6-04]

W1: Introducing Home-Hand. This is an automated home maintenance solution designed and produced by Endotech. This incredible machine has a number of remarkable functions. It cleans your floor when it's dirty, and you don't even need to tell it when. It uses visual sensors to check if the floor needs cleaning! It can also check the contents of your refrigerator and order more food before you run out. If you're feeling lonely, or learning a new language, you can also have a conversation with Home-Hand. It is able to speak 12 different languages.

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[Track 6-05]

M2: OK, guys, I have a question.

W2: What is it, Tim?

M2: If I gave you a large amount of money, and you had to use it to buy one new piece of technology, what would you buy? Let's start with Jenna.

W2: I think I would buy a robot floor cleaner, one that vacuums and cleans the floor automatically. I think they're really convenient, and my pet cat could have fun playing with it! Diane, what would you get?

W1: Hm... probably an electric car? No, wait... I don't have a license. Actually, I would get an electric bicycle. They look really fun, and I live in an area with so many hills. Tim?

M2: I'd get a smart watch.

W1: But you already have one!

M2: I would get a newer, even better smart watch. This one already feels old and outdated.

Review Unit 5-6

[Track R3-01]

Narrator: Number 1: Melinda

W2: I'm outgoing and energetic. So, there are two things I love in life: sports, especially soccer, and acting. But I guess eventually I'll have to choose one of these to focus on. Right now, I'm thinking I'd rather do the first one because I like to be outside as much as possible.

Narrator: Number 2: Eddie

M1: I'm quite extroverted according to my exam results. Also, I guess I'm quite intelligent. I did especially well in math and design. I'm really interested in technology, and my hobbies include building electronic devices like drones and robots.

Narrator: Number 3: Lee

M2: I'm quite quiet, but I think I'm very reliable. I've been told that I have a scientific way of thinking. I'm interested in learning about other people's personalities and learning how to build a successful team.

Unit 7

[Track 7-01]

W1: And now we have a little time for questions. Anyone? You.

W2: Thank you. Jenny Adamson, Eco.org. Mrs. Kerensky, what are the new administration's plans to tackle climate change?

W1: Before deciding on any specific policy, we will be doing a wide range of research. For us, right now, the most important thing is keeping the economy strong. So that is the main thing we will keep in mind going forward. OK? Yes, in the corner?

M1: Carl Myerson, CNB News. The previous government's policies for dealing with environmental issues were extremely unpopular throughout the country. Will the new government change the

approach?

W1: Yes, they were unpopular mainly because they discouraged the use of cars. The new government will not do that. Instead, we are looking at encouraging people to switch to electric cars.

M1: How will you do that?

W1: As I said, we haven't decided on specific policies yet. But when we do, you will be the first to know. Next?

M2: Mischa Briers, from the *Washington Daily*. What is the government's response to the report published on Monday by the organization Climate Crisis? It's very critical of this government's environmental policies.

W1: I have seen the report. And we think it's inaccurate in many parts. But we respect the organization and the authors of the report, and we are willing to listen. In fact, we invited the authors to a Q&A session, which will, I believe, start at 10 a.m. on Thursday morning. The press is more than welcome to join us for that.

[Track 7-02]

M1: Number one: The boss doesn't like people taking time off work, but usually he does permit it.

Number two: I'd like to work in a university. I want to be a professor.

Number three: I think this government's new tax policy will be effective.

Number four: He doesn't agree with me yet, but I think I can persuade him.

Number five: I learned a lot about climate change when I attended a debate on the issue.

[Track 7-03]

W2: Number one: My mom won't permit more than two friends at the house at the same time.

Number two: You can't just tell us it's true. You need to show us evidence.

Number three: Don't be so dramatic. Everything will be OK. It's just a C.

Number four: Making predictions about climate change can get extremely complex.

Number five: If you want to get slim again, exercise and a healthy diet are essential.

[Track 7-04]

Narrator: Stacey

W1: A lot of people these days talk about electric cars being a solution to climate change. But I think as an overall solution it's ineffective. Electric cars still use energy, which we often get from a fossil fuel burning power station. I think more people should just get rid of their cars and take up cycling instead.

Narrator: John

M1: John: That's a good point about electric cars. I agree that they aren't a perfect solution. But how can we get more people to use bicycles? The government can't force them to do it. That would be difficult and unfair.

Unit 8

[Track 8-01]

M2: So guys, what are you going to have? All the food on this menu looks awesome!

W2: It really does. It's so hard to choose, right? I think I'd prefer to have chicken, so...

W1: Oh, Cynthia. You should try the murgh makhani here. It's amazing.

W2: Is that chicken? Oh, yes, it says so right here. OK, what are you going to have?

W1: Erm... well, I'd prefer something light: maybe the palak paneer? [Thinking] It has spinach in it, so I guess it must be quite healthy. Yes, I'll get that one. Trey? How about you?

M2: Well, I'm pretty hungry, so I'm thinking about getting two items: the rogan josh and one extra murgh makhani. Also, shall we get some naan and pilau rice, too?

W2: What is naan?

W1: You don't know? It's a kind of Indian bread. It's freshly baked in the oven. It's so good.

W2: Sounds good to me. Let's get two garlic naans and one rice to share.

M2: Perfect! Oh, look, here comes the waiter. Excuse me!

[Track 8-02]

M1: Hi, Paul. I just received a booking for next Saturday: the 22nd. The customer's name is Mr. Pinto, and it's his wife's 40th birthday party. They would prefer to arrive a little later than usual, though. Ideally the reservation will be at 9 p.m., and it's for eight people in the Apollo Room. They would like a buffet-style meal with eight to 10 different dishes on the table. Oh, and they're all vegetarian, so no meat. However, fish and eggs are OK. One of the guests is allergic to eggs, though, so we need to include two or three dishes which don't contain eggs.

[Track 8-03]

W2: OK, on to our next item. Maybe you remember when you were young, your parents would say stuff like, "take your elbows off the table," and "chew with your mouth closed," and so on. Here in the U.S., most people think table manners are really important. But did you know the idea of "good etiquette" changes from country to country? Joining me today is Amin Turani, author of *From Table to Table*, a fascinating new book which looks into table manners, how they have changed, and how they are different around the world. Amin, thank you so much for joining us today.

M2: My pleasure, Jenny. Thank you so much for inviting me.

W2: So, what gave you the idea to write this book?

M2: Well, first, I guess my background. My family came to California from Iran when I was just two years old. So from an early age, I noticed a difference in how we ate at home compared with at school and at friends' houses.

W2: For example?

M2: Well, at home, we ate in a more Iranian style: big dishes of food for sharing, rather than an individual dish for each person. And you're only supposed to eat with your right hand.

W2: Right, I see.

M2: So, this difference got me more interested in other cultural differences. Later, I majored in

sociology at university, and that's how I came to study this topic.

W2: OK. So, which country had table manners that you were most surprised by or interested in?

M2: Well, in Thailand, I found that it's bad etiquette to put food in your mouth with a fork! You have to use your spoon for that. I also found an interesting thing in Portugal. If they are not already on the table, you should never ask for salt and pepper. The chef will think it's rude. And in some South American countries like Chile and Brazil you should never eat food with your hands—even a cheeseburger and fries.

W2: Oh, really? OK. I'll have to remember those rules the next time I travel to one of those places. Amin, thanks so much for coming here today!

[Track 8-04]

M1: We could go to that Italian restaurant nearby. It's got amazing food, and it has a lovely atmosphere inside. But it might be busy on Friday evening, so we will need to book in advance. I'll find out if there are any other good restaurants in the area, just in case it's fully booked.

[Track 8-05]

W1: Number 1: What is the best place in your town for eating out with your friends? Why is it so good?

Number 2: When going to a restaurant, what do you care about most: the food, the atmosphere, or the price?

Number 3: Do you prefer having dinner at home or eating out? Why?

[Track 8-06]

W2: Number 1: Have you ever tried a diet or planned your meals?

Number 2: If you were on a diet, what three "cheat meals" would you allow yourself?

Number 3: If you had to do a single food diet, which food would you pick?

[Track 8-07]

M2: OK. Are you guys ready to order?

M1: Yes, I think we are. Kelly, you go first.

W1: OK, I think I'll have the tuna and egg salad for starters and for my main I'll have the beef stew.

M2: Got it.

W1: Oh, and sorry, but could I have my salad without pine nuts please? I have a nut allergy.

M2: Without pine nuts, got it. And for you, sir?

M1: I would like the soup and then... I think I'll have the stew, please. But could I have it with bread instead of rice, please?

M2: Yes, no problem. And for you, ma'am?

M1: Brianne, it's your turn.

W2: Oh, sorry! OK, I'd like the lasagna and the chickpea curry please. Oh. I have a question about the lasagna. Is it OK for vegans?

M2: Ah, actually no, it has cheese. But the chef could make it for you with vegan cheese if you'd like?

W2: Oh, perfect! Yes, please.

Review Unit 7-8

[Track R4-01]

Narrator: Number 1

M1: Hi, I'm Seb. I'm a bodybuilder so I eat tons of meat and fish. I try to avoid fatty meat, though, and stick to lean meat. I never really eat bread or any other processed food. I've been doing this for about six months, and I feel great—this diet really helps a lot with building muscle.

Narrator: Number 2

M2: My name's Sangay. I'm following quite a strict diet. I can eat stuff such as vegetables, beans, and tofu. But, I'm not allowed to eat any kind of animal-based food. At first it was tough, but I got used to it. In fact, it feels kind of normal now. I eat like this for cultural reasons—it helps me to connect with my culture and family.

Narrator: Number 3

M1: I'm Paulo. The reason I have this diet is mainly about the environment. I think if everyone had the same diet as me, the world would be a better place. I occasionally eat eggs and cheese, and I'm allowed to drink milk. However, I don't permit myself to eat any kind of meat or fish.

Unit 9

[Track 9-01]

Narrator: Number 1

W1: What's the largest animal to have ever lived on Earth? It's the blue whale, which can weigh up to 150,000 kilos! These whales are so huge, not many other animals can harm them. However, they are sometimes attacked by killer whales.

Narrator: Number 2

W2: Like humans, dolphins are social animals. They often travel in groups of five to twenty, and they sometimes form large groups of one thousand or more. Groups of dolphins are called schools or pods. Dolphin pods get together to hunt, find mates, and protect each other.

Narrator: Number 3

W1: Many people are afraid of sharks, but most sharks aren't dangerous to humans. In fact, the largest shark species, the whale shark, isn't scary at all. Although it has 3,000 teeth, those teeth are tiny, and they aren't used for eating. The whale shark swims through the water with its mouth open, collecting tiny sea creatures for food.

[Track 9-02]

W2: Good morning. On today's program I'm happy to welcome Reza Muhammad, director of the Orangutan Survival Fund. Reza, please tell us about your organization.

M2: Well, at the Orangutan Survival Fund, we're trying to protect orangutans from serious threats.

W2: Can you tell us a little about orangutans?

M2: Sure. These beautiful animals are great apes, closely related to humans. In fact, their name comes from the words for "human" and "forest" in the Malay language—so in their words, they're humans of the forest. Orangutans only live on two islands in Southeast Asia, and they're the only great apes that are found outside of Africa.

W2: Is there just one species of orangutan?

M2: No, actually. Until recently, we thought there were two, but in 2017 a third species was discovered. All of them are critically endangered.

W2: Why are they endangered?

M2: The main reasons are hunting and the destruction of the rainforest by humans. Some people hunt them to keep them as pets. But the bigger threat is farming. People are destroying the rainforest in order to plant oil palm trees. The oil from these trees is a popular ingredient in food, and also in things like shampoo and toothpaste. It's very valuable. However, as a consequence of over-farming, the orangutans' homes are being destroyed.

W2: So, what is your organization doing to help?

M2: Several things. We keep track of orangutan populations, for starters. A hundred years ago, there were more than 230,000 orangutans. Now there are only about 65,000 left, and that number keeps getting smaller. We also work with local people to find them other sources of income, so that they don't have to practice bad farming practices. It's already against the law to hunt orangutans, but many people break the law. Lastly, we help governments catch hunters. This way, we can save orangutans that are being kept as pets, and help bring them back to their natural habitat.

[Track 9-03]

1. W1: I'm not certain of the answer.

2. M1: I saw a dolphin yesterday.

3. M2: The meeting will continue after lunch.

[Track 9-04]

M1: The U.S. state of Florida has a lot of interesting wildlife, and one of its most famous species is the manatee. These animals live in rivers and in the warm waters off the coast of Florida and nearby states. They're also called "sea cows," probably because they're so big and slow-moving. Like whales, manatees are not fish—they need to breathe air. So they have to go to the surface of the water frequently. Manatees can stay under the water for up to twenty minutes, but they usually come up for air every three to five minutes. Interestingly, though, manatees are not close relatives of whales or dolphins, or of cows. Their closest living relative is actually the elephant.

People like these animals because they're cute and gentle. Unfortunately, humans are dangerous for

manatees. In Florida, boating is a popular form of recreation, and it's common for manatees to be hit by boats and killed. That's the main reason that they're at a high risk of extinction.

Unit 10

[Track 10-01]

W1: You've probably all had Popsicles™ before, right? They're the sweet frozen treats, also called "ice pops," that come on a stick and taste so good on a hot day. But you probably don't know the story of the original Popsicles™. It goes back to 1905 in San Francisco. An 11-year-old boy named Frank Epperson mixed himself a sweet drink and stirred it with a stick. Then he took it outside and sat on the front step of his house. But somehow, something else caught his attention, and he left the drink outside all night. That night it was freezing cold. In the morning, the drink was frozen solid—with the stick still attached! This was the first Popsicle™. Frank enjoyed it, and he thought others might like it, too.

He named his discovery an "Eppsicle," a combination of his last name and the word "icicle." He started selling them to people in his neighborhood. Many years later, in 1923, Frank decided to officially go into business. By then he was married with kids, and his kids didn't like the name "Eppsicle." They called their dad "Pop," and they called his invention "Pop's 'Sicle." So, Frank took their advice and renamed it the "Popsicle." He sold his invention to a big food company, which made it a huge success all around the country, and later, the world. Frank always regretted making that deal, though. Billions of popsicles have been sold, but Frank, the inventor, never became rich.

[Track 10-02]

M2: How are your violin lessons going?

W2: I'm enjoying them a lot. Now I'm angry with myself for not starting years ago. If only I'd taken lessons as a kid like my parents wanted, I'd be playing like a professional by now.

M2: Yeah, it's definitely best to start at an early age. I began playing the violin when I was five. My younger brother and sister both started studying piano when they were little, too. Sometimes, we play together.

W2: Wow, that's nice. You know, I'm an only child, which I've always thought was unfortunate. I asked my parents for a little sister, but no such luck. It must be fun to have siblings.

M2: [laughs] Sometimes it is, and at other times they make you miserable. You have to share your parents' attention with them.

W2: Still, I wish I had brothers and sisters to play music with. Did you fight much with your siblings growing up?

M2: Yeah, quite a bit. I regret not being nicer to them when we were kids, actually. But we get along better now that we're older.

Review Unit 9-10

[Track R5-01]

W1: Hey, Nick. Would you rather be rich or famous?

M1: Why do you ask so suddenly?

W1: I'm doing an assignment for my psychology class. We have to answer all these hypothetical questions. Then we have to ask two other people and write down their answers.

M1: I see. So, if I had to choose between being rich and being famous, I'd definitely choose rich.

W1: Why?

M1: Because I've always wanted to live in luxury. I could spend all my time traveling and having fun, and not have to work. I wouldn't enjoy being famous to be honest. People would always be bothering me, taking my picture—I'd be miserable.

W1: Yeah, I'd have to agree. I wrote almost the same answer. But wouldn't you be bored if you didn't work at all?

M1: No, I think a life of leisure would be nice.

W1: If I were rich, I'd feel obligated to do something. Maybe I'd help the poor. I'd enjoy giving lots of money to people and organizations that need it.

M1: That's a good point. I'd give at least some of my money to the less fortunate.

W1: OK, here's another one: If you could be any animal, what animal would you be?

M1: Hmm. I'd be a tropical bird, I think. It would be so much fun to fly, and I've always been fascinated by the jungle. What about you?

W1: My answer was a dolphin. I love the water, and I'm more interested in the ocean than the jungle. OK, last question. If you could make any law, what law would you make?

M1: Oh, that's easy. I'd make a law that says you can't talk loudly on your cell phone in public.

W1: Really? [laughs] That's not a huge problem, though.

M1: I think it is. It's very annoying. What did you come up with? What law would you make?

W1: I'd want to do something about the destruction of the environment. But I haven't decided exactly what to write just yet.