

Level 2 Student's Book Audio Script

WELCOME UNIT

Track 0.01

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| 1 grocery store | 6 movie theater |
| 2 bowling alley | 7 restaurant |
| 3 clothes store | 8 skatepark |
| 4 park | 9 stadium |
| 5 mall | |

Track 0.02

- A Where's the skate park?
B The skate park is in front of the stadium.
A OK. And where's the new Italian restaurant?
B The restaurant is behind the skate park.
A Right. And where's the mall?
B The mall is in front of the park. And the movie theater is inside the mall.
A Is the bowling alley inside the mall too?
B No. The bowling alley is between the grocery store and the clothes store.

Track 0.03

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| 1 rice | 5 carrots |
| 2 beans | 6 orange juice |
| 3 chicken | 7 cheese |
| 4 fish | 8 pineapple |

Track 0.04

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| 1 motorcycle A | 4 bus B |
| 2 airplane D | 5 boat E |
| 3 subway F | 6 car C |

Track 0.05

- 1 She's really bored.
2 She is angry.
3 He was very tired.
4 She's really excited!
5 Michael is so lazy!
6 This is a funny picture.

Track 0.06

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| 1 field | 6 hill |
| 2 bird | 7 lake |
| 3 coast | 8 sea |
| 4 flower | 9 tree |
| 5 grass | 10 village |

Track 0.07

It was 10 o'clock last night. I was watching some online videos. My parents were sleeping. I got a message from my friend Sara. She was looking for her school jacket, but she couldn't find it. "I was wearing my jacket at school today, right?" she asked me. "Yes, you were," I answered. "But you took it off in the classroom." She then asked, "I was sitting next to Regina and Isabel,

right?" "Yes, that's right," I replied. "At the end of the last class, you were showing them pictures on your cell phone and they weren't wearing their jackets," I answered. "Maybe one of them took your jacket by mistake."

Track 0.08

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| 1 stormy | 4 cloudy |
| 2 sunny | 5 foggy |
| 3 windy | 6 rainy |

Track 0.09

- 1 He was texting his friend when his phone died.
2 He was riding his bike when he fell.
3 She was walking with her cake when she dropped it.
4 Their car broke down while they were driving home.
5 She did her homework while her cat was playing.
6 I sent an email while my brother was drawing.

UNIT 1

Track 1.01

- 1 calm – lively
2 empty – crowded
3 exciting – dull
4 quiet – noisy
5 traditional – unusual

Track 1.02

Remember my trips to South Africa and Indonesia earlier this year? This is your chance to win a free trip for two to one of these countries! Just follow me at @liztravels, post a photo and include the hashtag #pickmeLizTravels (competition ends December 20). Good luck! Guess where this is? South Africa! I went to the annual Hermanus Whale Festival, a three-day festival dedicated to a special type of whale: the southern right whale! How big or small are they? Well, this species is bigger than humpback whales and smaller than blue whales. You can go on a boat to get close to the whales. This is called whale watching. I learned so much about why we need to protect whales. Did you know that whales can live to be 100 years old? I took this photo while I was in Bali, Indonesia, in total silence. People there celebrate the New Year for six days in March or April. New Year in Indonesia is later than New Year in the USA. Day three of the celebrations is called Nyepi (the Day of Silence) and there's no electricity, no traffic, no work and no school for 24 hours. It's a day of purification. Being quiet isn't easy, but it's easier than you think! After several hours, I felt calmer than I was before. And I loved it!

Track 1.03

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| 1 atmosphere | 4 crowds |
| 2 dance show | 5 music event |
| 3 souvenirs | 6 fireworks |

Track 1.04

- A Hey, Grace. I saw the photos you posted of the Albuquerque Balloon Festival. The colors were awesome!
B Thanks, Ryan! But the photos aren't as colorful as the real balloons. It's my favorite festival for sure! Too bad you weren't there this time.
A Yeah, this year my family and I were at my grandma's house in Florida. How was it?
B Well, we were there during the week because the crowds are bigger on the weekend.
A Was it better?
B Oh, yes! It was more exciting than last year because we were there very early in the morning, when the balloons were ready to fly. The balloons were bigger this year. Big balloons are more difficult than small balloons to take photos of. But the small balloons aren't as visible as the big balloons. I have a modern cell phone but my new camera is more modern than my cell phone so I used that.
A Nice. What else did you do?
B There were other activities – dance shows, fireworks, and music events. The atmosphere was great. And we bought some amazing souvenirs made by local people. It was a long day and I was more tired than my parents when we left.
A How much were the tickets to the festival this year?
B \$15 per person.
A Really? What about the food?
B Good but not cheap – the burgers were as expensive as the pizzas. Hey ... do you want to come with us next year?
A Sure! When ...

Track 1.05

This week in our series about festivals around the world: LAS FALLAS FESTIVAL – VALENCIA
By Nicky Schwartz

Las Fallas (March 15 to 19) is an awesome Spanish festival.

But what are *fallas*? Well, they're enormous structures with a specific theme, decorated with smaller sculptures called *ninots*. The *falleros*, or artisans from all over the city make the *fallas*. There are about 700 *fallas* every year, and each one takes a whole year to make! It's a traditional event, but you can find *ninots* of modern characters and celebrities such as Shrek and ... Lady Gaga! Yay! But there is a really unusual thing at *Las Fallas*.

They burn everything at the end of the festival! Yikes! All that hard work! Well, at least they save one *ninot*. This lucky *ninot* goes to the Fallas Museum. Phew!

During *Las Fallas*, the streets are more crowded and noisier than the rest of the year because there are fireworks, live music, and food stalls – anyone love *paella*? Yummy! Don't miss the main event called *La Nit del Foc* (the Night of Fire), on March 18, with a spectacular fireworks show.

Track 1.06

- A Hey, Summerfest is next month. Why don't we go together?
B Yeah, let's do that! I'd like to go to a rock concert. Where is it?
A It's in the Apollo Club on George Street.
B OK. Are the tickets expensive?
A Ugh! It looks like we have to spend a lot of money. Do you want me to check for student discounts?
B Yeah, that would be great! Oh, I can't wait to go!

Track 1.07

- 1 Why don't we go together?
Do you want me to check for student discounts?
2 Yeah, let's do that!
Yeah, that would be great!

Track 1.08

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It looks like we have to spend a lot of money.

UNIT 2

Track 2.01

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| 1 awful | 7 peaceful |
| 2 cold | 8 incredible |
| 3 dry | 9 busy |
| 4 hot | 10 terrible |
| 5 amazing | 11 wet |
| 6 wonderful | |

Track 2.02

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| a cold | c wonderful |
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| hot | d amazing |
| wet | e incredible |
| b awful | |
| peaceful | |
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Track 2.03

EARTH HAS IT ALL

Are you planning to visit the longest river, the highest waterfall or the tallest mountain in the world? Check out this information about three amazing places!

The longest river on the planet is the Nile River. It goes through 11 countries in Africa. That's right ... 11! You can travel along the Nile: start by kayaking in Uganda and finish in busy Cairo with a visit to the famous pyramids.

You can't miss Angel Falls in Venezuela. It's the world's highest waterfall in Canaima National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Fly over the jungle, see a lot of different animals, and go for a swim in the beautiful, clean water. Imagine all the stories you can tell about your trip to Venezuela.

What about climbing? Reaching the top of the tallest mountain in the world is an amazing but also terrifying experience. Mount Everest is located between Nepal and Tibet. Climbers can often experience everything, from the best sunny day to the worst rainy afternoon when climbing. But as the saying goes, no pain, no gain!

Track 2.04

Leonardo, guess what? The other day, I was in the most beautiful hotel on a beach on an island when a thunderstorm started. It was really wet and windy. When it finished, the sky was clear. And then it started to get hot, really hot, like a heatwave. Then I went onto the beach and I saw a hurricane ... but no, it wasn't a hurricane, it was a tsunami. The waves were high and I didn't know what to do because there was a flood! The water was everywhere! I ran back to the hotel and I decided to climb to the top – it was the tallest hotel on the beach. It was the most difficult climb ever! From the top, I could see the whole island. On the right, there was a forest fire and on the left, there was a blizzard. I thought: what's happening on this Earth? ... Then I woke up and realized it was the most incredible dream!

Track 2.05

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| 1 thunderstorm | 5 flood |
| 2 heatwave | 6 forest fire |
| 3 hurricane | 7 blizzard |
| 4 tsunami | |

Track 2.06

White sand beach? Not this one!

Posted by Julie Lewis, Jan 29

Hawaii is famous for the most beautiful beaches in the world, right? But imagine a beach with black sand! Welcome to Punalu'u beach, the most incredible beach in Hawaii, 48 kilometers from Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. Why is the sand black? Well, hot lava from the volcanoes went into the sea, immediately became solid, and eventually broke into very small pieces to make the sand.

The sun makes the black sand hot and this makes the beach the perfect place for turtles to make their nests. So be careful! Green sea turtles and even the endangered hawksbill turtles sit in the sun on the sand.

Tourists get excited about the black sand and some try to take it home as a souvenir. Please don't! The sand is very special. It's finite because it's old lava. The white sand beaches of Hawaii continue to have sand because fish bring sand to them, but not at Punalu'u. And we don't want Pele, the protector of volcanoes, to get mad at us!

Enjoy nature as it is and take home some good memories and amazing photos.

Track 2.07

Looking for a different destination? Why not try Patagonia?

Why visit?

Patagonia in Argentina is one of the most beautiful places in the world!

What to see?

The incredible glacier, the Perito Moreno. One of the only glaciers in the world that is still growing! And don't forget to visit the village of El Chaltén and go hiking there.

When to go?

In the summer, from November to early March. The average temperature in the summer is 12°C. Temperatures are lower in the mountains but the sun can be strong.

What to bring?

A windbreaker, a pair of gloves, a winter hat, a sun hat, and hiking pants (water-resistant are the best). Light items, always!

UNIT 3

Track 3.01

Black: You enjoy arts and music, and people say you are serious. Sometimes you can be sad and negative about things.

Yellow: Like the sun, this is the color of warm and happy people. You have unusual ideas and people describe you as creative.

Blue: Family and friends are very important to you. You are patient with other people and are always happy to wait your turn.

Pink: You are a sociable person and like to be with other people. People see you as a romantic and sometimes innocent person.

Red: You are good with people and enjoy being the center of attention. But when people disappoint you, you can get mad.

Gray: You always like to be in control of your emotions and you really don't want to feel anxious or nervous.

Green: The natural world is important to you. You like to feel relaxed and people see you as a very easygoing person.

Orange: You are a very positive person. Things can be difficult, but you are always cheerful. You want everybody to love you.

Purple: You like to have your own ideas and make your own decisions. People think you are a very independent person.

Track 3.02

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| 1 independent | 6 patient |
| 2 easygoing | 7 sociable |
| 3 serious | 8 anxious |
| 4 negative | 9 cheerful |
| 5 creative | 10 mad |

Track 3.03

Autistic and Artistic: The Story of Niam

By Christine Baker

Niam Jain is a typical teenager. He loves video games, pizza, and music. But he is also a quiet and creative artist with autism. He began painting at 12. Painting is important to him. He can express his ideas and feelings through art.

Speaking is very difficult for Niam. Some people with autism think in pictures, not in words, and Niam uses visual arts to communicate what's on his mind. "I always know how he's feeling by what he paints. When he is mad, he uses a lot of red, for example," says Nina Jain, his mother. "Niam loves painting. It makes him cheerful and sociable."

Niam sells his paintings online and in galleries. His family was very surprised when he made \$60,000 with his paintings! And that was just in one year! "Working helps Niam," explains his mother. "I'm glad he's making money and he's becoming more independent. Niam has a passion and now he's making a career for himself." In the future, Niam and his family plan to open an art gallery not just for him, but for many other special artists.

Track 3.04

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| 1 artist | 5 collages |
| 2 technique | 6 drawing |
| 3 stencils | 7 graffiti |
| 4 stickers | 8 mural |

Track 3.05

- A I didn't know Buenos Aires was famous for street art.
B Oh, yeah, Buenos Aires is one of the best cities in the world to see street art. If you walk slowly, you notice some street art on every street.
A Wow! What's that?
B Ah, that's the work of a group of artists called *BA Paste Up*. They put collages, stickers, drawings, and stencils with messages on walls to make murals. I love their work. They are creative. They think creatively. And their messages always make people think.
A Is paste up art like graffiti? Is it difficult?
B Well, some people call it paste up graffiti, so yes, it's a type of graffiti. But it uses an easy technique – paste. I'm doing it in my bedroom. I'm not good at drawing, so I search for photos and use a computer program to make my images. But I'm not a serious artist. I don't work seriously.
A How do you put your images on a wall?
B You make a mixture of water and flour and cook it. It's hot, so I'm very careful. I always work carefully.
A So I can make that back at home?
B Sure. I don't do paste up art well. But I can show you if you want.

Track 3.06

My Inspiration

Look at this giant painting. Isn't it beautiful? Well, that's my school! I study at Ríadávia Corrêa Municipal School in downtown Rio de Janeiro. The Municipal Secretary of Culture selected it for the Rio Big Walls project in 2017, and an artist named Luna Buschinelli patiently painted it for around 10 hours a day for 45 days. The graffiti is so big that many people believe it's the world's biggest wall painting by a female artist! This came as a big surprise to me! I read that graffiti artists are usually men. Why is that? I believe women can be amazing graffiti artists, too!

The name of the graffiti mural is *Contos* (*Tales* in Portuguese). It's about a mother and her children. She's illiterate, but she uses her imagination to create and tell stories. And they're so incredible and magical that her children believe her stories really are from a book. Because of this painting, I and many other students at our school now have our hearts set on reading and writing. Learning how to read and write changes your life forever.

Luna is my role model, and now that I can read and write, I'm drawing regularly, too, because one day I want to become a graffiti artist like her.

Track 3.07

- A Who's your art teacher?
B Ms. Gloria Sánchez. You know, the new teacher from Spain. She's the real deal!
A What do you mean by that?
B She's the best teacher. We love hearing about color theory. And she gives us a lot of good tips.
A In other words, her class is fun.
B Yes! You can say that again!

Track 3.08

- 1 you can say that again!
2 the real deal!
3 what do you mean by that?

Track 3.09

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1 Who's your art teacher?
2 She's the real deal!
3 We love hearing about color theory.

UNIT 4

Track 4.01

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| a earn | f debit card |
| b save | g ATM |
| c borrow | h bills |
| d spend | i coins |
| e spending money | j money |

Track 4.02

LIVING WITH LESS Carolina Silva – Brazil

I want to tell you about Jacquie, my friend in the US. She's a freegan. What's a freegan, you ask? Well, Jacquie looks for useful things in trash cans, but she isn't poor. Freegans are a combination of "free" and "vegan." They rescue things in good condition that people throw away like furniture, clothes, and, of course, food.

I liked the idea of freeganism. I found some information on the Internet and decided to try some ideas for a month.

- I needed a dress for our school prom. I posted a note on the donation board and got three offers! I didn't pay anything and I got a beautiful dress!
- My friend wanted an apple pie for her birthday party. It was late when I arrived at the street market. There weren't any apples. But a man was putting a box of lemons into his van. Two fell on the street and he gave them to me. I baked a delicious lemon pie for my friend!
- I went to free concerts and cultural activities, and I walked in the park. I didn't spend any money!

This last month made me think. Now, I look at the donation board. When I cook, I try to use all of the vegetables, including the skins. I'm reusing more of my stuff and spending more time outside. Freeganism is a great lifestyle!

Track 4.03

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| 1 bargain | 5 free |
| 2 afford | 6 customer |
| 3 donate | 7 sales associate |
| 4 shopping center | 8 price |

Track 4.04

- A** Today's Black Friday, Mandy! Many people spend a lot of money at shopping centers. They buy things like TVs, cell phones, and stuff.
- B** But not many people need all those things, Jake. Black Friday is only about excessive consumerism.
- A** How much money do you spend on Black Friday?
- B** Nothing really. Things are expensive for me. Nothing is free on Black Friday. I prefer to save my money!
- A** That's the spirit of "Buy Nothing Day." People decide not to buy unnecessary things.
- B** I like that. When I want to buy something, I check the price. If it's a bargain, I buy it.
- A** How many times did you buy without thinking last month?
- B** Maybe just once.
- A** That's good! I usually go to events like "Donation Day" with freegan friends. People donate things and we volunteer as sales associates. Then customers come and pay what they can afford. The money that we get goes to charity. There are a lot of incredible things to look at!
- B** That's a nice way to spend the day!

Track 4.05

HAPPY TO HELP!

Top-trending volunteer work

- 1 Dog walker
- 2 Personal shopper for elderly people
- 3 Math tutor at the school club

How volunteer work increased over the years

2010 – 25 students

2015 – 60 students

2020 – 130 students

The most popular types of volunteer work among teens age 12–14 in 2020

- 50% – collect material to recycle
- 30% – teach music and dance to friends
- 10% – grow vegetables in a garden
- 10% – others

Time spent on volunteer work per week, except weekends

8 hours

Why are more teens using their time to help other people?

1st You get to meet nice people.

2nd You help people with something they really need.

3rd It shows you can make a difference. It feels great to help other people.

4th You give back to your community at the same time as learning new skills.

Track 4.06

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT DIFFERENT LIFESTYLES?

We asked our teachers what they can remember from their childhood.

Mr. Ling, math teacher

My grandma was a very hardworking person. She had a beautiful garden and she always picked a lot of vegetables to cook. She was a vegetarian and when we spent our summer vacations with her, we didn't eat any meat.

The best part was when we helped her carry all those fresh vegetables in a basket. I loved the smell of the carrots, the lettuce, the green peas ... and the tomatoes were delicious and very fresh, of course!

It was great to learn how to choose the best vegetables. Now, every time I go to the market, I know how to select the freshest and most delicious vegetables. I always buy the best.

UNIT 5

Track 5.01

- 1 communicate
- 2 video chat
- 3 text
- 4 call
- 5 face-to-face
- 6 messages
- 7 language
- 8 virtual communication
- 9 emojis

Track 5.02

The Future of Communication

How will we communicate with each other in the future? Will it be very different? Here are some predictions about the future of communication.

Smartphones

We will have Bluetooth devices in our ears and eyes, and use implants in our hands to replace smartphones. Smartphones will be part of our bodies.

Telepathy

Sensors in our heads will read our minds and translate our ideas into words, sounds, and images. We will communicate with each other without talking, reading, or using gestures!

Emojis

Emojis (or other symbols) will substitute text and sounds in communication and become a new language. Words won't be necessary.

Content for Three Senses

Photos and videos won't have only words, images, and audio, but also a smell that will combine with the content of the message.

Holograms

Calls of the future will project a hologram of you to make the conversation more realistic.

Talking to Things

As well as communicating with humans, we will communicate with robots and artificial intelligences, too. Talking to machines will be more common and natural. You will probably spend more time talking to your car or refrigerator than to another person!

Will face-to-face communication disappear in the future? How do you feel about these predictions? Do you think they will come true?

Track 5.03

- A** I'm going to take Buddy to the park today. He's really excited about it!
- B** How do you know that? Do you speak "dog"?
- A** No, but we're going to learn one day! Dogs communicate, they have their own language. That's what scientists say.
- B** For real? Is there an app to translate dog talk or something?
- A** Watch this video. It describes an app that translates different languages simultaneously. They use it to debate in different languages.
- B** Awesome! They speak Chinese, Spanish, Russian ... it translates everything in real time and everybody understands each other. But ... what does that have to do with dogs?
- A** If there are apps for humans, scientists can develop one for pets, too. Buddy's going to talk to me and I'll understand him. You see? He's trying to tell me something now but I don't know what!
- B** He's not my dog, but I know what he's saying: "Stop talking and take me to the park!"
- A** Oh, I just remembered: I saw a cat translator online the other day. It translates your voice into meows.
- B** Really? Do they explain how it works?
- A** I'll send you the link, hang on.

Track 5.04

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| 1 speak | 5 tell |
| 2 translate | 6 debate |
| 3 say | 7 describe |
| 4 explain | |

Track 5.05

IS SIGN LANGUAGE UNIVERSAL?

You are going to imagine a world with no sound. What is it like? How will you communicate without talking? Will you use images or maybe signs? That's right, we are going to talk about sign languages!

Sign languages use hand, face, and body movements for communication. They are not only for people with hearing difficulties, but also for people with Down syndrome, autism, and language difficulties. Can you believe there are over 135 different types of sign languages and many different sign language alphabets? In fact, even countries with the same spoken language do not use the same sign language. For example, the American Sign Language in the US and the

British Sign Language in the UK do not use the same signs and have completely different grammar rules!

What is the explanation for these differences in sign languages?

Groups of people from different areas created and developed their signs. But when they created these signs, globalization was not very common and people with hearing difficulties from different countries did not have to communicate with each other very often.

Sign languages change with time, too, of course. Take the word "telephone." Because of the changes in technology in the last 100 years, the sign for the word "telephone" changed, too. People create different signs to represent new things and concepts all the time.

Unfortunately, there are sign languages that are disappearing because not many people are learning and using them. For example, only about 40 people know Mardin Sign Language from Turkey. Young people are not learning the language, so it will become extinct in the near future, just like spoken languages.

Track 5.06

- A Can I help you?
B Yes, I'm looking for a new phone.
A How about this one?
B Hmm, do you have a smaller one?
A Yes, what do you think about this phone?
B That's awesome! Does it have a good camera?

- A Of course! It's the best camera there is!
B Great! How much is it?

Track 5.07

- 1 How much is it?
2 What do you think about ...?
3 I'm looking for ...

Track 5.08

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1 I'm looking for a new phone.
2 What do you think about this phone?
3 It's the best camera ...

UNIT 6

Track 6.01

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| 1 athlete | 7 fashion designer |
| 2 musician | 8 chef |
| 3 nurse | 9 dancer |
| 4 inventor | 10 politician |
| 5 actor | 11 engineer |
| 6 writer | |

Track 6.02

Dear Dad,

I hope this finds you well. We all miss you a lot!

We're safe inside, don't worry. Mom is working from home now, and she's cooking better than ever! Grandma is fine in her apartment, too. We're going to start online yoga classes together!

But how about you, Dad? Sorry your phone isn't working. At least you have your laptop, right? Is your new phone going to arrive soon?

When are you going to come home? I hope you have a vacation after all this. Nurses need to rest, too. And your swimming practice? Are you going to go back to that? You're a great swimmer, Dad, don't stop!

Well, I'm sure about one thing: this pandemic is going to end. And I have so many plans for the future! I'm going to meet my friends every day, and we're going to go to the mall, go to the movies, play basketball ... so many things!

School is still closed, but classes online are OK. I miss my friends. I really want to see them. Meeting online is not the same. Believe it or not, I'm certain about two things. I'll be the best student in my class, and I won't say bad things about school ever again!

Dad, I changed my mind: I'm not going to be a professional athlete anymore. I'm going to be a scientist and help the world fight public health problems. Wait and see!

Love,
Katie

Track 6.03

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| 1 helpful | 4 suitable |
| 2 successful | 5 flexible |
| 3 available | 6 reliable |

Track 6.04

- A Good afternoon, everyone, and welcome to "People in the Community"! Today we're talking to Diane Folk, a teacher from a local school. Welcome, Diane!
B Hello, Josh! Hi, everyone!
A So, Diane, tell us about the qualities a teacher needs to have, to be successful in their work.
B Well, a good teacher always has to be kind and available. But the problem is there's too much work. There are too many hours in my schedule, and sometimes I work until very late, preparing my classes and correcting homework. There aren't enough hours in the day.
A Wow! You have to be reliable; people are counting on you, right?
B Yes! It's important to be there for the students and to be helpful.
A And how do we know if we're suitable for the job of a teacher? I mean, what's your advice for young people when they're choosing an occupation?
B Well, as a teacher you have to love young people and love helping them. You need to be flexible and understanding. I'm sometimes a bit like an actor or an inventor! It's not an easy job, but I love it!
A That's very helpful, Diane. Thank you so much!

Track 6.05

Great Power

Do you know that line from a famous movie, "With great power comes great responsibility"? Well, David Rodriguez is a perfect example of this.

David was born in the US on July 17, 1993. He could walk and talk when he was only ten months old, and he could read and write when he was two. At seven, all the other children of his age were playing games, learning to read, write, and do basic math, but not David. He already had responsibilities because of his exceptional gift. Considered a prodigy in his town, in 2000 he helped his dad with a surgery on a girl to help her and her family. Her parents' video of the surgery went viral. Later, he became the youngest student to go to high school in his community. He went to medical school at the age of 11 and got a degree in medicine.

What is David doing today? Enjoying his fame and making money? No way! He is a real genius in the area of medicine. He's specializing in bioengineering and focusing on a cure for cancer. When he was growing up, he read about many people suffering from cancer because they couldn't pay for the expensive treatment. This made David very sad, but it helped him find his goal in life. "I'm not going to rest," he says. "I'm going to help find a cure for cancer."

What about you? How are you going to use your power to make a difference in this vast, diverse, and unequal world?

Track 6.06

Nicola Benedetti

Nicola Benedetti is a famous Scottish musician. She was born on July 20, 1987, in West Kilbride, Scotland. She is one of the most influential classical artists of today.

She started learning the violin when she was four years old. At age ten, she went to the Yehudi Menuhin School, a school for young musicians.

Nicola is a very talented artist. However, she believes her talent comes from hard work. She practices three to seven hours every day – sometimes there aren't enough hours in one day! She uses a very rare and expensive instrument, a Stradivarius violin from 1717.

As well as playing the violin beautifully, Nicola is passionate about music education. In 2019, she founded the Benedetti Foundation to unite, inspire, and educate young musicians and teachers.

UNIT 7

Track 7.01

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| 1 vlogger | 6 cooking |
| 2 gaming | 7 reviews |
| 3 unboxing | 8 health and |
| 4 beauty | fitness |
| 5 science and tech | |

Track 7.02

- A Hey, Jane! Can you talk?
 B I'm taking care of my little brother. It's better to text.
 A Oh, OK. I liked your recent article about channels. I'd like to share my list with you. Would you like to see it?
 B Yes, I'd love to. Hearing about new channels is cool!
 A I follow some channels you don't. For example, Cheeza Liz. Do you know her?

- B Hmm ... I don't think so.
 A She's a health, fitness, and beauty vlogger from Canada. She's so funny!
 B Why funny?
 A She always makes me laugh! She's really not good at giving instructions. Last week, she broke a chair during an exercise!!
 B LOL. I'll definitely check it out.
 A Yesss!!!
 B Pat, what about reviews channels? I love them.
 A Me 2! There's Sam Beetz. He's the best IMO. He's like really, really big in Australia.
 B Oh, I don't like him. I don't believe anything he says. ... All his opinions are so fake. But some people believe him. Just because you see something on a video, it doesn't mean it's real.

Track 7.03

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| a go to a concert | d have a |
| b eat out | sleepover |
| c play in a band | e watch series |
| | f throw a party |

Track 7.04

- A Hey, Eve. Are you busy right now?
 B No, I'm not. What's up, Sarah?
 A I'm going out with some friends on Friday. Would you like to go to a concert?
 B Sorry, I can't. You know I play in a band with my brother, right? We're practicing this Friday.
 A What about Saturday evening? My family wants to throw a party to celebrate my brother's graduation. Kim and Samantha will be here.
 B Yeah, I remember them. You wanted to have a sleepover. Is that still on?
 A No, we're not doing that this week.
 B Cool. Listen. It's my grandma's birthday on Saturday and we want to eat out at lunchtime.
 A Nice. Are you going to that new Spanish restaurant?
 B That's right. Hey, about the party. I can be at your house around six. Is that OK?
 A Sure thing!
 B Great! Are you doing anything this afternoon? Why don't you come over for lunch? We can watch series after lunch.
 A That sounds like a great plan.

Track 7.05

My Reading Journal Blog

Hi, I'm Vibhuti.

This blog is about all the things I read. Please comment!

This is a very old story from India or from China. No one really knows. The version I read online is about a girl named Chen Mei, who lived in a small village with her family.

The Cracked Pot

Every day Chen Mei walked from her village to a distant spring to collect clean, fresh water. It was a long walk, but she enjoyed it. She carried two pots, one on each side of her body. One of them was old and cracked, while the other one was perfect and new.

She always filled both pots with water from the spring, but when she got home the cracked pot was always only half full. The perfect pot was proud of its job, but the cracked pot was sad about its imperfection.

One day, when they were at the spring, the cracked pot spoke and said, "I feel terrible! Every day, I lose half of my water because of this crack in my side! I'd like to be new again."

The girl looked kindly at the cracked pot and said, "I want to show you something today. Would you like to see it?"

"Yes," said the cracked pot, so the girl started walking back.

Along the way, Chen Mei said, "Look at the flowers on your side of the road. Can you smell them? Look at the other side. There aren't any flowers."

"That's true," said the cracked pot, "My side of the road has flowers, but the other doesn't. Why is that?"

"Because of your imperfection, I planted flower seeds on your side of the road, and every day, while we were going back, you watered them," Chen Mei explained. "These are the pretty flowers you can see at home. My mother loves them! The beauty we enjoy is thanks to you! Would you really like to be new again?"

I think Chen Mei's attitude was fantastic! She knew how to respect the pot's imperfection, and that made the difference!

Comments

Bookworm 6 hours ago

We're all cracked pots. But our cracks and imperfections make our lives together so different and rich.

shoot_the_star 20 hours ago

Old stories are boring. Ugh! Who wants to read? Video is the thing.

librat_brochure 2 days ago

I'm sharing this. So cool! Some people really respect others as they are. My math teacher is like that. I'd like to be like him. He sees the good side in everybody.

Track 7.06

- A Next Wednesday is the series finale of *Obelisk*. Do you want to watch it together?
- B Sounds good. We could probably just order some pizza.
- A Great idea! We could have like, some snacks and drinks, too. I'm going to get some popcorn, chocolate, and soda.
- B OK, sounds like a plan.

Track 7.07

Making Arrangements

Do you want to ...?
We could probably just ...
We could have ...
I'm going to ...

Reacting to Arrangements

Sounds good.
Great idea!
OK, sounds like a plan.

Track 7.08

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Do you want to watch it together?

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I'm going to get some popcorn,
chocolate, and soda.

UNIT 8

Track 8.01

- 1 immigrants
- 2 live abroad
- 3 reside
- 4 permanent residents
- 5 visas
- 6 border
- 7 passports
- 8 feel at home

Track 8.02

Dear Future Me,
Mom has a new job. Great, right?
Except, it's in Australia! Yes, we're leaving the United States to live on the other side of the world. So, when I open this letter three years from now, how will my life be? Will we be happy in Sydney? Will we still be there?

I feel really anxious. The guys who hang out with me at school support me a lot. They say Australia is an awesome place. The weather is warm. But I don't know ... My hometown, Homewood, is an area that I feel safe in, and I can't imagine life away from our home on Cedar Road, the library around the corner, the snow every winter ... Here I have friends that are always there for me, especially Sue and Greg. Will I ever see them again?

Well, at least they say Australians also play the game that inspires me: basketball. We'll see about that.

I'm going to do my best to be happy and help Mom, because this job is very important to her. Everything is going to be all right, but I'm sure I'm going to miss South Chicago. Please tell me I will be fine.

xoxo,
Dinah

Track 8.03

- A Hey Greg, what's up? Last weekend, my mom and I did something incredible. We went up the Sydney Tower, which is the tallest building here, to take pictures. There was a long line to catch the elevator, and I just thought how impatient you would be. I remember how much you dislike standing in lines and how unhappy you were in the line to go up the Skydeck in Chicago last spring. It's just impossible to forget all the things we did together. I miss you soooo much!
- B Dinah! Good to hear from you, girl! Well, I disagree I was impatient in line! Sue, who really hates lines, had a bad time. She was very angry because the security guard was unkind. But anyway, tell me: how's life in Sydney? How are things?
- A Gosh, Greg, I was soooo wrong! This is the best place ever! I thought it would be hard to have a good time here, but I'm not unhappy at all! Our apartment is comfortable. I have friends at school. And the city!! It's far out! I'm doing a lot of bike tours and my favorite is the Harbour Bridge tour. I just wish you, Sue, and everyone else was here.

Track 8.04

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| 2 dislike | 5 unhappy |
| 3 impatient | 6 unkind |

Track 8.05

IS IMMIGRATION GOOD FOR A COUNTRY?

By Mark Dollen

Immigrants leave the south to go north, or the west to go east – they travel in all directions. Around the world, there are about 230 million people who left their home country, but no matter where they go, they always take their culture with them. And that is good! Sharing cultures

makes countries richer in so many ways.

- 1 New people mean new ideas. Immigrants bring with them their own expertise, traditions, cuisine, and art. This contributes to a country's own culture and enriches it.
- 2 More people working can make the economy grow. Immigrants have different occupations and different types of jobs. Some start their own businesses.
- 3 Immigrants help the community by paying taxes, which the government uses to provide public services.
- 4 When immigrants cross borders, people share their distinct cultures and develop new friendships. All these are steps toward making a more integrated, open, and empathetic world.

People leave their countries for different reasons: to look for better work opportunities, to reunite with family, to follow a dream, to escape from a conflict. But in all cases, they are always looking for a better life.

Track 8.06

Hi Mustafa!

How are things? You're going to live in my neighborhood! You'll love it! The park that is near my house is beautiful and has a big lake. There's a community center, too. You'll meet new friends there.

There's a restaurant called Turkish Delights, which sells delicious food from your country. I'm sure you'll feel at home because many customers are from Turkey.

I want to introduce you to my family and friends. I'm very happy to know you're coming.

I can't wait to meet you next week!
George

Track R.01

Tanabata – The Star Festival

Do you know any beautiful love stories? Well, the story I want to tell you is a really beautiful Japanese love story called *Tanabata*. Originally a Chinese legend, *Tanabata* tells the love story of two stars. Orihime (the star Vega) made beautiful clothes for her father, the Sky King, but she was sad because she didn't have time to meet anyone. So her father organized a meeting with Hikoboshi (the star Altair), the boy who worked with cows. They fell in love immediately and got married. They were so in love that later Orihime stopped making clothes and Hikoboshi stopped taking care of his cows. Orihime's father was angry. He said they couldn't live together and

he ordered them to live on different sides of the river (the Milky Way). Orihime was very sad, but her father loved her very much. When Orihime started working again, he let them meet once a year, on the seventh day of the seventh month. The first time they tried to meet, they couldn't cross the river, so some birds came and made a bridge for Orihime. The legend says that when the sky isn't clear the birds cannot come and the two stars cannot meet. So Japanese people always wish for amazing weather on that day!

To remember the great love of Orihime and Hikoboshi, people in Japan celebrate *Tanabata* ("the evening of the seventh") every year on July 7. They write wishes on small strips of colored paper called *tanzaku* and hang them on bamboo branches. The decorated streets and lively parades, food stalls, and fireworks, make *Tanabata* an exciting festival all over Japan.

Track R.02

Mexican Muralism

Are you on a short visit to Mexico City? Come and see some of the greatest works of street art in the world, especially murals. Muralism has a long history in Mexico – the Aztec people covered their buildings in paintings – and in the 1920s, the government used murals to send messages to the Mexican people. Today, muralism is a form of popular urban art that doesn't always have a message, but people love looking at it! Even the police are happy as long as the artists get permission from the property owners.

Thanks to social media, Mexican street art is now famous, and the work of talented artists is appearing all around the city. Going to 20 de Noviembre Avenue is easily the best experience. Take a walk along this main street early or late in the day to see rows of street art on the shutters of the closed shops. Sometimes the artists used themes from the stores in their art, like women's faces on cosmetic stores.

The areas of Roma and Condesa are full of murals, too, and the Parque México has some beautiful and detailed works. A favorite is a mural of a boy on a deer, the sacred animal of the Aztecs.

The Roma district is also home to the Urban Art Show, a free street art exhibition that shows the work of about 20 street artists in a gallery. Some artists think that street art only has a place outside in the streets. Others say galleries help to protect and promote artists' work. What do you think?

Track R.03

Rapa Nui – an endangered language

Do you know how many languages there are in the world? Over 7,000! Some languages still have thousands of speakers, but other languages will soon disappear. In fact, 43% of all languages in the world are endangered. Is it important to save endangered languages? Some people say we show who we are through our language – we show our culture.

One of these endangered languages is Rapa Nui, the language people speak on the island of Rapa Nui in Polynesia in the Pacific Ocean. The island, also called Easter Island or Isla de Pascua, is a special territory of Chile, and it is famous for its huge statues called Moai.

For many years, the island had its own culture and traditions, but gradually during the twentieth century, the Rapa Nui people had contact with the outside world. Their language changed with new words from Spanish, English, French, and Tahitian.

There are now between 800–1,000 speakers of Rapa Nui, and half of all Rapa Nui speakers are over 40 years old. Up until the 1990s, many people on the island spoke and wrote only in Spanish, and classes at school were also in Spanish. To preserve the language, some children now learn Rapa Nui in elementary school and there are textbooks in Rapa Nui. Will studying the language in school help to stop the Rapa Nui language from disappearing? Only time will tell us that.

Track R.04

Watch What You Like, When You Like!

Netflix, HBO, and other streaming services let you watch what you like, when you like over the Internet! But what's the difference between these services and regular TV?

Fan Community

Streaming services use friends' recommendations and reviews to build a fan base on social media, and FOMO (fear of missing out) drives many teens to watch shows.

Which Subscription?

That depends on where you are! Subscribe to a US streaming library and you get 100% content, but subscribe to the same streaming service from, say, Peru and you'll see 67% of the movies because of exclusivity and rights. Check out what you can see where you are!

Binge Watching

Many TV viewers watch series in binges – **episode** after episode, **season** after season, and they don't move from the sofa for hours! In fact, 60% of all TV viewers said they watch two or more episodes of a show one after another during the week, and 29% said they finish a new season 24 hours after it comes out!

Spoilers

People aren't watching the same show at the same time, so it's difficult to avoid spoilers. A **spoiler** nowadays can be about the whole series, so be careful! There are apps to block content on social media, or you can just ask your friends not to tell you!