

Unit 1: Movie Directors

Vocabulary Practice

Across

1. technique
4. role
5. process

Down

2. establish
3. actress
5. pace

Comprehension Check

1. decides
2. standards
3. T
4. F
5. T

Dictation Track 21

Some directors have a style that can be seen in all of their movies. Steven Spielberg is famous for the cross between comedy and action. This is seen in movies like *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. Alfred Hitchcock created exciting expectations by cutting back and forth between images.

Unit 2: The Rise of *American Idol*

Vocabulary Practice

1. b
2. b
3. a
4. c
5. d
6. b

Comprehension Check

1. voting
2. fortune
3. T
4. F
5. F

Dictation Track 22

American Idol is a singing contest. Judges choose a group of contestants. They give advice to the hopeful stars. The thing that moved the show to the top was audience voting. Judges don't decide who the winner is. Viewers vote for their favorite singers by phone. The singer with the least votes leaves.

Unit 3: George Gershwin and the American Musical

Vocabulary Practice

Across

2. piano
4. lyrics
5. Funny Face
6. Ira

Down

1. composer
3. orchestra

Comprehension Check

1. created
2. theater
3. T
4. F
5. F

Dictation Track 23

George wrote songs for orchestras, movies, and musicals. Notable works with his songs were *Oh, Kay!* and *Funny Face* starring Fred Astaire. *Of Thee I Sing* was the first musical to win the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1932. Sadly, George died at just 38 from a brain tumor.

He is still thought of as one of America's best composers. In 2006, he became a member of the Long Island Music Hall of Fame. New York even has a theater named for him.

Unit 4: The Modern Sculpture of Rodin

Vocabulary Practice

1. b
2. a
3. d
4. c
5. a
6. c

Comprehension Check

1. successful
2. model
3. T
4. T
5. F

Dictation Track 24

His first major work was so realistic; people thought he used a real person instead of a clay model. In 1880, he started making a sculpture with the frightful name *The Gates of Hell*. He worked on it occasionally until he died. *The Gates of Hell* was so big that he had to make other sculptures to help him complete it. *The Thinker*, Rodin's most famous piece, was one of these sculptures. It was exhibited to extremely large crowds, who really liked it.

Unit 5: The First Modern American Football Game

Vocabulary Practice

Across

1. Columbia
3. rugby
4. six

Down

1. college
2. gymnasium
3. rematch

Comprehension Check

1. rules
2. interesting
3. T
4. T
5. F

Dictation Track 25

The two teams played a rematch a week later. This game took place at Princeton. This time, Princeton was awarded the victory with a score of eight goals. Rutgers scored nothing in the rematch game.

In the next season, Columbia University also began to play American football. Most other colleges in the East followed soon after. The game's future has been definite ever since.

Unit 6: The History of Ping Pong

Vocabulary Practice

1. a
2. d
3. a
4. b
5. b
6. c

Comprehension Check

1. entertainment
2. frequently
3. T
4. T
5. F

Dictation Track 26

At first, ordinary objects were used to play the game. Some people used books for the net. They used cigar boxes for paddles. Bottle corks or golf balls were hit from one end of the table to the other. Then a man excited about ping pong discovered something. The balls could be made of plastic! They were low in weight, small, and bouncy. Better nets were eventually developed as well. It was found that paddles made of rubber helped players. The paddles added speed when players hit the ball.

Unit 7: Ocean Currents Spread the Warmth

Vocabulary Practice

Across

2. current
6. influence

Down

1. produce
3. region
4. spread
5. become

Comprehension Check

1. currents
2. affect
3. F
4. T
5. F

Dictation Track 27

The sun is also vital to the weather. The sun warms the ocean's water. When the water absorbs the warmth, it begins to spread to colder regions. The wind helps to push the warm water. One important current is the Gulf Stream. It brings warm water from the Gulf of Mexico to Europe. This warm water warms the air. Without it, Europe would be much colder.

Unit 8: The Amazing World of Coral Reefs

Vocabulary Practice

1. a 2. b 3. c 4. c 5. d 6. a

Comprehension Check

1. vast
2. simplest
3. T
4. F
5. T

Dictation Track 28

Coral reefs are amazing worlds. Many of them are home to different kinds of marine life. Corals are among the simplest forms of life. For thousands of years, scientists thought they were only colorful underwater plants. However, scientists have realized that corals are small animals. They have solid external skeletons. There are a few large reefs like the Great Barrier Reef in Australia. They are made of the colorful external skeletons of millions of living and dead corals.

Unit 9: The Wonders of Soap

Vocabulary Practice

Across

2. substances

5. oil

6. break

Down

1. necessary

3. bridge

4. common

Comprehension Check

1. Solid

2. common

3. T

4. T

5. F

Dictation Track 29

Soap is made up of both types of substances. It breaks up in both oil and water. Because soap breaks down in both types of liquids, it is ideal. It gets rid of substances that water alone cannot pass through, like dirt. It acts as a necessary bridge between the two substances. It gets them to stick to each other. This way, water can wash away dirt.

Unit 10: Space Shuttles and the Atmosphere

Vocabulary Practice

1. b 2. c 3. b 4. d 5. b 6. c

Comprehension Check

1. earth's

2. ocean

3. T

4. F

5. T

Dictation Track 30

Space shuttles often have to reenter Earth's atmosphere. When they do, it is comparable to traveling through a vacuum cleaner. Gravity, the earth's vacuum cleaner, tries to pull the shuttle toward the earth. A strong vacuum cleaner pulls objects quicker than a weaker one. The space shuttle has to enter Earth's atmosphere at a safe speed. If it doesn't, it will crash into the ocean. The shuttle must be more powerful than the strength of gravity. How does the space shuttle do this?

Unit 11: The Legacy of Thomas Paine on Democracy

Vocabulary Practice

Across

4. democracy
5. editor
6. England

Down

1. recover
2. survive
3. Revolutions

Comprehension Check

1. country
2. develop
3. T
4. T
5. T

Dictation Track 31

Paine arrived in Philadelphia in November 1774. He almost didn't survive the journey. He spent many weeks recovering from a serious illness. Soon, Paine was better and able to work. He worked as a writer and an editor at a newspaper. Paine's words reached many people. Those people were trying to change how things were. His words convinced people to fight for what they believed in. The American and French Revolutions were fought because of them.

Unit 12: The Story of the Printing Press

Vocabulary Practice

1. c
2. b
3. a
4. d
5. d
6. b

Comprehension Check

1. copied
2. borrowed
3. F
4. F
5. F

Dictation Track 32

Before the printing press was invented, books were copied by hand. This took a long time. It made it hard to get a book. Gutenberg borrowed money from his brother-in-law. He wanted to make an efficient printing press device. It was hand-operated. It worked by rolling ink over block letters onto paper. The printing press allowed books to be produced in large numbers. When books became easier to print, they also became cheaper. This meant that more people could afford books.

Unit 13: Michael Bloomberg: Billionaire and Mayor of NYC

Vocabulary Practice

Across

1. give up
3. provide
6. grand

Down

2. poverty
4. reduce
5. value

Comprehension Check

1. billionaire
2. value
3. F
4. F
5. T

Dictation Track 33

Michael Bloomberg is the 108th mayor of New York City. He is also a successful businessman and billionaire. But Bloomberg's life wasn't always so grand.

Bloomberg was born in Boston in 1942. His parents worked for a large, efficient dairy company. They weren't rich, but they educated him with the value of hard work. They taught him not to give up, even in difficult times. Over the years, these lessons helped Bloomberg succeed.

Unit 14: The Story of Queen Victoria

Vocabulary Practice

1. c
2. a
3. b
4. a
5. c
6. a

Comprehension Check

1. became
2. changes
3. T
4. T
5. F

Dictation Track 34

Queen Victoria was very popular with the people. While she was queen, the United Kingdom became steadily larger. In 1876, she was even made the high ruler of India. However, the queen was lucky to live in a time when there were many changes. Some were being made in the fields of science and health. Even the way people got around was changing. Ultimately, she helped people to raise their sense of social duty. They also began to care more about others.

Unit 15: On the Move

Vocabulary Practice

Across

2. field

3. nomads

6. caravan

Down

1. Bedouin

4. Arabic

5. tents

Comprehension Check

1. same 2. caravans 3. F 4. T 5. T

Dictation Track 35

What is the most beautiful animal you can think of? A cat? A dog? A rabbit? If you were a Bedouin in Saudi Arabia, your answer might be a camel. The Arabic word for camel is *jamal*. It is also the Arabic word for beautiful.

Bedouins are nomads who live in the Saudi Arabian desert. They move from place to place in search of food. They also seek fresh fields for their animals. When they find a place to camp, they set up tents. The tents are usually made of animal skins and can be taken down and moved again.

Unit 16: French Food

Vocabulary Practice

1. a 2. b 3. c 4. b 5. a 6. d

Comprehension Check

1. introduced

2. formal

3. T

4. T

5. F

Dictation Track 36

Catherine changed the way people thought about food. She brought distinguished chefs from Italy to France. She turned cooking into a formal art. People started the custom of serving foods one at a time. These were called courses. The recipes being used were complicated, and food took hours, or even days, to prepare. Chefs created interesting dishes, using ingredients like frog legs, fattened goose livers, or even snails! Fine food was frequently paired with excellent wine.

Unit 17: Wolves on the Hunt

Vocabulary Practice

Across

1. deer
5. techniques

Down

2. enable
3. wound
4. testing

Comprehension Check

1. hunt
2. number
3. T
4. T
5. F

Dictation Track 37

Additionally, planning plays a role in the attack. Members of the pack may hide to catch their prey by surprise. Wolves sometimes take turns running so other members of the pack can rest. Once the prey has gotten tired, the pack closes in for the kill. First, the wolves bite the prey which causes wounds that weaken it. Once the animal is weak enough, the pack pushes it down.

Unit 18: Nature Is Everywhere

Vocabulary Practice

1. a 2. d 3. b 4. c 5. c 6. a

Comprehension Check

1. impression
2. gather
3. F
4. F
5. T

Dictation Track 38

Even in places crowded with people, animals gather everywhere. Squirrels, insects, and birds are easy to see on city streets. But cities throughout the world have their own unique animals. Monkeys run across the streets of Delhi, India. It's not unusual for wild deer to cause traffic problems on the road to the White House in Washington, DC.

Unit 19: Marco Polo Goes to China

Vocabulary Practice

Across

3. significant

6. Polo

Down

1. journey

2. Khan

4. Italy

5. coal

Comprehension Check

1. admired 2. journey 3. F 4. T 5. T

Dictation Track 39

Marco Polo was born in Venice, Italy, in 1245. He came from a family of admired traders. At age 17, Marco traveled with his uncle and his father. They made their way to China. The journey there took three and a half years.

The Mongol Emperor, Kublai Khan, almost adopted Marco. He did not want Marco to leave. It took Marco 26 years to get back to Italy.

Unit 20: The Technology of World War I

Vocabulary Practice

1. a 2. b 3. c 4. d 5. c 6. a

Comprehension Check

1. ground

2. widely

3. F

4. T

5. T

Dictation Track 40

In Europe, battles were fought on land as well. England built the first tanks in 1915. By the war's end, tanks were widely used. Troops could kill their enemies and protect themselves with tanks.

Other land battles were fought from within long holes dug in the ground. Barbed wire was commonly used on farms to keep cattle in a field. During the war, it lined the long holes to protect soldiers. Enemy troops often tried to advance across these holes. They would become caught in the wire when they did.