

Unit 1 Greetings from Germany!

Carol's Family

- B** Hi Carol! What are you doing?
G I just got a pen pal, so I'm writing her a letter.
B What are you writing about?
G Well, I told her that I live in New York, in the US. I also told her that my mom is a doctor and my dad is a teacher.
B Are you going to write about your sisters, too?
G Yes, I'm going to tell her about my two younger sisters, Kristen and Kathy. I'm also going to tell her about how our family loves hiking and swimming.
B Right, doesn't your family go hiking or swimming together at least once a week?
G Yes, we like to be active.
B What else will you write? Will you tell her about your hobbies?
G Good idea! I'll tell her that I like to collect toys.

Unit 2 Message in a Bottle

Daniel's Experiment

- G** What are you doing with those two toy boats, Daniel?
B I'm going to put them in the river near my house.
G Why are you going to do that?
B I want to do an experiment about the currents in our river.
G How are you going to do that?
B First, I will drop these two boats in different parts of the river. The red one will go on the right side of the river and the blue one will go in the middle of the river. Then, I will see how fast they go.
G How will this help you learn about the currents in the river?
B If the blue boat is faster, then there is a fast current in the middle of the river. But if the red boat is faster, that means the fast current is on the right side of the river.
G I get it! The faster boat will show the faster current!

Unit 3 Pocahontas

Sacagawea

- G** Have you heard about Sacagawea?
B Sacagawea? Who's that?
G She's famous in American history.
B Who was she?
G She was a famous Native American woman. She lived 300 years ago.

- B** Why is she famous?
G She helped Lewis and Clark, two famous Europeans, travel through North America.
B Oh! So she showed them the best way to travel?
G Yes, and helped them get food and water.
B I guess because of her, we live here now.
G That's right. Europeans could make colonies in North America because of her.

Unit 4 Dogs of the World

Andy's Favorite Dog

- B** What is your favorite kind of dog?
G Well, I think it's the Jack Russell Terrier.
B The Jack Russell Terrier. What do they look like again?
G Jack Russell Terriers are small and cute. They have kind of curly hair and they are usually brown or black in color.
B Why do you like that kind of dog?
G They are very friendly.
B Really?
G Yes. And they are a fun pet. They have a lot of energy.
B Were they bred for that?
G Yes, in the past, Jack Russells were bred to hunt small animals. They needed a lot of energy for that!

Unit 5 The Dead Sea Scrolls

An Important Discovery

- G** Do you know about any important discoveries, Ricky?
B Sure. How about the discovery of the Rosetta stone?
G The discovery of the Rosetta stone? What's that?
B It's an old stone they found in Egypt 100s of years ago. It dates back to 196 AD.
G Wow. 196 AD? It's old, but why is this stone important?
B This stone had lots of old writing on it. After researchers studied the stone, they could understand old Egyptian writing.
G I see! The stone helped us understand the past.
B That's right!

Unit 6 Fun on the Mountain!

A Special Resort

- M** Do you know of any special resorts, Trina? I'm looking for one that my family can go to during the vacation.
W Well, the one I know about is the Summer Sun Resort.

- M** The Summer Sun Resort? What kind of resort is it?
W It's a beach resort, so, of course people usually go there in the summer.
M Where is it?
W It's in Hawaii.
M Hawaii?! That sounds great but expensive.
W Well, you can do a lot at the Summer Sun Resort. You can swim, surf, or even learn how to waterski.
M But how expensive is it?
W That's the special thing about the Summer Sun Resort. It is cheaper for families to go there. Families get a discount of 20 percent.
M A discount of 20 percent? That's great!

Unit 7 Understanding the Heart

An Amazing Organ

- B** Do you want to know an amazing thing about our body, Jessica?
G What?
B Do you know what the biggest organ of our body is?
G Umm, is it our heart?
B Nope. It's our skin. All together, it weighs over 4 kilograms. That's over 300 ounces.
G Our skin! I didn't know that was an organ.
B I didn't know either until science class today.
G What else do you know about our skin, Chris?
B Well, our skin is very important for health. Our skin protects us against serious illnesses.
G Wow.
B And it also helps control our body temperature. Without our skin, we would easily overheat and become sick.
G It's a very important organ!

Unit 8 The Championship

An Exciting Game

- G** Did you see that exciting soccer game last night?
B No. Who was playing?
G It was Brazil against Germany.
B Wow. They're both good teams. Was this in a tournament game?
G No, it was a regular game. But it was still exciting!
B Why was it so exciting?
G Both teams played so well. In the end, Brazil won by only one point.
B By only one point? That's surprising.
G I know! I thought Brazil would be much better

than Germany!

- B** I guess Germany has a good coach now.

Unit 9 What a Riddle?

What Is It?

- B** Hey, do you want to hear a riddle?
G Sure, Mark. Go ahead!
B Alright, here it is. The rich want it. The poor have it. If you eat it, you will die. What is it?
G Hmmm. The rich want it. The poor have it. If you eat it, you will die. Can you give me a clue?
B No way! That would be cheating!
G Well, I have no idea.
B The answer is 'nothing.'
G 'Nothing?' I don't get it.
B Well, rich people don't need anything, right? So, they want nothing.
G OK, but what about the poor people then?
B Well, poor people don't have any money. So, they have nothing.
G I see! And the last part?
B Of course, if you eat nothing, you will die.
G I get it now!
B I think it's a great riddle!

Unit 10 White Mountain Ski Shop

Have You Tried This?

- G** Have you ever tried surfing, Karl?
B Well, I tried it once last year.
G Where did you go?
B I went to Paradise Beach. Some of my friends know how to surf, so they were going to teach me.
G Do you need any special equipment to go surfing?
B You need a surfboard and a wet suit.
G Oh. I'd like to try surfing but I don't have a surfboard or a wet suit.
B Don't worry. You can rent all that at Paradise Beach. That's what I did.
G Great! So, how was surfing?
B Well, it was difficult at first. But after a while, it was really exciting!

Unit 11 The Power of Wind

Windmills at Home

- G** Hey Kevin, have you ever seen any windmills in real life?
B Sure, there are lots of windmills where I'm from.
G Where are you from?

- B** California. The desert regions of California are pretty windy, so there are a lot of windmills in the deserts.
- G** I think windmills look cool. What kind of windmills do you have in the desert regions?
- B** We have turbine windmills. They are used to produce electricity for California.
- G** Are the turbines in wind farms? I think wind farms look the coolest!
- B** Most of them are in wind farms. But some just stand on their own.

Unit 12 A Letter from Mexico!

Mike's Pen Pal

- B** Mom, guess what I got today?
- W** I don't know, Mike, what did you get?
- B** I got a letter from my pen pal, Lucy.
- W** That's exciting. What did she say?
- B** She told me about her life in Canada.
- W** What city does she live in?
- B** She lives in Victoria, which is on Vancouver Island.
- W** Is that the southern region of the island?
- B** That's right, the southern part. She said that she lives near the ocean!
- W** How nice. Does she often visit the ocean?
- B** Well, she said that her house is beside the harbor. Actually, their family has a boat.
- W** They have a boat? They must go sailing.
- B** Yes, Lucy said that they often go sailing.

Unit 13 A Penny Saved

Money for Something Special

- G** Hi, James!
- B** Oh, hi, Amy.
- G** What's the matter?
- B** I really want to buy this special comic book, but I don't have enough money.
- G** How much is it?
- B** It's 10 dollars.
- G** 10 dollars? How much money do you have now?
- B** Well, I have spent almost all my allowance. I only have two dollars left.
- G** How are you going to get the money?
- B** I think I'll ask my parents for it.
- G** Ask your parents for the money? Didn't they say no last time?
- B** Well, if that doesn't work, I will try to do some babysitting.
- G** Have you ever done any babysitting before?

- B** No. But I'm sure it's easy.
- G** Good luck!

Unit 14 Weather Watch!

The Weather Tomorrow

- B** Did you hear the weather report on the radio?
- G** No, what did the reporter say, Casey?
- B** She said that it will be snowy tomorrow. We are going to have a snowstorm!
- G** A snowstorm, really? How fun! I love the snow.
- B** But snowstorms can be quite hazardous.
- G** Right, snowstorms can cause a lot of car crashes. Anyways, how cold will it be?
- B** The temperature will be around zero degrees. Not too cold.
- G** Yeah, that's not bad. How long will this weather continue?
- B** They said the snow would continue for a few days.

Unit 15 Your Powerful Lungs!

Powerful Legs

- B** Julia, I'm writing a class report on gazelles, but I don't know anything about this kind of animal. Can you help me?
- G** Sure, I know a little bit about gazelles. I learned about them last year in school.
- B** Did you learn anything interesting?
- G** I learned that gazelles mostly live in Africa and some parts of Asia.
- B** That's not very interesting. Can you remember anything else?
- G** Well, I know that gazelles have very powerful legs.
- B** So they can run really fast, right?
- G** Yes, they can also run very fast for a long time.
- B** What else can you tell me about gazelles?
- G** They are also powerful jumpers. Their great legs help them escape from dangerous animals like the cheetah.
- B** Wow, they really do have powerful legs. I wish I could run fast and jump high.
- G** Me too!

Unit 16 Weird Weather!

A Strange Storm

- G** Did you hear about the weather last week in New York?
- B** No, why?

- G** It was really weird. It's June so people were expecting sunny weather.
- B** Yeah, it had been nice and warm there. So, what kind of weather did they get instead of sunny weather?
- G** They got a huge snowfall!
- B** A huge snowfall?! No way. That must have really affected the city.
- G** Yes. Lots of people were upset. They couldn't drive in the streets. It was difficult for them to get to work.
- B** What about school?
- G** Schools were closed.
- B** Lucky New Yorkers!

Unit 17 My Favorite Things!

A Large Collection

- G** Hi John. What's that in your bag?
- B** Oh, it's a stuffed pig.
- G** A stuffed pig? Why do you have that in your bag?
- B** I love pigs! Actually, I collect them. I have over 50 different pigs.
- G** Fifty different pigs?!
- B** Yes. I have stuffed pigs, wooden pigs, glass pigs, paper pigs, and even a gold pig. The gold pig was a little expensive.
- G** Wow. Why do you like pigs so much?
- B** I think they're really cute. Plus, I think they're lucky!
- G** How many more do you want?
- B** I want to collect at least two hundred.
- G** Two hundred! Well, I know what to get you for your birthday.
- B** Yes, something for my collection, please!

Unit 18 Preparing for a Hurricane

A Big Storm

- B** Remember that big storm last summer?
- G** Yeah. There sure was a lot of rain and wind. It was scary.
- B** There wasn't very much damage, luckily.
- G** Right. I remember that only a few houses had damage. Weren't they flooded?
- B** Yeah. What did you do during the storm?
- G** I didn't do much. I just stayed inside and watched TV.
- B** You could watch TV? You're lucky! The electricity went out at my house.

- G** Oh no! So, what did you do?
- B** Well, I couldn't watch TV. So I just stayed home and played board games with my brother.
- G** Board games are fun, too!

Unit 19 The Amazing Cockroach

An Interesting Insect

- G** Yuck! Look, it's an ant!
- B** Don't say yuck. Ants are really interesting!
- G** I don't believe you.
- B** Well, did you know that ants are very strong? They can carry things 20 times their own weight.
- G** Twenty times their own weight? So what?
- B** That's like you or me carrying 1,000 kilograms.
- G** Oh!
- B** And ants have two stomachs.
- G** What do they need two stomachs for?
- B** Well, they use one stomach to save food in for later.
- G** Weird! But saving food is a good idea.
- B** Ants have a weak point though. They are quite slow.
- G** I guess it's easy for other insects to catch them.

Unit 20 Interview with a Brave Boy

Another Danger

- B** Did you hear about that boy and his mother during the hurricane?
- G** Yes, it sounded scary. He was smart to remember about the mattress.
- B** Yes. It's lucky we don't get hurricanes here.
- G** But we can get other emergency situations here. We can get tornados!
- B** That's true. What should we do if there's a tornado?
- G** Well, first we should go into an underground room, like the basement.
- B** I see. What else should we do after we're in the basement?
- G** Well, it's good to hide under a table.
- B** Under a table? Why is that?
- G** The table can keep things from falling on us. We can stay safer that way.