

Unit 1 Leonardo da Vinci

A Real Genius

- B** Guess what, Jane? We learned about Einstein today.
- G** I know about him. He's a genius, like Leonardo da Vinci.
- B** Right. Do you know anyone who is a genius?
- G** Well, my father is pretty smart. I think he is a genius.
- B** Really? Why do you think he's a genius?
- G** Because he has so many talents. He is a master of everything.
- B** What has he done?
- G** Well, for example, he got an A in every subject when he was a student, and he can speak five languages.
- B** Hmm, but what is his greatest achievement?
- G** That's easy. He made a new door for our garage. It has no key. It opens or shuts if you speak to it.

Unit 2 Join Now!

Joining a Club

- G** What are you doing, Ralph?
- B** Oh, hi Sharon. I'm reading this magazine, Snow Special. I got it free when I joined the Snowboarders United Club.
- G** Snowboarders United Club? How did you hear about that?
- B** Well, you know I love snowboarding? So does my cousin, and he told me all about it. He's a member, too.
- G** Was it easy to join? What did you have to do?
- B** Let's see. Well, I had to fill out a membership form. Then I had to send \$20.
- G** Twenty dollars? That's a little expensive.
- B** Not really, they provide information about cool places to go snowboarding and special deals on snowboards.
- G** Is that all?
- B** No. Better yet, all members get a chance to meet a famous snowboarder. I'm going to meet Shaun White.
- G** I've never heard of him, but lucky you.

Unit 3 Human vs. Machine

Are Computers Great?

- G** Hey Mike, my parents bought me a new computer.
- B** Lucky you, Sarah. I have to use the ones at school or the public library.
- G** Yeah, I use it every day to send email, do homework, and find information on the Internet.

- B** Wow, I wish I could go online every day.
- G** Well, my computer is great because it saves me time. I can find fascinating information about anything very quickly.
- B** Of course.
- G** But I think it is making me lazy and I don't have to think so much when I use my computer.
- B** What do you mean?
- G** Well, for one thing, I just sit in one place without moving. And I don't have to learn how to spell words. I can use spellcheck. I think I'm forgetting how to spell difficult words.
- B** Wow, I hadn't thought of that. I guess there are things to criticize, too.

Unit 4 Animal Defense

A Strange Fish

- G** Wow! Look at that fish, Brian! It looks like a ball!
- B** Oh, yeah, Donna! It is called a blowfish. It's my favorite kind of animal. You can find it all over the world, but especially in the Pacific Ocean.
- G** You're weird. Most people like cats and dogs. What's so great about a blowfish? It looks like it can't swim quickly. How does it defend itself?
- B** No, it's really cool. If you look closely, there are sharp spines all over its body. It makes itself big and uses the spines to defend itself.
- G** So, it kind of blows itself up like a balloon? That's pretty amazing.
- B** Right, it transforms its body. You know, a lot of animals have special body parts they use to defend themselves.
- G** Like the porcupine, right? Is the blowfish dangerous to humans?
- B** Yes, blowfish are very poisonous. Don't eat them!

Unit 5 Jenny's Club Schedule

Sherry's Hobby

- B** I need something to fill my time this vacation.
- G** You need a hobby. How about learning a sport? My hobby is playing tennis.
- B** Tennis? How long have you played tennis, Sherry?
- G** For about two years. I belong to the Tennis Club at my school.
- B** I didn't know that. When does your club meet?
- G** We have practice every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday after school.
- B** That is a busy schedule. Where does your Tennis Club meet?

Transcripts

G We meet at the tennis courts behind the school gym. Do you want to join the club?

B I don't think so, maybe I'll try swimming.

Unit 6 Athena

A Great Vacation

G Mark, have you heard of "The Big Apple?"

B Of course, Karen! The Big Apple is the nickname of New York City. It's famous.

G I went there for two weeks during the winter vacation. It's a great place. I really enjoyed it!

B Yes, I spent some time there last summer because my aunt lives in New York. I really enjoyed seeing the Statue of Liberty.

G Oh yeah, I saw that, too! And I went to the Empire State Building. The view was beautiful at night.

B I wonder why New York City is called "The Big Apple?"

G I know that. Its nickname is "The Big Apple" because New York used to be full of people selling apples on the sidewalks.

Unit 7 A Problem

Are You Interested?

W Excuse me, Sir. Would you be interested in joining our Book Lovers Club?

M Yes, I love reading books. How do I become a member of the book club?

W First, you fill out a short application form and then give it to one of the cashiers.

M And what are the benefits of joining the club?

W Oh, the benefits are great. With your membership in our Book Lovers Club, you receive a discount on all books you buy at our store. Plus, you can join our weekly book discussion group.

M That sounds fun. How much is the membership fee?

W The fee is only \$25 a year. This is to buy coffee and donuts for our discussion group on Fridays! We meet here at the bookstore. Please pay the fee when you hand in your application form.

Unit 8 From a Little Seed

Some Important Trees

G Hi, Jared!

B Hi, Clara. What are you doing?

G I'm counting all the oak trees around the school. Did you know some of them were planted about 50 years ago?

B Wow, they are so old. But why are you counting them?

G Well, the city plans to cut them down to build a sports center. I want to protect the trees.

B Why do you want to protect them?

G Jared, they are very important. When trees manufacture food, they help clean the air and take away dirty air.

B Really?

G Yes. They also absorb noise from cars in the city.

B So how are you going to protect them?

G I'm going to collect the names of people who want to keep the trees. And I'm going to take it to City Hall.

Unit 9 Our Apologies

A Delay

W Hello. This is Express Home Shopping. How can I help you?

M Hello. My name is Tim Evans. I would like to make a complaint.

W I'm sorry to hear that. What seems to be the problem?

M I ordered two pairs of shoes from your website. But they have not been delivered.

W I apologize for that, Mr. Evans. Let me check the computer. Yes, I see.

M Why haven't the shoes arrived yet?

W I regret to inform you that your order has been delayed. There was a fire at the shoe factory. All our shoes were destroyed.

M Well, how long will I have to wait?

W About two more weeks, but to show we appreciate your understanding, you will get a 10% discount.

M I guess that's ok. Thank you.

W Thank you. Express Home Shopping hopes to serve you again soon.

Unit 10 The Blue Sky

How's the Weather?

W Hi, Miguel! Long time no hear!

M Hi, Liz! How are you? How's London?

W A little rainy today, but there was a lovely rainbow earlier. How's the weather in Madrid?

M It's a beautiful, sunny day here in Madrid, not a cloud in the sky!

W I love that kind of weather. I guess the sky must be bright blue.

M Yes. The sky is bright blue, and there isn't a cloud in the sky.

- W** So, what are you going to do in that lovely weather?
M Well, this kind of day makes me feel quite energetic, so I'm going to go rollerblading in the park.
W Have fun!

Unit 11 A Busy Semester

So Much Homework!

- B** Hi, Linda! Do you want to watch a movie this evening?
G Oh, hi Tom. I don't know. I'm so busy.
B Why are you so busy?
G I have a lot of homework to do for English, Math, and Science. It is due on Monday, but I have to finish it all by Friday.
B Linda, but that's only two days away. Why don't you do it on the weekend?
G Well, I really want to go on the Art Club trip! It's all day Sunday.
B I thought your parents wanted you to quit the art club.
G They do. They think the art club will affect my grades in other subjects.
B They shouldn't worry. Your test scores are always really high!

Unit 12 Games We Play

A Great Game!

- G** Hey grandpa, do you want to play Zolton Dragon Master with me?
M Zolton Dragon Master again? But Anna, I played that with you yesterday.
G Yeah, I play it every day. It's my favorite game. I love Zolton Dragon Master. It's very popular these days.
M You should try some other games. You know, your grandma and I use our computer to play cards online. We are members of E-Games.
G E-Games? They only have old, boring games. I belong to a great internet game club. It's called Galaxy Game Club.
M What's so great about this Dragon Master game?
G It's exciting and full of action. It has many interesting characters, too.
M Don't you play any other games?
G Not yet, but I want to try Danger World.

Unit 13 The Turtle and the Police

Make Me Laugh!

- B** Hi, Susan. Would you like to hear a joke?

- G** Ok, but I hope it's funnier than your other jokes.
B I heard it on TV the other day. Ready?
G Okay, let's hear it.
B Why did the teacher wear sunglasses?
G Why did the teacher wear sunglasses?! Is this really a joke?
B Yes, it is. Now guess!
G I don't know. Because her eyes hurt?
B Close!
G I don't know why. Tell me!
B Because her students were so bright!
G That's funny!

Unit 14 Just Follow the Instructions

Making Something

- B** I'm bored, Jenn. Let's make something.
G Well, do you have any good ideas, Steve?
B I know how to make an apple pencil holder. Let's make one of those.
G What do we need to make these pencil holders? Do we need apples?
B No apples. We need a balloon, newspaper, glue, and paint.
G What do we do with them? Is it complicated to make?
B No, it's really easy to make. First, you blow up the balloon.
G And then?
B Then, put the newspaper in the glue.
G What do you do with the newspaper?
B You stick it on the balloon to make a round shape.
G Oh, I get it. Then, when the paper is dry, you paint it like an apple, right?
B Right, but it takes about 24 hours to dry.
G A whole day!

Unit 15 The Jazz Player

Music I Like

- G** What kind of music do you like to listen to?
B I like jazz music.
G I like rock music. I listen to it every day.
B But jazz music has cool instruments like the trumpet and saxophone.
G Well, rock music has electric guitars, keyboards, and drums. That's why I took up the drums.
B Hmm, but your drumming is pretty unique. It doesn't sound like rock.
G And there are really cool bands like Black Sabbath and the White Stripes.

- B** Jazz has great singers, too. You must have heard of Louis Armstrong.
- G** Oh, yeah. He was really good.

Unit 16 The Kingdom of Bhutan

My Country

- M** Nancy, which country are you from? I'd like to know about your home.
- W** Well, Mike, I come from Germany. It's in Europe.
- M** Right, I had forgotten that. Is it a big country? What's the population?
- W** It is pretty big. There are 82 million people. It has more people than other countries in Europe.
- M** Are there any traditional clothes in Germany?
- W** Oh, yes. For women there is dirndl. It is an ankle-length dress.
- M** Ah, I think I've seen pictures of dirndl. What do men wear?
- W** The traditional clothes for men are lederhosen. These are short leather pants.
- M** What else can you tell me about your country?
- W** Maybe this will surprise you, but we have a kind of ice cream that looks like spaghetti. It is called Spaghetti Eis.

Unit 17 A Family of Words

What's That Word?

- B** Lynda, what is this word? It's spelled S-U-S-H-I.
- G** Sushi? Don't you know that word? It means raw fish.
- B** Raw fish?
- G** Right. It's a kind of dish at a restaurant.
- B** Oh, OK. Is it even an English word?
- G** Well, it's a loanword. It originally comes from the Japanese language.
- B** I see.
- G** Another loanword you might know is "shampoo."
- B** Shampoo? No way!
- G** It's true. It originally came from India.

Unit 18 Headline News

Big News

- M** Are you playing computer games again?
- W** No, I'm reading the news.
- M** The news? Who is in the news these days?
- W** Everyone is talking about the case of Brett Green.
- M** Who is Brett Green, and what did he do?
- W** Well, he is a famous jazz singer, and he is really rich.
- M** That's the big news? Brett Green is rich and famous?

- W** No. Listen and let me finish. He is rich, but yesterday he tried to rob a bank.
- M** Really? What happened?
- W** He got one million dollars, but the police caught him outside the bank. He was arrested, and he will go to jail.

Unit 19 The Happiest Times

Holiday Happiness

- W** What makes you happy, Matt?
- M** All sorts of things, but I guess holidays make me happy.
- W** Well, which holiday makes you really happy?
- M** Thanksgiving. When I think about it, it puts a smile on my face.
- W** Thanksgiving? Not Christmas? I like Christmas because I get lots of presents.
- M** I don't care much about presents. Thanksgiving makes me happy because I spend time with all my family.
- W** What do you do for Thanksgiving?
- M** I talk with all my relatives, eat great food, and play cards.
- W** Nice.
- M** Yes, but what I like to do most is play outside with my nephews. They are so cute.

Unit 20 Caught!

A Bad Boy

- B** Why does your mom look so angry, Mary?
- G** Oh, she's really upset with my brother.
- B** Why? What did he do?
- G** He secretly ate a whole box of cookies.
- B** Wow, a whole box? Well, that's not healthy, but why is your mother so angry?
- G** Those cookies were a gift for my grandma.
- B** Oh, no! How did your mother find out?
- G** Well, he threw away the empty box. But, Mom saw it in the trash can.
- B** Oh, that was a mistake. What punishment did your brother get?
- G** He can't use the computer for one week. And he has to take out the trash for three weeks.
- B** How does your brother feel about his punishment?
- G** At first, it made him feel angry. But now, he is really sorry because he knows he did something wrong.