

### Unit 1: The Ice Hotel

#### A Visit to the Ice Hotel

Listen to the dialog and choose the best answer.

- M:** So, would you ever stay at the Ice Hotel?  
**W:** No way!  
 I think it would be too uncomfortable.  
**M:** I think it sounds like a fantastic experience.  
**W:** Maybe, but did you know that there is only one bathroom in the Ice Hotel?  
**M:** Are you serious?  
**W:** That's right. If you want to go to the bathroom, you have to go to a specially designed one in the hotel that all the guests share.  
**M:** That doesn't sound very nice. Maybe I wouldn't want to stay there either, but how about just visiting the ice art gallery?  
**W:** Yes, that would be interesting.

### Unit 2: Food Firsts

#### The First Sandwich

Listen to the dialog and complete each sentence.

- M:** What are you doing, Janet?  
**W:** Just surfing the Internet, Mike. Did you know that there's a place in England called Sandwich?  
**M:** Really? Is that where sandwiches came from?  
**W:** Hmm, let me check. No, it says here that sandwiches came from England, but not from that town. They were created by Lord Montagu, the Earl of Sandwich.  
**M:** So, did he live in Sandwich?  
**W:** No, he just had that name.  
**M:** How did he create them?  
**W:** Well, it says that he asked for some meat to be served between some bread. He didn't want to stop gambling to eat.

### Unit 3: Hurricane Who?

#### A Nice Name for a Hurricane

Listen to the dialog. Check **True** or **False** for each sentence.

- W:** Did you hear on the radio? There's a hurricane coming!  
**M:** All right then, we'd better get ready. What's it called?  
**W:** They're calling it Hurricane Connie.  
**M:** Why do they choose names like that? It sounds too nice!  
**W:** I think it's only the first letter that's important. It could have been hurricane Catherine or Claire.  
**M:** I know, but I think hurricanes should have strong names.  
**W:** Well, maybe that would help people take them seriously. What name would you choose?  
**M:** I think Conan would be good.

### Unit 4: How Did Those Get in There?

#### Another Reason for Butterflies

Listen to the dialog and choose the best answer.

- M:** I heard that a different chemical than cortisol causes butterflies in the stomach.  
**W:** What chemical did you hear causes them?  
**M:** I read somewhere that the same chemical that makes you feel stronger when you're excited causes butterflies.  
**W:** Is the process related to that other chemical very different from cortisol shutting down the stomach?  
**M:** Not really. The chemical I heard about causes more blood to go to your muscles instead of to your stomach. It's the reduced amount of blood going to the stomach that makes the stomach shut down.  
**W:** Well, I guess the result is the same in the end. The butterflies come from something shutting down the stomach.

## Unit 5: A Bug's Sleep

### Facts About the Weta

Listen to the dialog and complete each sentence.

- W:** I was reading about insects on the Internet the other day.
- M:** Did you find out anything interesting?
- W:** I sure did! Did you know that there is a bug that lives high in the mountains? It freezes solid every night and thaws every morning, and lives!
- M:** Wow! That's amazing! What is this insect called?
- W:** It is the New Zealand weta.
- M:** Oh, I think I've heard of it. Is it related to the cricket?
- W:** Yes! How did you know that?
- M:** I learned about them in my biology class.

## Unit 6: Tiger's Tale

### I Like to Watch Tiger

Listen to the dialog. Check **True** or **False** for each sentence.

- M:** Do you like golf?
- W:** Not really, but I like to watch Tiger Woods play.
- M:** What do you like about him?
- W:** Well, he is young, handsome, and rich!
- M:** You're right, he is rich. He has won millions of dollars playing golf.
- W:** What do you think he does with all of his money?
- M:** I think he gives some of it to charity.
- W:** So, he is a nice person, as well as handsome and rich!

## Unit 7: Not the Normal News

### Sources of the News

Listen to the dialog and choose the best answer.

- W:** Where do you think *HappyNews* gets all of the information it reports on?

- M:** The information I read said that on the *HappyNews* website, you will find stories from other news media sources. The stories are just read by the editors who work for *HappyNews* first to make sure they are OK for the website.
- W:** So, they just look for happy stories from other news sources and collect those on their website?
- M:** That's right. Also, they may post stories from regular people, as long as the stories are written like news reports.
- W:** So, I could write a story for *HappyNews*?
- M:** You could, but be sure to provide sources for the information in your story. The editors at *HappyNews* have to check your facts before they'll post your story.

## Unit 8: The Wright Way to Fly

### Did You Know That?

Listen to the dialog and complete each sentence.

- W:** Which brother flew in the Wright Flyer?
- M:** The older brother did.
- W:** Do you have any idea how far he actually flew?
- M:** Not very far. Only 51 meters.
- W:** I'm not good with meters. How far is that?
- M:** Have you ever been in a big airplane? 51 meters is about the distance from the front of the plane to the back of the plane.

## Unit 9: Don't Trust Me!

### Got Her!

Listen to the dialog. Check **True** or **False** for each sentence.

- W:** Did you hear about Paris Hilton?
- M:** No, why do you ask?
- W:** Someone hacked into her phone.
- M:** Hacked into her phone? Is that possible?
- W:** Yes, they got her password and ID. They stole photos, email addresses, and phone numbers from her phone.

- M:** Wow, how did they get her password and ID?  
**W:** She gave it to them. She thought they worked for the phone company, so she just told it to them.

### Unit 10: Bugs for Sale The Beetle Machine

Listen to the dialog and choose the best answer.

- M:** Hey! Look what they're selling in that machine!  
**W:** Are those beetles?  
**M:** Yes! I think I'm going to get some to keep as pets.  
**W:** But they are \$4 for a pair of them. Do you want to pay that much?  
**M:** That's cheap compared to some beetles. I heard that there was a pair of rare giant stag beetles for sale in Tokyo for \$50,000!  
**W:** What? Who would pay that much?  
**M:** Who knows? I'd be afraid someone would try to steal them.  
**W:** I'd be afraid they would die immediately!

### Unit 11: Mona Who? Another Painting

Listen to the dialog and complete each sentence.

- M:** You've heard of the *Mona Lisa*, right?  
**W:** Of course I have. It's that famous painting by Leonardo da Vinci.  
**M:** And have you heard of *The Last Supper*?  
**W:** *The Last Supper*? Is that the name of a book?  
**M:** Actually, it's the name of another famous painting. It's the picture of a scene from the Bible.  
**W:** Oh, really? And Leonardo da Vinci also painted this one?  
**M:** That's right.

### Unit 12: Borrowed Words Not Really English

Listen to the dialog. Check **True** or **False** for each sentence.

- M:** Can you speak any other languages?  
**W:** Well, I know some African words.  
**M:** What are they?  
**W:** Cola and zombie.  
**M:** Get out! Those are both English words. I know that Coca-Cola was first made in the US. And every horror movie has zombies in it!  
**W:** No, really. These words were originally borrowed from Africa. In fact, Coca-Cola was originally made from the kola nut, which came from Africa.  
**M:** Is that right? What about zombie?  
**W:** Zombie originally was the name of a snake god. People would eat special plants to celebrate the god. Then they became like a "zombie."

### Unit 13: Growing Deserts The Wall of Trees

Listen to the dialog and choose the best answer.

- W:** Growing deserts are a serious problem.  
**M:** I know. I heard that China is very concerned about its growing deserts.  
**W:** Yes. The Chinese are building a wall of trees in the northwest to stop the Gobi Desert from moving toward Beijing. They are going to call it the "Green Wall," and it will be even longer than the Great Wall.  
**M:** How long will it be?  
**W:** I heard it will be 5,700 kilometers long.  
**M:** Let's hope it's successful. Maybe other countries will build Green Walls!

## Unit 14: The Importance of Water If You Don't Like Water

Listen to the dialog and complete each sentence.

- W:** Most scientists say we should drink at least 1,600 milliliters of water each day. That's about six-and-a-half glasses.
- M:** I don't really like to drink plain water. Water is boring.
- W:** No problem. Fruit juice, milk, and herbal tea all contain lots of water.
- M:** And that will be enough water for my body?
- W:** Well, it isn't necessary to drink all the water we need. We get water from fruits and vegetables, too. You take in water when you eat salad or watermelon.
- M:** What happens if I drink too much water?
- W:** That's hard to do. When you go to the bathroom, you eliminate the extra water your body doesn't need.
- M:** That's good to know. I was worried that I might damage my kidneys.

## Unit 15: Animal Forecasters Cat Predictions

Listen to the dialog. Check **True** or **False** for each sentence.

- M:** My cat is sneezing. I think it will rain tomorrow.
- W:** Why do you think so, Jamie? There is not even one cloud in the sky.
- M:** Well, my grandmother told me that cats can predict the weather. She was from Scotland. Many Scots believe that if a cat sneezes, it will rain soon.
- W:** Really? What else did she say?
- M:** Well, she said that the English people had a little rhyme. If a cat washes her face over her ear, the weather will be fine and clear.
- W:** So only people from Europe believe cats can predict the weather?

- M:** I don't think so. My friend, who is American, says that some people in his country believe that if a cat eats grass, it will rain.

## Unit 16: A Fantastic Mind Not Just for Kids

Listen to the dialog and choose the best answer.

- M:** What are you going to do tonight?
- W:** I don't know. I am kind of bored.
- M:** Would you like to go see a movie? There is a terrific animated movie at the theater.
- W:** Animation? You mean like a cartoon? Isn't that just for children?
- M:** Not at all. Many adults also enjoy animation, just like children do.
- W:** Well, I suppose I could go and see if I like it.
- M:** Great. The movie starts at eight p.m. Should I pick you up?
- W:** OK. That would be very nice. I'll see you at 7:30.

## Unit 17: Seeing Red A Problem at Work

Listen to the dialog and complete each sentence.

- M:** I had a strange day at work.
- W:** Why, what was the problem?
- M:** Well, my boss was wearing a pink and white suit.
- W:** A pink and white suit? That is a little strange. Why did he wear it?
- M:** I don't know, maybe he likes those colors. But it made me feel nervous.
- W:** So you think men shouldn't wear bright-colored clothes?
- M:** They can if they want, but I think a boss should wear dark colors! Pink and white seem too soft and weak.
- W:** Maybe you should tell him that.

### Unit 18: Worth Collecting

#### A Great Gift

Listen to the dialog. Check **True** or **False** for each sentence.

- M:** My grandfather just gave me an old stamp. It's called a Hawaiian Missionary. Let's look on the Internet and see how much it's worth!
- W:** Why does it have such a strange name, John?
- M:** These stamps were first used by Christian missionaries living in Hawaii. They used the stamps to send letters back to the United States.
- W:** This Internet site says that the rarest Hawaiian Missionary stamp is the two-cent stamp. Only sixteen copies of that stamp still exist! Which one do you have?
- M:** I don't know. Let's look! Yes, it is the two-cent stamp!
- W:** John, this stamp website says that your stamp is worth about \$760,000!
- M:** Wow!

### Unit 19: Can't Beat Them? Join Them!

#### Can You Believe It?

Listen to the dialog and choose the best answer.

- W:** Did you see this?
- M:** What?
- W:** A woman was sued because she illegally shared some music on the Internet.
- M:** Well, that is piracy, you know.
- W:** Sure, but she only shared 24 songs.
- M:** How much was she sued for?
- W:** Almost two million dollars!
- M:** Two million dollars?
- W:** Yes. That's about \$80,000 per song.
- M:** Wow! That does seem ridiculous.

### Unit 20: Rich Dogs

#### Flossie to the Rescue

Listen to the dialog and complete each sentence.

- M:** How did Flossie rescue Drew and her husband?
- W:** Well, the fire started at about 3 a.m., so they were sleeping. Flossie barked and scratched on their bedroom door to wake them up.
- M:** Wow, she's a smart dog. You know, I heard that Drew rescued Flossie first.
- W:** From the fire?
- M:** No, before that. Drew got Flossie from an animal shelter. The people at the shelter were going to put her to sleep, and Drew saved her.
- W:** Really? Well, you know what they say.
- M:** Yeah. What goes around, comes around.
- W:** Maybe we should go to the shelter and get a dog, just in case.





