

Unit 1 Work Around the House

Mom winks at Grandmother. With a smile, she shouts, “Mom, I’ve got to go to work. Will you clean the bathroom?” Loudly, Grandmother says, “I’m busy cooking. But that toilet does need a scrub!” Susan knows Mom will ask her next. She hates cleaning the bathroom! Susan yells, “Mom, have you seen the vacuum? I’m cleaning my room.” Mom points to the hall closet. Susan is clever for avoiding her least favorite chore! Or is she? Perhaps Mom planned for Susan to clean her room?

Unit 2 Down on the Farm

Ed went to visit his friend Joe. Joe lived on a farm. When Joe saw Ed, he said, “What’s up, Ed? You look so serious.” Ed replied to him, “I need to talk to you, Joe. I have some news. It’s kind of a secret.” “Then let’s go in the house,” suggested Joe. “It’s not wise to talk out here,” he added. “Why not?” asked Ed. “I never share secrets around the crops, Ed. The potatoes have eyes, and the corn has ears...”

Unit 3 Brotherly Love

Hank’s brother needed an operation. The doctor asked Hank to give blood for his brother. Hank said he would. The nurse told Hank, “Don’t worry, little guy.” The nurse put a needle in Hank’s arm. Hank’s blood began to fill a bag. “How long before I die?” he asked. Smiling, the nurse said, “You won’t die, little guy. Your bones make more blood all the time.” Hank didn’t know that. But out of love, he was ready to give his life to help his brother.

Unit 4 A Cool Place to Stay

Do you know any ice buildings? Every winter in Canada, a building is made of ice. It's also made of snow. This building is a hotel. In the ice hotel, the walls and roof are made of both ice and snow. The chairs, tables, and flower vases are made of ice. The ice hotel opens for visitors in January. If you want to visit, make sure you go before the ice melts in April. It'll be a cool adventure. You'll never forget it!

Unit 5 Penguin Power

You may have seen penguins before. They are birds that walk on land. Maybe you have seen them swimming in the water. Most birds fly, but penguins don't fly in the sky. Instead, they "fly" in the water! Penguins spend most of their time in the water. They eat shrimp, squid, and small fish. They use their wings to dive and swim in the deep water. They also use their sharp beaks to catch their food. Penguins look cute, but watch out! They are serious hunters!

Unit 6 A Delicious Treat

You probably don't know Frank Epperson. But maybe you have eaten his invention. Frank invented the first frozen treat, the Popsicle. He did it when he was only eleven years old. Frank accidentally left a cup of soda outside with a stick in it. It was cold that night. The next day, he found the soda frozen in the cup. He grabbed the stick and tried some. It was delicious and refreshing. Thanks to Frank, now we have cool treats for hot summers!

Unit 7 A Man and His Dream

John Chapman, called "Johnny Appleseed," was a generous man. He cared for other people before himself. John did not have many things. He often wore rags and slept in the forest. He gave people whatever they needed: his jacket or even his food! He traveled a lot and always carried a bag filled with apple seeds. He got them from cider mills. John's

dream was to produce many apples. And he did! John planted thousands of trees in the early 1800s. He is still talked about today.

Unit 8 Free to Fly

Some people want to keep butterflies as pets. But don't catch them when they come to explore your garden. Some people want to keep butterflies in jars. A jar is too small for a butterfly. Actually, even a big room is too tiny! Butterflies need to be free to fly where they want. Butterflies live only a few weeks. That's not enough time for a pet. It's best to allow these beautiful bugs to remain free. Enjoy them in a garden instead of catching them!

Unit 9 What Is It?

I have a certain thing in mind. If you feed it, it lives, but if you give it water, it dies. Do you need more clues? Don't touch it, because this thing is very hot! It is yellow, red, and orange. Is it obvious yet, or do you need some more tips? Don't think about animals, people, or places. Think about something that you put out with water. It consumes wood. It starts with smoke and then has flames. That's right—it's fire!

Unit 10 Better Together

Three men went fishing, but their boat went down in a storm. They swam to a small island and found a strange bottle. When they opened the bottle, a genie came out! The genie gave each man a wish. "I wish I were home!" said the first man. The genie used magic to send him home. "I wish I were home, too!" said the second man. The genie sent him home. "I miss my friends," said the last man. "I wish they were here with me."

Unit 11 Becoming Different

When he came home from school, Oscar the Caterpillar was crying. "What's the matter?" asked his mother. "Everyone teases me," said Oscar. "They say I run slowly. I

don't want to go to school." "Don't be sad, Oscar," said his mother. "Trust me. Soon you'll become someone special." One day, Oscar woke up and went to school as usual. He wondered why his friends were looking at him, so he looked in the mirror. He saw a handsome moth! And he was able to fly!

Unit 12 A Garden Tip

Not all bugs are harmful to a garden. Bees help garden plants. Do you want to attract more bees to your garden? First, choose the right flowers! Bees like yellow, blue, and purple flowers. Flowers that bloom in different seasons are good, too. Then bees can visit the garden in spring, summer, and autumn. Also, try not to use poison in your garden. Poison drives away not only bad bugs, but also bees! It is best not to use poison at all in your garden.

Unit 13 An Eight-Legged Wonder

An octopus has eight legs. Most people know that. Did you know if an octopus loses a leg, it will grow another? Or did you know that an octopus has three hearts? It even has blue blood! Octopuses are amazing in many ways. They can swim backward and change color. They are also very smart. According to some scientists, octopuses are smart enough to solve puzzles! Octopuses are cool animals. Just be careful not to scare one. You might find yourself in a cloud of black ink!

Unit 14 A Talent for Many Things

Raphael was a famous painter in Italy. He lived a long time ago, from 1483 to 1520. The people in his fascinating paintings look alive. Raphael painted pictures on walls. He even painted ceilings! You can still see some of his great works today. And Raphael didn't just paint. He was an architect, too. He designed many things, including homes for kings and queens! Raphael was good at many things. No wonder people call him one of the greatest

artists ever!

Unit 15 A Great Man

Nelson Mandela did great things during his life. However, he had to spend many years in prison. Mandela was born in South Africa in 1918. He was black. In South Africa, blacks were treated as a lower class of people than whites. Mandela tried to change the laws in South Africa. He fought for human rights. But the government sent him to prison. Mandela spent twenty-seven years in prison. He finally became free in 1990. Four years later, he became the president of South Africa!

Unit 16 The Amazing Pumpkin

Pumpkins are one of the common foods eaten all over the world. They are also one of the oldest farmed plants. Researchers have found seeds and pumpkin parts in ancient homes. These things show that people farmed pumpkins a long time ago! Early pumpkins were quite small. But today we can grow them very large. In 2013, a man grew a pumpkin that was over 900 kilograms! This world-record pumpkin was both heavy and big! Two or three people could fit inside of it!