

Unit 1 Baby Brother

Mom was going to have a baby. The baby grew inside her belly for nine months. Finally, I met my little brother. His name is Henry. Mom and Dad let me help. When Henry needs to eat, Mom lets me feed him. Henry can be noisy, but I love him. I love taking care of Henry. Dad says I am a good sister.

Unit 2 The Hurricane

Hurricanes occur near the ocean. There is a lot of wind and rain. After a hurricane, people badly need help. Mom thinks we should help out. So we put some food into a box, and we drive to a nearby town. They just had a hurricane there. I see a boy who is my age. His family lost their home. We give them the box of food.

Unit 3 School Club

My friend Izzy likes to make robots. She is in the Robot Club at our school. Each student makes a part. Then the group uses the parts to make a robot. The robots do easy jobs. One makes paint. Another draws on paper. Izzy wants me to join the Robot Club. She knows I like science. It sounds like hard work. But Izzy says I will be a cool group member.

Unit 4 You're Invited!

Come to the Seaville Stars Talent Show! Watch me do some cool magic tricks. Come see great singers, dancers, and actors. You don't want to miss it!

When: Sunday, May 2nd, at 3 p.m.

Where: Seaville Middle School gym

What: Singing, dancing, magic, and more

Who's invited: All of my friends!

For tickets, call Ms. Parkett at 555-1234. Tickets for kids are \$5. See you there!

Unit 5 A Drop of Water

I am a drop of water, and I like to live in the ocean. Then, on a sunny day, I change! I fly into the sky to meet friends. We can make the sky cloudy. “We can make a storm,” my friends say. Then we become rain, and we fall from the sky. The plants love this rainy day. But I do not stay. My story starts again.

Unit 6 The Didgeridoo

“I have a present for you,” Grandpa said. I wondered what it was. “This was my didgeridoo, and now it is yours.” Grandpa blew the long instrument and made beautiful music. I put it to my mouth, but only air came out. Grandpa helped, and finally it made a sound! I practiced day and night. That summer, I was ready for my first concert. Grandpa was proud of me.

Unit 7 The Longest Game

Some people around the world love cricket. Teams of eleven play on a field. There are sticks on each end. Player One throws a ball. Player Two swings at it. Player One’s team is on the field. They try to catch the ball. Player Two tries to get points. If the ball hits the sticks, Player Two is out. A cricket match can last for five days!

Unit 8 Play Well

LEGO didn’t invent their building pieces. Kiddicraft was first. LEGO just made them better! Here are more interesting facts:

- * LEGO is the world’s biggest wheel maker. It makes over 300 million tiny wheels a year.
- * A LEGO piece can hold up to 432 kilograms before it breaks.
- * LEGO figures have round holes in their heads. They’re there so that you don’t hurt

yourself.

Cool, right?

Unit 9 The Light of the Stars

One evening, Jim looks up at the dark sky. “Do you see the stars tonight?” Dad asks. Jim sees the stars above. “Yes, they are beautiful,” he says. Dad says the stars are far away and old.

“Am I older than the stars?” Jim asks.

“No,” Dad says. The stars are old, and Jim is young. “But you are my star,” Dad says.

Unit 10 My Heroes

Walter, the police officer, saw the smoke first. He called the fire station. Then he ran to the door. “There’s a fire!” he shouted.

“Where’s Patches?” Steve asked.

When the firefighters arrived, Cara went to Steve. “Patches is inside somewhere,” Steve cried. Cara rushed inside and carried Patches to the window. As they jumped out, a photographer took their picture. “You’re heroes!”

“That’s our job,” said Walter and Cara.

Unit 11 The Lost Map

My brother and I have a hobby. We like to camp. It is a fun hobby, but we have to be careful. One time, we went camping by a river. The next day, we wanted to go home. “We have a problem!” I shouted. “I lost the map.” My brother was not mad at me because he had his smartphone. His smartphone had a map, and it helped us get home.

Unit 12 Dining Differences

Gio and Pari shared a meal at Yuki’s house. Yuki’s mom put plates on the table. “Help

yourself,” she said. Yuki began eating with long, thin sticks. Gio and Pari were hungry. “I can’t use chopsticks,” Pari said sadly.

“Do you use forks in your country?” Gio asked Pari.

“No, we use our hands!” Pari made a ball of rice with her hand and ate it. “Try it!”

Unit 13 A Bad Fox

Fox and Donkey were walking in the desert. Suddenly, they saw a hungry lion. Fox told Donkey to wait. “Let me go, and you will have donkey for dinner,” she said to Lion quietly. Lion agreed. Donkey followed Fox. He fell into a deep hole. Donkey couldn’t run away. Lion said, “I’ll have donkey later. Now I’m hungry for fox!”

Unit 14 Shapes Everywhere

Billy asks Dad for help with his math homework. “I have to find hexagons in my environment.” Dad and Billy walk to the corner. The stop sign is a hexagon. Billy sees a soccer ball. It is by the hill. It is full of white hexagons. Then he hears a terrible sound. Bees! The holes in the beehive are hexagons. “My pencil is a hexagon, too!” Billy says. “Hexagons are everywhere!”

Unit 15 Natural Soap

Soap is important. We need it to wash our clothes and dishes. And ourselves! Most people buy soap. But many soaps have unhealthy things in them. So some people choose to make soap at home. It’s not hard. You just need a bottle of oil and a few other things. You can make it on the stove. This kind of soap is natural. It’s good for the world.

Unit 16 The Paper Plane

Paper planes are fun. And they’re pretty easy to make. Take some paper and put the parts together. But you do not need tape. Bring the left to the right. Then draw on the paper

to make it look more like a plane. Draw windows and people's faces in them. Now you're ready for the most fun part. Throw your paper plane!