

## Unit 1 Traveling around Town

In my town, there are three ways to get around. The first way is by bus. A long, gray bus takes my family to the mall and the library. It is the easiest way to get there. The second way is by bullet train. A long, fast train takes my family to other small towns and big cities quicker than the bus. The third way is on foot. Two strong feet take me to many different places. It is the cheapest way to get around. I am lucky to have so many ways to get around!

## Unit 2 My First Trip

My first trip on a plane was last summer. My family and I flew to Canada to visit my grandma. I felt very afraid because it was my first time flying. But it was so much fun! There was so much to do, like watch a movie, listen to music, and order food. Also, the cabin crew were very nice. They brought me anything I wanted. During a movie, I started crying. They brought me some tissues and water. It was sweet of them to do that. It was the best trip ever!

## Unit 3 My Favorite Festival

The Catalan Festival is one of my favorite festivals. First, there is a parade, where everyone dresses up. Everyone wears giant costumes which are made of paper and look like giant people. After the parade, the people of Barcelona make teams for the human tower competition. Adults and children climb on top of each other to make towers which are over 11 meters tall! When that's done, it's time for stories. Actors and dancers tell exciting stories on a big stage. Many people come to watch the performance. I get excited for the Catalan Festival every July!

## **Unit 4 Holiday Traditions**

Dear Diary,

A few days ago was New Year's Eve. New Year's Eve is such a fun holiday and it is also my favorite. The best part is the Vasilopita, or traditional lucky cake. My mom bakes it and hides a coin inside. The person who finds the coin in their piece of cake will have good luck all year. Then, we have to wait until midnight for my dad to cut the cake. I usually go to bed early, but for this reason, I can stay up really late on New Year's Eve. It also makes New Year's Eve so much fun. Oh, I found the coin this year! I hope lots of good things happen to me this year.

## **Unit 5 Things in My House**

Let me tell you about my house and my favorite room. I live in a small, white house. There are many rooms in the house, but my favorite room is my bedroom. I like my bedroom because it is so cozy. In my bedroom, there is a bed, a dresser, and a chair. On my bed, there are lots of pillows and blankets. Above my bed is a picture of a cute bunny. To the left of my bed, there is my dresser. I decorated it with lots of pretty stickers of stars and rainbows. Beside my dresser, there is my chair. There is a blanket on my chair. Overall, I think my bedroom is really cozy. That's why it is my favorite room.

## Unit 6 Types of Houses

Dear Yun,

I hope you are doing well. Today, we moved into our new home! Homes are very different here. We live in a townhouse. My house here is made of wood and bricks. It smells woody and seems bigger than our old house. I love my new house. I hope you can come to visit sometime and play. In the countryside, there are some houses which are made of stones, mud, or sand. They are called rondavel. They are small, round, and very pretty. They remind me of igloos, the houses made of ice. I'll send you pictures of my house later. Talk to you soon!

Your friend,

Angel

## Unit 7 Seasonal Sports

People love to play sports, no matter the weather or season. So even when it is cold in winter, people play sports. There are several kinds of winter sports. There is figure skating, ice hockey, skiing, and more. The two major types of winter sports are those played on ice and those played on snow. Figure skating is a kind of winter sport which is played on ice. People skate around on an ice rink, dancing and doing tricks. Skiing is a type of winter sport which is played on snow. People wear skis with long poles and slide down a mountain. Both sports are very popular worldwide and both of them are big Olympic sports. I'm a big fan of winter sports and want to learn more!

## Unit 8 Swimming to Win or for Fun

Swimming can be separated into two categories: competitive and non-competitive swimming. Competitive swimming means you swim to win a race. Non-competitive swimming means you swim for fun. For competitive swimming, you need special equipment, like goggles, a cap, and a timer. But for non-competitive swimming, you don't need special equipment. Competitive swimming is usually done in an indoor swimming pool. Non-competitive swimming is usually done in an outdoor swimming pool or the ocean. But there are some similarities between them. Both require a swimsuit since regular clothes make it harder to swim. Also, both usually need a lifeguard to watch you so you don't get hurt. So, there are similarities and differences between the two types of swimming.