

Unit 1

When Scott went out for dinner, his nametag was still on his shirt. Strangers were very friendly and began conversations. Now Scott wears a nametag everywhere—at parks, shopping malls, and movie theaters. “Nametags make people comfortable,” he says.

Unit 2

Oeun is a tiny boy, and his python is huge. When they sleep, Lucky makes a circle with his body. Oeun is in the middle. They are always together. Once the family took a short trip. Oeun missed Lucky, so the family came back early.

Unit 3

There is a great, new car from China. It costs a lot, but it has a karaoke machine. While you wait in busy traffic, you and your passengers can sing pop songs. Be careful! It can be dangerous when you drive and sing at the same time.

Unit 4

Children and teenagers love Mud Day. They push their friends into the soft, wet mud and have mud fights. They swim in the mud. Then fire fighters wash them with their hoses, and the kids go home and take a bath.

Unit 5

People have to look at Rashid. His long mustache flies up into the air like two wings. Rashid is traveling to many countries, and his mustache is paying for the trip. It pays for his hotels and his lunches and dinners.

Unit 6

Neil left his job as a lawyer and followed his heart to South America. Now he is riding through ten countries by himself. He carries his tent, bed, and clothes on his bike. He performs for children and adults.

Unit 7

Lexie’s hair is straight and spiky. She uses gel on it. She keeps it tall. Sometimes she puts colors like purple in her hair, and sometimes she cuts the sides. She likes her hair, but she has a problem with it when it is windy. It goes flat!

Unit 8

Felix flew above the English Channel like a bird. He has his own wings but no engine. His wings caught the wind, and he flew fast. A business will soon sell the suit with wings. Maybe this will be a popular and exciting sport some day.

Unit 9

Kanchana, an artist, lived inside a glass box for 32 days. She was alone, so she could only talk to scorpions. She gave them some delicious food. They climbed on her bed, up the walls, and over the wood floor. But Kanchana wasn’t afraid.

Unit 10

Taipei 101 stands high above the other buildings in Taipei. With 101 floors, it reaches to the sky like a plane. The elevators are the most modern in the world. Taiwan’s strong earthquakes will not damage the building.

Unit 11

Johansen does not cook in his kitchen. He makes fish and steak on top of his car engine. On short trips, he cooks hot dogs. He saves a lot of time this way. His meat does not smell like gas. It tastes so good!

Unit 12

Nichols gave away a kidney to Saunders. It was dangerous and difficult for her, but she saved his life. Later, she was a winner in the lottery. She bought a house and a truck for her husband. She also gave a new gift to Saunders.

Unit 13

During lessons at Millbrook School, the red wolves cry. Students at the school study music and English, but they also work with animals. They keep the zoo clean and give the wild animals vegetables, leaves, nuts, and fruit. Students at the school learn to be responsible, not careless.

Unit 14

Rodriguez went up, down, and around and around for 192 wild hours. His car had soft seats and a little toilet. During the long ride, he got confused and really tired. It was hot, so he drank a lot of water and put some on his head.

Unit 15

Kobayashi is as thin as a pencil, but never mind. He can eat a lot! He entered and won the contest at Nathan's four times. He dances a little while he eats. His best year ever was 2004. He ate 53½ hot dogs in 12 minutes.

Unit 16

When Debra's husband could not go on, she rowed the boat by herself. There were storms, large waves, and sharks. She was often lonely and in danger, but she really enjoyed the adventure. She was proud of herself when she finally arrived in Barbados.

Unit 17

Tom Leppard built his house with stones, sticks, and trees. He lives without heat or lights. He likes to fish and sunbathe in the river near his home, and he is never in a hurry. He enjoys his life and does not need anything more.

Unit 18

BoA is an influential singer and dancer. She performs for huge crowds in Asia. Her first CD was immediately popular, and she became an international pop star very fast. Her parents were against the studio's plan at first, but now they are proud of BoA.