

## Unit 1

Airport officials searched the Canadian woman carefully. When they didn't find any coins or metal on her, they let her board the plane. Later, the woman got an X-ray. She was surprised when she learned about the instrument in her stomach. "No one is perfect," explained a hospital official.

## Unit 2

Sokolov is responsible for taking care of some homes in the winter. His job can be extremely dangerous. He wanted to scare criminals, so he put on large boots and walked in the snow all around his neighborhood. Clearly, the boots have worked!

## Unit 3

Mr. Magon didn't like the wild pink hair of his students at all. He wanted to bring order to the school, so he sent a letter to the parents. The parents discussed the principal's idea. Then they warned him that they would take him to court. Magon was very surprised.

## Unit 4

Shi-tung is a college student who plays a lot of online computer games. Although the games are fun to play, he says it's a bit hard to stop. His parents don't mind that he spends so much time on the computer, so his hobby does not lead to family fights.

## Unit 5

Mike Hill got stuck in the mud while he was hunting. He was not able to move. Fire fighters tried to save him, but they became stuck, too. A helicopter finally pulled everyone up, one by one. The pilot said that it was a terrible mess.

## Unit 6

Some police officers in France have a cool job. They skate four hours a day through the lovely streets of Paris. They chase thieves and try to catch up with them. They have to stay in shape, so they go to the gym. Tourists love the cops on wheels!

## Unit 7

Singapore wants to spread kindness and make the world more pleasant. Here are three of their ideas: Try not to bother your neighbors with loud music. Turn down your stereo at night. Share your lunch with a new student at school. And don't forget to smile!

## Unit 8

It was a calm afternoon. The girls were sitting on the grass outdoors and looking up at the clouds. When they saw the small boy falling, they ran to catch him. The boy turned over and over as he fell, and the girls moved back and forth with their blanket.

## Unit 9

While the couple were repairing and cleaning their house, they hung the wedding dress in a workshop nearby. A tornado destroyed the house as well as the trees but not the workshop. Dan was happy when he discovered the dress, untouched. The bride and groom cried at their wedding.

## Unit 10

Would you like to eat a scorpion, a fly, or a spider? Chanta has a habit of eating a worm a day! He is crazy about worms. He thinks they are like medicine and keep you healthy. Chanta's coworkers are used to his habit but still think it's strange. Chanta doesn't care what others think!



## Unit 11

When the earthquake hit, the brave woman was in bed. Many blankets covered her and kept her alive for over a week. When rescuers reached her, there was so much excitement! They did not expect her to be alive. Soon afterward, the woman asked for tea.

## Unit 12

Sho is only 12, but he is already studying at the university. Medicine and biology are two of his school subjects. This intelligent boy dreams of becoming a doctor in order to fight diseases like cancer. Sho loves school, but he also plays sports and the piano.

## Unit 13

Crime is a huge problem in many cities. Mexico City wants to make its subways safer. Since 2004, the city has given away many free books and has put art in the stations. The passengers love the new underground libraries! The city thinks that educated people will stay away from crime.

## Unit 14

The attack happened suddenly. Bethany was lying on her surfboard with her arms in the water. The water was clear and gentle. Then the shark appeared out of nowhere and bit her arm. Bethany remained calm although she was in terrible pain. Her friends say that she is fantastic.

## Unit 15

Daniel's father, a farmer, had a problem with his cows. He often complained about it to Daniel. The boy solved the problem. He did an experiment and showed that cows like classical music. It helps them relax, and so they give a lot of extra milk.

## Unit 16

The beds, dressers, and armchairs in the Ice Hotel are all frozen. A visitor from Korea said it was unbelievable. She said that she saw the extraordinary hotel in her dreams. The palace is only open for the winter season. It disappears in the spring.

## Unit 17

Junko Tabei loves mountains. The reason, she says, is that they teach her many things. As a leader in conservation, she teaches people to care for them. She plants trees in the mountains and gets rid of trash like soda cans and plastic bottles. Her goal is to keep mountains clean.

## Unit 18

Bill Gates controls everything in his house with computers. Before his arrival home, the gate to his driveway opens. He can also fill his bath to a perfect temperature. Would you like to live in a smart house? We can all look forward to having one in the future.