

Unit 1: In the Name of Beauty Makeup for Men?

Listen to the dialog and choose the best answer.

- W:** Do you ever wear makeup?
M: No way! That's just for women.
W: But I heard that nowadays a lot of men use skin creams and lip gloss.
M: Really? Why do they do that?
W: I guess they just want to look good. And it could protect their skin from sun damage.
M: Hmm, I hadn't thought about that. Maybe I should use sunscreen in the summer.
W: How about some lip gloss, too? Here. This one isn't colored.
M: Smells nice. Well, OK. Hey, it tastes good, too.

Unit 2: Who Took That Tooth? Tooth Traditions in Nigeria

Listen to the dialog and complete each sentence.

- M:** I know you're interested in tooth traditions. I wanted to tell you about a tradition I know of.
W: Really? Where is it from?
M: This one comes from Nigeria.
W: Wow! What is it?
M: The first person to notice a baby's first tooth isn't supposed to say anything about it.
W: Why not? What happens if they say something?
M: Then they have to give a gift to the child. The gift has to be something important and valuable in Nigerian culture, like a cow or a goat.
W: Hmm. I don't know where I would keep a cow in my small apartment!

Unit 3: The Ring of Fire More Interesting Facts

Listen to the dialog. Check **True** or **False** for each sentence.

- M:** Did you know Mt. Fuji in Japan is a volcano?
W: Sure, I knew that. It's the highest mountain in that country, but it's really a volcano.
M: Do you know if it is still active?
W: I don't think so. The last time it erupted was in the 1700s. That eruption produced a new crater on Fuji's east side.
M: I've also heard there are lots of volcanoes in Hawaii.
W: Oh, definitely. The world's largest active volcano is in Hawaii. That's Mauna Loa. It has erupted 33 times since 1843.
M: Wow, that is active!
W: Yeah, but Kilauea in Hawaii is the most active volcano in the world. It's been erupting continuously since January 1983.

Unit 4: Myths About Pimples Pimple Treatments

Listen to the dialog and choose the best answer.

- M:** Look, Susan. I got another pimple!
W: No problem, Milo. Just pop it.
M: That's really not a good idea. It could make it worse.
W: Really? What makes you think that?
M: My doctor told me so. He said there are better ways to get rid of pimples.
W: What kind of recommendations did he give you?
M: He said to wash my face gently with a special soap. But I shouldn't wash my face too often.
W: That's good to know. I will have to remember that.

Unit 5: I Cut the Cheese!

An Amazing Fact

Listen to the dialog and complete each sentence.

- W:** Do you want to hear a crazy fact?
M: I'm not sure. Do I really want to hear this?
W: Did you know that an insect has the highest output of farts of all living creatures?
M: That is crazy! Which insect is it?
W: The termite.
M: Why do termites fart so much?
W: It's because of their diet and their digestive systems.
M: But how much gas do they really make?
W: They produce as much methane gas as all of the factories made by people.
M: They must add to the air pollution.

Unit 6: Mr. Nintendo

Not Just Another Game

Listen to the dialog. Check **True** or **False** for each sentence.

- M:** Did you hear about Iwata's newest brain child?
W: No, what is it?
M: Well, I guess it focuses more on health and fitness.
W: Is it a kind of game?
M: Not exactly; it's more like medical equipment.
W: What do you mean?
M: Well, it's a kind of sensor. It can check the blood flow in your body.
W: Oh?
M: Yes, it can show your stress levels. People can use it to see how stressed they are and then by concentrating, they can try to reduce their stress.
W: Oh, that could be useful.

Unit 7: Are Sports Bad for Kids?

Kids and Sports

Listen to the dialog and choose the best answer.

- M:** Are you going to let your son play soccer this season?
W: No way! He's only seven years old. It's too dangerous.
M: In what way?
W: Well, for a start, when kids are younger than ten, their bodies are still growing. If they get injured, it can be really serious.
M: Is that right? Well, my son is pretty tough. I think he'll be OK.
W: You should be careful if your son is going to play in the summer league.
M: Why?
W: Children's bodies respond differently to heat, so it's easy for them to get too hot. I've seen some kids collapse during games.
M: So I should make sure my son drinks a lot of water when he's playing?
W: That's right.

Unit 8: May I Have Your Autograph?

A Trip to the Bookstore

Listen to the dialog and complete each sentence.

- M:** Do you want to go to the bookstore with me on Saturday? J.K. Rowling is signing autographs.
W: She is always signing her books. Her autograph must not be worth much.
M: I would love to have one of my *Harry Potter* books signed.
W: I doubt it will ever make the book worth much.
M: I don't care about that. I just want to have a signed book. I could give it to my children.
W: I would rather have an autograph I could sell. Then I could become rich.

- M:** Money isn't everything. Don't you think she's a good writer?
W: I have no idea. I've never read any of her books.

Unit 9: Where Are Our Jetpacks?

A License to Fly

Listen to the dialog. Check **True** or **False** for each sentence.

- M:** If I had enough money, I would buy a jetpack.
W: It would be kind of fun to fly around with one of those. But don't people need to get a license for flying planes or something in order to operate one of those?
M: No, you don't need a license for a jetpack. The government says a jetpack is in the category of ultralight vehicles. You don't need a license to fly or operate an ultralight vehicle.
W: That seems kind of strange. People need licenses to drive cars and motorcycles. I think they should require licenses for jetpacks, too.
M: Maybe the government puts jetpacks in the same category as those two-wheeled things people ride. You know, those Segway things.
W: Those seem safer to me. At least a Segway stays on the ground.

Unit 10: Desert Delivery

A Mobile Library

Listen to the dialog and choose the best answer.

- W:** What do you think of the camel library?
M: I think it's a great idea.
W: Me too. Have you ever heard of a similar idea in other countries?
M: Well, yes, I have. In England there are mobile libraries, too.
W: In England? But they don't have camels, do they?

- M:** Of course not. The books travel in a van to the countryside. That way, old people or families without cars can borrow library books.
W: Have you ever used a mobile library?
M: Yes, I did quite often when I was young.

Unit 11: Shakespeare, Where Are You Now?

Old and New

Listen to the dialog and complete each sentence.

- W:** Did you finish researching your essay about the Globe Theatre?
M: Yeah. And I found out lots of interesting stuff about the theater.
W: Like what?
M: Well as you know, in many ways performances today are just like the original ones.
W: But some things are different, aren't they?
M: Sure. For example, there are female actors now. In Shakespeare's time, people thought it was improper for women to act. But modern performances at the Globe still use very few props and only live sound effects.
W: What do you mean? All the music and sound effects are made on stage?
M: Yeah, either on stage or behind the stage. And they don't use any microphones or recordings of sounds. The clothes are authentic, too.
W: It sounds really neat. I'd love to see a performance at the Globe some time.
M: Yeah. They sound pretty cool.

Unit 12: What's in a Name?

What's Your Name?

Listen to the dialog. Check **True** or **False** for each sentence.

- M:** Julia, do you know what your name means?

W: Sure, Jack. My family name, 'MacKay,' is Scottish. It means "son of fire."

M: Or, in your case, "daughter of fire."

W: Right. My given name, 'Julia,' has two meanings.

M: What are they?

W: One meaning is "youthful" or "young," which I like.

M: And?

W: The other meaning is "downy" or "soft haired," which I don't really like.

M: I understand.

Unit 13: Out of Rainforests

Why Should I Care?

Listen to the dialog and choose the best answer.

M: Good afternoon, we are trying to save the rainforests. Would you like to give some money?

W: Are you kidding? Why would I want to save the rainforest? It doesn't affect me.

M: Well ma'am, did you take a shower this morning?

W: Of course!

M: Soap and shampoo are made of plants from the rainforests. And the makeup you are wearing also comes from plants found in the rainforest.

W: Oh!

M: Your clothes also look pretty clean. Did you know that laundry soap has rainforest ingredients?

W: Oh, I didn't know that. Here's ten dollars.

Unit 14: For a Quick Pickup

Stay Awake to Study

Listen to the dialog and complete each sentence.

W: I don't think I can study right now. I can hardly keep my eyes open.

M: Why don't we go to the campus café and grab a cup of coffee?

W: Hey, they sell those little energy drinks at the café. Maybe I should get one of those. I drank one of those when I was studying for midterms, and it kept me awake all night.

M: I bet it did. Do you know how much caffeine is in one of those drinks?

W: It's about twice as much as in a strong cup of coffee, isn't it?

M: More than that. A strong cup of coffee can have about 100 milligrams of caffeine in it.

W: So how much caffeine is in one of those energy drinks?

M: It varies, but the ones they sell in the campus café have about 500 milligrams of caffeine per bottle!

Unit 15: The Misunderstood Tomato Fruits and Vegetables

Listen to the dialog. Check **True** or **False** for each sentence.

M: You know that the tomato is a fruit, right?

W: Really? How weird. I thought it was a vegetable.

M: Here is something else you might not know. Watermelons are vegetables.

W: What? Are you serious?

M: Though they look like melons, they are actually related to cucumbers and pumpkins.

W: I love watermelon, but it's hard to imagine it in a sandwich.

M: And you'll be happy to know, watermelon seeds won't grow in your stomach.

W: That's a relief!

Unit 16: The Greatest of the Century

A Little Different

Listen to the dialog and choose the best answer.

- W:** Look at this. I found another group that made a list of great sports people of the 20th century.
- M:** What group is that?
- W:** This list was made by the French magazine *L'Equipe*.
- M:** I see that Muhammad Ali was not named number one on that list.
- W:** No, they chose Pelé as the greatest sports person of the century.
- M:** Actually, I think I agree with *L'Equipe*. When I imagine great athletes, Pelé comes to mind for me before Muhammad Ali.
- W:** That's just because you like soccer more than boxing.
- M:** That might have something to do with it, but I usually see more news articles about Pelé than about Ali.

Unit 17: Rights of Lefties

On the Other Hand

Listen to the dialog and complete each sentence.

- M:** Are you left-handed?
- W:** Yes. Are you going to call me "sinister"?
- M:** Nope. Actually, did you know that it was the Greeks who first believed being left-handed was a positive thing?
- W:** No, I didn't.
- M:** The Greek word for "left" is "aristera," which means "the best."
- W:** Is that where the word "aristocrat" comes from?
- M:** Yes, it is.
- W:** Well, I feel pretty good now!

Unit 18: The Snowy Slopes of Dubai

Just to Be Safe

Listen to the dialog. Check **True** or **False** for each sentence.

- W:** Do you think there are any problems with safety at a place like Ski Dubai?
- M:** I bet it's pretty safe. It's not the first indoor ski facility, you know.
- W:** I know that. But what happens if they have to close the chairlift or something while people are at the top of the slope?
- M:** I watched a TV program about Ski Dubai, and on that program they talked a little bit about the safety exits at the top of the slopes.
- W:** What did the program say about the exits?
- M:** It just mentioned that the exits were there and that the stairs were made in a special way. The stairs had to be safe for people in snow boots to walk down.
- W:** It's good to know they have fire exits at the top of the slopes. I've seen the trees on the slopes. If one of those ever caught fire...
- M:** Oh, actually the trees can't catch fire. They're plastic.

Unit 19: Not All Hackers Are the Same

Computer Security Problems

Listen to the dialog and choose the best answer.

- M:** Jenny! I think a hacker got into my computer files!
- W:** Robbie, you should try to keep better security. What kind of password do you use?
- M:** Well, my memory is bad. So I keep my password short and easy to remember.
- W:** You should change your password. Make it a little longer and unusual.

M: That's a good idea, Jenny. Do you have any other suggestions?

W: Hmm, don't use a number that has a personal meaning, like a birthday. And Robbie, don't use the name of any family members or a pet. These are the first things that hackers try to use.

M: That's probably how the hacker got in! My old password was Benji, the name of my dog!

Unit 20: Weird Inventions

I Didn't Know That!

Listen to the dialog and complete each sentence.

M: Have you ever heard of Thomas Edison?

W: Of course I have! Didn't he invent the light bulb?

M: Actually, he didn't invent it. He just made it practical to use.

W: Really?

M: Yes, but he did invent many other things. He invented the first movie camera and record player, for example.

W: So, without him we wouldn't have movies or recorded music?

M: That's right! Or electric companies or batteries.

W: Wow!



