

Unit 1 The Lost Key

I Lost It!

- G** Hey Arthur, what's wrong?
B Hi, Gina. I'm so upset! I think that I lost my favorite comic book!
G Your favorite comic book? Oh no!
B Yes, and I have looked everywhere!
G Where did you look for it?
B I searched for it in the classroom and looked in my desk.
G Did you look on the teacher's desk?
B Yes. It's not there, either. What can I do?
G Well, did you check your book bag yet?
B My book bag?! Let me see. Here it is! Hooray, I found it! Thanks a lot, Gina!
G No problem, Arthur.

Unit 2 An Exciting Gift

It's the Best!

- G** What's the best gift you have ever gotten, Kurt?
B My MP3 player!
G An MP3 player? Wow! Why do you like it so much?
B Well, it's tiny so it's easy to carry. See, it's only as big as my finger.
G Wow. It is tiny. And it's a nice shiny blue color.
B Yes. Blue is my favorite color, too.
G When did you get it?
B Last year for my birthday. My grandparents gave it to me. Now I can listen to music anywhere!
G Lucky you!

Unit 3 A Scary Night

Oh! What Is It?

- B** Mom! Mom, come quickly!
W Chris, don't shout like that. You startled me!
B Mom, there's something scary in my room. I think it's a ghost!
W Really? What does it look like? Where is it?
B Over there, near the window! It's long and white! It looks like someone wearing a white dress.
W Oh. I think it's your new curtains. I bought them and hung them on your window today.

- B** Oh, Mom. I feel so silly now. Next time, please tell me!
W I'm sorry. I never thought you would be afraid of them.

Unit 4 Skates and Sales

Pens R Us

- B** What do you have there, Jenny?
G My new pencil case. Isn't it cute?
B It sure is. Where did you get it?
G At Pens R Us. They have a great selection.
B Pens R Us? Don't they just sell pens?
G No, silly. They sell all kind of things, from pens and pencils to toys.
B Really, even toys? What do you usually buy there?
G I buy all my pens and pencils there. They are so cute and cheap! It's my favorite store. You should go there, too.
B Can I come with you next time?
G Sure. I usually go there at least once a week.

Unit 5 A Helping Hand

The Math Test

- G** Is that a new CD, Bobby?
B Yes, my cousin bought it for me.
G Nice cousin!
B Well, it's because I helped him last week.
G Oh, really? What did he need help with?
B My cousin had a big math test coming up, but he didn't understand the math at all.
G I hate math, too!
B Anyways, I went over to his house and helped him study.
G Good for you.
B In the end, he got an A on the test!
G An A? Wow, can you help me too?

Unit 6 The Super Spring Sale!

On Sale

- B** Wow, Gina, look at your shoes! They are so white! They must be brand-new.

- G** They are! I got them yesterday at Ocean City Sport.
- B** Were they expensive? They look expensive.
- G** Luckily they were on sale, so they weren't expensive. Actually, they only cost \$30.
- B** Thirty dollars?! That is cheap! Did they have other shoes on sale, too?
- G** Yes, all the shoes at Ocean City Sport are on sale. Everything is 50% off.
- B** Fifty percent off! That's great!
- G** Yes, but you'd better hurry. The sale is only until this Saturday!

Unit 7 See You in Spring!

A Visit

- W** David, I just talked to your grandmother on the phone.
- B** Really? How are she and Grandpa doing?
- W** They're fine. We're going to visit them.
- B** Yay! I love visiting Grandma and Grandpa. And New York is a fun city! When are we going?
- W** We'll go on Saturday. We'll leave early since it takes all day to drive to New York.
- B** OK. I'll be ready! Hey Mom, why don't we visit Grandma and Grandpa more often? We only see them once a year.
- W** I know. I want to see them more often, too. But they live very far away.
- B** Anyways, I'm looking forward to playing board games as usual with Grandpa. I'll beat him this year!

Unit 8 In Today's News

Did You Hear the News?

- G** Did you hear the news?
- B** No, what happened?
- G** There was a car accident in front of the school.
- B** Oh, no. Was anyone hurt?
- G** No, but Wayne was really scared. He was crossing the road when it happened.
- B** Oh my! I bet he saw everything.
- G** Yes, and he told me about it.

- B** So, what happened?
- G** The traffic light turned red, but one car didn't stop.
- B** Oh, no!
- G** And that car hit another car. Both cars were really damaged.
- B** It's lucky no one was hurt.

Unit 9 Worth Reading!

An Exciting Book!

- B** What book are you reading, Mary?
- G** It's called *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*.
- B** *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*? Is it a good book? What's it about?
- G** It's a great book! It's about two brothers and two sisters who travel to a secret world.
- B** Travel to a secret world?
- G** Yes, through a wardrobe in their room.
- B** Wow.
- G** And while they are in that world, they fight an evil witch. In the end, they save the world.
- B** It sounds exciting!

Unit 10 The Bicycle Catalog

A Gift for a Friend

- G** Hey, George. What do you have there?
- B** Oh, it's a birthday gift for John.
- G** I didn't know it was John's birthday. What did you get him?
- B** I got him a new notebook.
- G** A notebook? Do you think he'll like that?
- B** Well, it's blue and that is his favorite color. It also has a picture of Spiderman on the front. He loves Spiderman.
- G** That's true, he does!

Unit 11 A National Hero

Lisa's Hero

- B** Do you have a hero, Lisa?
- G** I sure do.
- B** Who is it?
- G** It's my mother.

- B** Really? Why does she inspire you?
- G** When she was young, her family was really poor. But she didn't let that stop her.
- B** So, what did she do?
- G** She got a part-time job. All during middle and high school, she earned money and studied in school. She raised money for a university that way.
- B** Wow. That is inspiring.
- G** Yes. It was difficult but my mom never quit. My mother taught me to never quit and always keep trying.

Unit 12 The Water Cycle

Guess the Cycle!

- B** Guess this cycle, Anna!
- G** OK, Jimmy. Go ahead.
- B** First, we plant the seeds. Then, the plant grows.
- G** What happens after that?
- B** After that, flowers appear on the plant. The flowers turn into fruit.
- G** And then?
- B** We pick the fruit and plant the seeds again.
- G** Is it the growing cycle?
- B** Right!

Unit 13 Fiction Can Be Fun!

My Favorite Character

- M** Who's your favorite character, Clara?
- G** I really really like Storm, Dad.
- M** Storm? I've never heard of that character.
- G** Dad! You've never heard of Storm?! She's very famous. She's a superhero in comic books and movies!
- M** Clara, you know I don't read comics. Anyway, why do you like this Storm?
- G** Well, she has special powers. She can fly very fast, and she can change the weather!
- M** She can change the weather? Well, she sounds interesting. Can I borrow your comic books?
- G** Dad!

Unit 14 No School!

No Classes!

- G** Did you hear the news?
- B** No, what?
- G** Classes are canceled Monday!
- B** Wow, that's great! But why are they canceled?
- G** I heard that there's a problem with the heating. They have to close the school to fix it.
- B** Awesome! What should we do instead?
- G** How about going to the mall? I have to buy a birthday gift for Sam.
- B** All right, sounds good to me!

Unit 15 The Hitchhiker

A Strange Story

- G** Do you believe in ghosts, Eddie?
- B** I'm not sure, Marie. I have heard some strange stories though.
- G** Like what?
- B** Well, have you heard the story of the vanishing fisherman?
- G** No, what is that story?
- B** There was fisherman who spent a lot of time fishing. One day, he was very late coming home.
- G** So far, this story doesn't seem strange.
- B** Wait! Anyway, suddenly he appeared in the living room of his house. He was all wet. His wife was talking to him when he suddenly vanished.
- G** Oh my!
- B** Later they found his body. He died at sea at the same time his wife saw him.
- G** That is strange!

Unit 16 Welcome to the Post Office

Sending a Letter

- B** Have you ever mailed something to someone?
- G** Sure. I mailed a letter to my grandparents last year.
- B** Really? Why? Don't they have a computer?
- G** They don't have a computer. And I wanted to say thank you for my birthday gift.
- B** You sent a letter to say thank you? You're a good granddaughter.

- G** Thanks.
- B** How long did the letter take to get to your grandparents house?
- G** They got it a few days after I sent it. I just sent it by regular mail, not express.

Unit 17 The Amazon

Wow, They Are Important!

- B** Hey, Cathy. I learned something really interesting in school today.
- G** What's that, Bill?
- B** Well, have you ever heard of earthworms?
- G** Earthworms? Are they like those long brown worms that live in the garden?
- B** Yes, those are earthworms. But did you know that they are very important for the garden?
- G** Really? How are they important?
- B** Earthworms live in the ground and they put air into it. This air makes the ground better for plants. Without earthworms, plants couldn't grow well.
- G** Wow! They are important!

Unit 18 How to Make Lemonade

A Delicious Drink

- G** James, do you know how to make lemonade?
- B** No, but I know how to make iced tea.
- G** Really? How do you make iced tea?
- B** First, you heat some water. Then, you add a tea bag to it to make tea. You have to wait a few minutes until the tea is ready.
- G** OK. But isn't this hot tea that you're making?
- B** Wait. After the tea is ready, pour it into a pitcher. Add some sugar and lemon juice. Stir so that the sugar dissolves.
- G** OK.
- B** Finally, add 3 cups of ice. Now it's iced tea!
- G** Sounds delicious!

Unit 19 What Is Global Warming?

A Serious Problem

- B** What did you learn about in science class today?
- G** We learned about global warming. It is a very serious problem right now.
- B** What is global warming?
- G** It's when the Earth gets hotter over time.
- B** The Earth is getting hotter? That's OK. I like warm weather.
- G** No, it's not OK! Global warming has many bad effects. Many cold weather animals, like polar bears and penguins, will die.
- B** Well, that's terrible!
- G** Global warming can even change our land. With hotter temperatures, the Earth will develop more deserts.
- B** More deserts! Can't we do anything to stop global warming?
- G** Well my teacher said that we can help stop global warming by driving our cars less. Also, we should use less hot water.

Unit 20 An Unusual Day

What Happened?

- G** Did you hear what happened to Susan, Jane and I at the mall yesterday?
- B** No, what?
- G** Well, we were shopping in the mall, when we heard the fire alarm.
- B** The fire alarm went off in the mall? How scary!
- G** Yes! Some people screamed, but my friends and I were calm.
- B** So, what did you do?
- G** We walked out to the parking lot.
- B** Did you find out what the problem was?
- G** Well, we found out that the mall restaurant was on fire!
- B** Wow! Was anyone hurt in the mall?
- G** Luckily not.