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Tour guide: Hi! Welcome to our bus tour of New York! We are starting our tour at Times Square which is one of the most famous and busiest places in the world. About 50 million visitors come here every year. Times Square is famous for its skyscrapers and its colourful adverts. Every year, about one million people come here to celebrate New Year.

Times Square is also the centre of the Broadway theater area. Now as we drive along Broadway you can see just how many theatres there are. Make sure you go to see a show while you are in New York, they are amazing!

Now, around this corner you will see the Empire State Building. Look, there it is, right ahead. It was the tallest building in the world for almost 40 years. It has 102 stories, and you can go all the way up to the top to look around. You must visit it for the best view in New York.

Now we are driving down Fifth Avenue, which is one of the most famous and most expensive shopping streets in the world. Go to one of the famous department stores and don't forget to get a hot dog from a hot dog cart!

Over there you can see One World Trade Center, which was built after the attacks on the old World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. In the distance you can just see the Statue of Liberty which was the first part of America many immigrants saw when they arrived here.

Our tour ends here on Wall Street, the financial center of the world. Thank you for joining our tour today and enjoy your stay in New York City

Track 2**Station 2, p. 7, ex. 4**

Kirstie: I'm Kirstie, Angela's best friend. We met on her first day at school. Our teacher asked me to show her the school and to look after her. I told her all about the teachers, other students and classes. Angela didn't say a word, she just smiled and smiled ... and suddenly I thought – she doesn't understand what I am saying! So I started to talk more slowly and to point. I also made funny faces to help her understand and then we both started laughing.

Angela is a very positive person and she loved everything about the USA, even her first winter when it was so cold that she wore two coats over her clothes! I helped Angela with her English and with her homework. She tried to teach me her language but I am rubbish at it. One day I got in to a fight with a friend who laughed at her, but I never told her that. It wasn't always easy for her. As her best friend I saw how difficult it is for immigrants to get used to everything in a foreign country. I know that I am lucky to be a US citizen. I can travel and study and work with no problems but Angela has to work harder for opportunities. She never complains though. I'm lucky to have her as a friend.

Track 3**Way in, p. 22, ex. 1**

Eliot: Hi, I'm Elliot and I live in here in South Dakota, in the Midwest of the USA. I'm 15 years old and go to Robinson High school. There are 800 students at my school and we have lots of clubs and a great football team. My favourite subject is History, and my least favourite is Math. My last Math test was a total disaster. I got an F and my parents were really angry.

Anyway, in History we learned about the Midwest and about how Europeans came here from countries like France and Great Britain. They looked for farmland and gold. I'm really interested in learning about that, but Native American history makes me sad.

On the weekends I work in a restaurant where I clear tables and wash the plates. It's good because I finish at six o' clock, have free time in the evening and earn some extra money. Right now I'm saving my money for a car.

This weekend it's Homecoming at Robinson High. My older brother Kevin, who is 20, will come too but I'm quite sure he won't be Homecoming King- he can't dance!

I love the Midwest but we do have some huge storms in the summer. Now I'm older I'm not so scared, but when I was a kid I was really afraid of tornadoes. We live in a small town and sometimes we can see them far away. But I'm lucky because I've never been in one.

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- Elliot:** Hey Luise, good to see you again! How are you? Are you enjoying your exchange year so far?
- Luise:** Hi Elliot. Yes, I love it here, everyone is so nice. But some things are really different here than in my school in Germany.
- Elliot:** Really? Like what?
- Luise:** We have to move around all the time to go to classes. In my school each class of students has their own classroom and the teachers move around. And I find the Pledge of Allegiance a bit strange. I can't see myself standing in front of a German flag and promising to be true to Germany. And the rules are really strict here. In Germany we are allowed to go to the bathroom without a hall pass. But I really like the lockers because you can leave the books you don't need for homework here at school and you don't have to carry everything with you.
- Elliot:** Yes, the lockers are great. But don't forget to clean them from time to time. I once forgot a sandwich and only found it after two months. The bread was green and the smell... You wouldn't believe the smell...
- Luise:** You're joking. Didn't you notice the smell before?!
- Elliot:** The sandwich was in a small plastic bag under some books. So, I heard you're one of the cheerleaders now. Congratulations!
- Luise:** Thanks. There was a lot of competition. I was very lucky.
- Elliot:** I'm sure you'll be great. So, I'll see you at the football game next Friday. Eh... Do you want to go to the cinema after the game?
- Luisa:** Sure, that would be great!
- Elliot:** Cool! Oh, I have to go to my next class. See you!
- Luise:** Bye.

Track 5**Station 2, p. 27, ex. 4**

Billy: Hey Michael! How are you?

Michael: Hi Billy! I'm fine, thanks.

Billy: So, how do you like your job at Jimmy's?

Michael: It's OK. I had an argument with some pinheads from school and the manager wasn't happy... But I like the job most of the time. But there's something I wanted to ask you. Do you still take newspapers to people's houses in the morning?

Billy: Yes, I do. Why?

Michael: I'm looking for a second job.

Billy: A second job?! Are you crazy? We've got exams soon!

Michael: Yes, but you know my girlfriend. I really need my own car to impress her. What's your job like?

Billy: Well, I take the local newspaper to people's houses in the morning. The newspaper must be there by eight o'clock at the latest because most people want to read the newspaper while they're having breakfast. I have to get up very early to be on time because I go by bike and some houses are really far away. It takes me about an hour and a half to complete my round every morning.

Michael: Aren't you tired when you come to school?

Billy: Sometimes. But I prefer getting up early, especially in the summer. I would hate to be in a hot restaurant or store on summer afternoons.

Michael: I would hate to be on a bike in the rain...

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- Billy:** Then maybe it isn't the right job for you. Over the last two years I've been in huge rain storms and snow storms. Once I even saw a tornado and had to stay in an old lady's house until it was over. But the dogs can be really dangerous! It's important never to be afraid of them. Once a huge barking dog ran down the street after my bike and it's funny how quick they can be. It's best to make them your friend - I always carry some dog biscuits in my pocket. They all love me now
- Michael:** That doesn't sound too great. Maybe I'll ask if I can work more hours at Jimmy's...

Track 6**Text practice A, p. 43, ex. 3-4**

Kate: Hi, I'm Kate Watkins and have a part-time job at the 'Living History Museum'. It's a great job, and perfect for me. 'Living History Museum' is an outdoor, living museum which shows how farming developed in the Midwest. It's a place with farms, shops, a school and a church, but it looks just like a 19th century village.

What do I do there? Every weekend I have to put on a costume and become Maggie Crane, who works at the baker's. I stand in the shop and when visitors come in I explain who I am and what working in the local baker's is like. I've always loved acting; I'm confident and good with people, so I really enjoy talking to the visitors. I love their reaction to me!

The museum is so big that most of the time I'm on my own in the bakery, so nobody tells me what to do. That's fun, because I can relax and have some fun with the visitors. As long as I remember that I'm Maggie Crane, who lived in the 19th century, I can just chat to people. It's really easy work!

The one thing I don't really like about my job is the costume - I hate it! It's a long, pink dress and in the summer it's really hot and it smells funny.

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Robert: Hey Jacob, you're watching the football game. Can I join you?

Jacob: Sure, have a seat. Do you like football? Or are you a baseball fan?

Robert: I love football! I used to watch every Thanksgiving game with my son.

Jacob: He moved to Hawaii, didn't he?

Robert: Yes, he moved there two years ago when he got married.

Jacob: Didn't he want to fly over for Thanksgiving?

Robert: His wife is going to have a baby soon so they decided to stay in Hawaii. I thought about visiting them but I'm afraid of flying.

Jacob: Really? I'd love to sit on a beach now. My mom always wants to have the whole family together.

Robert: You don't sound too happy.

Jacob: It's nice to have everyone around. But the house is so crowded. Grandma is sleeping in my room and I have to sleep on the couch in the living-room. I can't even play computer games because every time I start playing Mom wants something from me or some meal is ready. But I'm looking forward to her famous vegetable pie.

Robert: The turkey smells great, too. I'm really glad your parents invited me because I can't cook.

Jacob: Mom got up at six o'clock today to get everything ready.

Julia: OK everyone, dinner's ready!

Jacob: Mom, no! The game hasn't finished yet! Can't we eat our food on the couch?

Julia: No, you can't! Thanksgiving is a family celebration and we are having dinner together at the table. Now turn off the TV and sit down.

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Mom: Jennifer, there is something we need to talk about.

Jennifer: Is this about my last Math test? Because I've told you before, I'm trying really hard to get better

Mom: No, no, it is not about that, we know you are doing your best. It is just that your dad and I talked last night and we think it would be nice for us all to go on a camping holiday this summer.

Jennifer: You can't be serious. Camping!? There will be insects, no electricity...

Mom: You're right, a chance to get away from it all. It'll be fun.

Jennifer: Well, I doubt that... can't we go to a hotel? With a swimming pool?

Mom: No, not this year. We think it would be nice for us all to have some time away from our devices.

Jennifer: What?! No cell phone? No tablet?

Mom: Yes, exactly.

Jennifer: No way! How can I chat to my friends? Or listen to music?

Mom: We could talk to each other? Or play games?

Jennifer: How can we play games without a computer?

Mom: Jennifer, don't be silly. Games were there long before computers. We could play ball games or cards.

Jennifer: Cards?! Mom, it's the 21st century!

Mom: Look, Dad and I always have a lot of stress at work and you've had a lot of school work. We want to spend some time as a family without phones or computers. You spend too much time on your cell phone, and Dad and I do too. It will be exciting to go back to nature.

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Jennifer: I don't think so. I think it's a terrible idea.

Mom: I'm sorry but that's what we've decided. I think you should try it first before you complain.

Jennifer: I'm going to text my friends. They won't believe this! Dina is going to go to California and I have to go camping. Life is so unfair...

Track 9**Text practice C, p. 65, ex. 3**

- Dave:** Hello.
- Linda:** Hi, is Laura there, please?
- Dave:** No, I'm sorry. She's not here at the moment. Can I take a message?
- Linda:** Hmm, ok. Is that Dave?
- Dave:** Yes, it is.
- Linda:** Hi Dave, it's Linda.
- Dave:** Hi Linda! How are you doing?
- Linda:** Fine, thanks. I have a new job and I'm going to do some training near you next week, so I thought we could meet up?
- Dave:** That's fantastic! What kind of job is it?
- Linda:** I work with kids with special needs. I'm really excited about it.
- Dave:** That sounds really interesting. I'm sure Laura would love to see you. Should I ask her to call you?
- Linda:** Yes, that would be great.
- Dave:** Does she have your number?
- Linda:** Yes... Or maybe not. I got a new number last month.
- Dave:** OK, let me get a pen.... I'm ready.
- Linda:** The number is 555 163 894
- Dave:** OK. Let me repeat that: 555 163 894. I'll tell Laura you called.
- Linda:** Thanks Dave, bye!
- Dave:** Bye!

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Announcer:

1.

Fresh and homemade is always best.

Taste real lemons, fresh from the tree.

2.

Open and enjoy the party in your mouth when

lemons and oranges dance on your tongue.

3. Everyone loves it, everyone enjoys it.

Love it too!

Track 11**Station 1, p. 72, ex. 4b)**

Daniel: Hey, Emily! How are you?

Emily: Fine thanks.

Daniel: What are you looking at?

Emily: This is my favorite magazine. I've just seen a funny ad.

Daniel: Really? Let me see. What's it for?

Emily: It's for lemonade. Look!

Daniel: What, this? What a stupid picture.

Emily: I think it's catchy with the dog and the cuddly toy.

Daniel: I think that's unappealing. I would buy lemonade for dogs.

Emily: The lemonade isn't for dogs! Look at the slogan. It says: This lemonade is for everyone.

Daniel: And what is the message behind it? You can even give it to your dog? ((laughs)) I guess my dog wouldn't like it.

Emily: You see? This ad is so fascinating that we're actually talking about it.

Daniel: Well, I have to say the design is a bit stupid but it's also catchy.

Emily: Yes, because everyone likes dogs and cuddly toys.

Daniel: It could be more informative though. It doesn't really say much about the lemonade. Love Lemonade is not a very clear slogan.

Emily: I think that's good. It makes it more interesting. I'm going to buy some Love Lemonade and try it.

Track 12**Station 2, p. 75, ex. 3**

Reporter: Hi Kelly. Thank you for being here today. How are you?

Kelly: I'm fine, thanks.

Reporter: We are talking about social media today and you are here to tell us your story.

Kelly: Yes, that's right.

Reporter: So, do you use social media? Is this important for you?

Kelly: Well, I couldn't live without my smartphone and I take it with me wherever I go. And social media has been a part of my life since I was old enough to get my own account. I used to spend a lot of time on social media.

Reporter: But one day something went wrong?

Kelly: Yes. It was on a Thursday. I didn't feel good and decided to stay at home. My mom had already gone to work. I didn't call the school because my mom usually writes a note later for my teacher which I can give him when I'm back at school. After school, one of my friends came to bring me the homework for the day. I felt much better so she stayed and we watched a movie together and ate some popcorn.

Reporter: So what was the problem?

Kelly: The movie was funny, so we put on some fancy dresses and danced around the room. Then we took pictures of each other and posted them on social media. Then my mom came home and my friend left. A lot of people liked our photos on social media and I thought everything was fine. The next day I went back to school. Everyone asked me 'Did you enjoy the party?' I didn't know what they meant.

Reporter: Then you had to see the principal?

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Kelly: Yes, I had to go to the principal's office and she told me it wasn't OK to stay away from school and go to a party instead. She was very angry and gave me detention. I showed her the note from my mom, which said that I had been ill, but the principal didn't believe me.

Reporter: But how did the principal know about the pictures?

Kelly: Because she saw them on social media. One of my friends liked my photos and then his mom saw them and liked them too. And the principal is a friend of my friend's mom and she saw the pictures on her account.

Reporter: So, what have you learned from this?

Kelly: I'm much more careful about what I post on social media. You can never be sure who will see your posts or your pictures. And pictures on social media don't always show what really happened.

Reporter: Thank you, Kelly, for telling us your story today.

Track 13**Text practice C, p. 91, ex. 3-4**

Narrator: Are you bored at home? Do you spend your evenings in front of your laptop or TV? Would you like to meet new people and live a healthier life? Here at Sam's Gym we think getting fit should be fun. So leave your sofa and join us. It could be the beginning of a whole new life for you!

Are you looking for a new party outfit? A cool dress for the school dance or some new sports clothes? Come to Redwood Department Store. There's a special sale this week and on Saturday you can get free make-up. Don't miss it!

Perfect Pets is our name. If you come to our store, we'll find the perfect pet for you. Perfect Pets is the biggest pet store in Sacramento! We have guinea pigs, mice, fish and many more animals, so you won't find it difficult to find your new family member. We are open every day, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., even on Sundays. So come to our store and find your perfect pet!

Track 14**Way in, p. 92, ex. 1**

Narrator: The South is a great travel destination because it has a lot of interesting places for tourists. You can enjoy the beautiful beaches on the Gulf Coast, look for alligators in the swamps of Florida or go on a boat tour on the wide Mississippi River.

The South is famous for its warm weather. There is lots of rain and the earth is good. Plants grow easily here. In the past, there were a lot of cotton plantations on which the African slaves had to work. Today there are farms which grow corn and soy beans.

Music is an important part of Southern life. Several styles of music have their roots here, for example jazz, gospel, country music or rock'n'roll. I'm sure you know some famous hits from the charts.

Like the music of the South, food has its roots in many different cultures. Food is an important way to bring families and communities together. People in the South eat dishes that originate from France, Africa or Mexico.

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Narrator: I was born in New Orleans but my family is really multicultural. My mom is from Mexico; she came over the border when she was 16. She left all her family behind in a little village in the middle of the country, and she didn't speak any English when she came here. That must have been scary! But my mom is very brave and ambitious. She learned English really fast and she worked very hard.

My dad is African-American and my mom met him when she worked in a restaurant here in New Orleans. My dad's family has lived in Louisiana for generations. His grandfather took part in the Civil Rights Movement and fought against discrimination. He often tells us stories about the protests at that time. The protests often started peacefully, but then white people started fights and people on both sides were hurt.

My uncle's wife is Native American and she has some relatives who live on a reservation here in Louisiana. She is an artist and makes beautiful cups and bowls which she paints with traditional Native American decorations. She can also cook the most delicious dishes.

Everyone in our family tolerates different cultures but it's not always easy outside our family. I have some great friends who can't stand any kind of discrimination, but there is still racism here in New Orleans and in other parts of the USA. Some people just don't accept that we are all Americans and that it doesn't matter what we look like or where we come from. Especially in the South, it isn't always easy to be different but I think it is easy to find a solution – we just have to accept that everyone is the same inside.

Track 16**Station 2, p. 97, ex. 2**

Man: Florida Explorer Trips, this is Mike speaking. How can I help you?

Young woman: Hi, this is Linda. I'd like to book a trip to the Everglades, please.

Man: OK, great. Let me just get some details from you. When would you like to go on the trip?

Young woman: Next Saturday.

Man: The 13th?

Young woman: Excuse me, did you say 30th?

Man: No, Saturday the 13th.

Young woman: Yes, Saturday the 13th.

Man: OK. How many people?

Young woman: Three, me and my two friends.

Man: OK. Can you give me your names, please?

Young woman: Linda Brown, Jake Azad and Robert Filipeno.

Man: Could you spell Filipeno, please?

Young woman: F I L I P E N O

Man: OK, thanks. So, the trip starts at 11 a.m. We can pick you up at your hotel if you like.

Young woman: That would be great. We're staying at the Florida Beach Hotel.

Man: Then we'll pick you up at 10:30.

Young woman: Great. Can you tell me a bit more about the trip?

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Man: Sure. After we've picked everyone up, we'll drive you to the airboat. The package includes a 45 minute airboat tour, a deluxe picnic and a walk on a jungle trail through the swamp. Then you can enjoy an excellent wildlife show with alligators and snakes.

Young woman: That sounds great. So that's 80 dollars per person?

Man: Yes, that's right. If you give me your credit card details, I'll send the tickets to your hotel.

Young woman: OK. The number is ...