

Track 1

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Tour guide: Hi! Welcome to our guided 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 ads. Every year, about one million people come here to celebrate New Year.

Times Square is also the center of the Broadway theater area. Now as we drive along Broadway you can see just how many theaters 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 if you want a break from the cars, buses, taxis and shops of New York go into Central Park. You can buy a hot dog or an ice cream and just sit and watch the world go past. It has more visitors than any other park in the USA every year and it is in the most movies.

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. You can get a boat across the river to it.

Our tour ends here. Thank you for coming with us today and enjoy your stay in New York City!

Track 2**Station 2, p. 6, ex. 2**

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, and suddenly I thought – she doesn't understand what I am saying! So I started to talk more slowly. I also drew pictures to help her understand and then we both started laughing. – I can't draw.

Angela is a very positive person and she loved everything about the USA, except 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 was awful.

One day I got into a fight with a friend who laughed at Angela, but I never told her. 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, go to school and work without problems but Angela has to work harder for many opportunities. I'm lucky to have her as a friend.

Track 3**Way in, p. 20, ex. 1**

Eliot: Hi, I'm Elliot and I live in 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, but I don't like Sciences. My last Science test was a disaster. I got an F and my parents were really angry.

Anyway, in History we learned about the Midwest and about how immigrants came here from countries like France and Great Britain. They looked for land 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. 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.

I love the Midwest but we do have some terrible 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 from 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?
- 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. 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 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. I once forgot a sandwich and only found it after two months. The bread was green and the smell ...
- Luise:** That's a joke.
- Elliot:** It's true! Anyway, 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 watch a movie with me after the game?
- Luisa:** Sure, that would be great!
- Elliot:** Cool! Oh, I have to go to my next class. See you!
- Luisa:** Bye.

Track 5

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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 someone from school and my boss 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?

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

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

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

Billy: Sometimes. But I prefer getting up early. I like it 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 when it rains.

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Billy: Then maybe it isn't the right job for you. Over the last two years I've been in big storms. Once I even saw a tornado and had to stay in an old lady's house until it was safe. But the dogs can be really dangerous! It's important never to be afraid of them. Once a big dog ran 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 with me. 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. 39, ex. 3**

Kate: Hi, I'm Kate Watkins and have a job at the 'Living History Museum'. It's a great job, and perfect for me. The Living History Museum is an outdoor, living museum. It shows how farming in the Midwest was in the past. It's a place with farms, stores, 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 here 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 a lot of the time I'm alone in the store, so nobody tells me what to do. That's fun, because I can relax and have some fun with the visitors. I just have to remember that I'm Maggie Crane, who lived in the 19th century. 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.

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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: He has a lot of work 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 aren't very happy about it!

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 sofa 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 can't wait to eat 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 sofa?

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

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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 don't think so ... 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 without them.

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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 say no.

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!

Track 9
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Announcer: 1.

So Fresh. Fresh is always best.
Real lemons, fresh from the tree.

2.

Open and enjoy the party in your mouth when lemons
and oranges dance in your mouth.

3.

Everyone loves it, everyone enjoys it. Even your dog!

Track 10**Station 1, p. 59, ex. 2b)**

Daniel: Hey, Emily! How are you?

Emily: Fine thanks.

Daniel: What are you looking at?

Emily: This is my favourite 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 silly picture!

Emily: I think it's catchy with the dog and the yellow hearts.

Daniel: I don't think that's interesting. I wouldn't buy lemonade for my dog.

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? I think my dog wouldn't like it.

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

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

Emily: Yes, because everyone likes dogs and hearts.

Daniel: It could be more informative. 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 and try it.

Track 11
Station 2, p. 62, ex. 2

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 always have it with me. 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. 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 wore fancy dress and danced around the room. Then we took photos 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?'

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 said that I was ill, but the principal didn't believe me.

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

Kelly: She saw them on social media. One of my friends showed his mom the photos and she showed them to the principal.

Reporter: So, what have you learned from this?

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

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

Track 12

Test practice B, p. 77, Part B

Narrator: Ad 1
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 better life? Here at Sam's Gym we think sports should be fun. So leave your sofa and join us. It could be the beginning of a new life for you!

Ad 2
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!

Ad 3
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 pet. 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 13**Way in, p. 78, ex. 1**

Narrator: The South is a great place to travel to 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 Mississippi River.

The South is famous for its warm weather. There is lots of rain and the farms are 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 a lot of farms with corn and soy beans.

Music is an important part of Southern life. Many 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 music, food is also an important part of life in the South. It is a way to bring families and communities together. People in the south eat dishes that came 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 didn't speak any English when she came here. That must have been scary! But my mom is very brave. She learned English really fast and she worked very hard. My dad is African-American and my mom met him in a restaurant here in New Orleans.

My dad's family has lived here in Louisiana for many years. His grandfather took part in the Civil Rights Movement and fought against discrimination. He often tells us stories about the protests at that time.

One of my aunts is Native American and she has some family who live on a reservation here in Louisiana. She makes beautiful cups and sells them. She paints Native American designs on them. She can also cook the most delicious dishes.

My family tolerates different cultures but there is still discrimination in the USA. Some people just cannot accept that we are all Americans and that it doesn't matter what we look like or where we come from.

Track 15**Station 2, p. 82, ex. 2**

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

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?

Woman: Next Saturday.

Man: The 13th?

Woman: Excuse me, did you say 30th?

Man: No, Saturday the 13th.

Woman: Yes, Saturday the 13th.

Man: OK. How many people?

Woman: Three, me and my two friends.

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

Woman: Linda Brown, Jake Azad and Robert Filipeno.

Man: Could you spell Filipeno, please?

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.

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

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

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 picnic and a walk on a jungle trail through the swamp. Then you can enjoy a fantastic wildlife show with alligators and snakes.

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

Man: Yes, that's right. I'll send the tickets to your hotel and you can pay them there.

Woman: OK, great. Thank you ...