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Narrator: I am a young Aboriginal woman, and I think that respect is very important for Aboriginal people. Everything is about respect for the land and our community leaders. Today this respect seems to disappear. Lots of young Aboriginal people have stopped listening to the older people or being interested in their history. They just want to play computer games, watch American movies, drink and smoke.

I used to be a bit like that but I started to realize that you don't have to stay away from the modern world to respect the Aboriginal culture. I'm a member of a dance group that mixes modern dance with old Aboriginal dance. We travel around the country and dance for young people from all areas of Australia. It is a great opportunity for me. A lot of my friends have really struggled to find jobs since they left school and a lot of Aboriginal people are unemployed.

By visiting different parts of Australia, I have realized how much discrimination there still is against Aboriginal people. It's usually little things, for example people move when I sit next to them on the bus, or I am watched every time I go into a shop or I hear people telling jokes about Aboriginals and alcohol... It hurts a lot, but it also makes me want to fight against discrimination.

I've also been surprised by how much ignorance there still is about Aboriginal culture. A lot of non-Aboriginal people have tried to solve our problems by telling us what is best for us, but there aren't many people who listen to us or try to learn about our culture and ask questions. I think more respect for Aboriginal culture is the first step to helping Australia come together more, and this is what we try to do with our dance group. I hope we can be part of a movement to help people understand our culture more.

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Barry: Hi, you must be Sonya?

Sonya: Hello, yes, that's me.

Barry: Welcome to the outback! I'm Barry. I'm the assistant manager of the sheep station. If you have any questions or problems, just talk to me. Did you have a good journey?

Sonya: Yes, it was OK, but very hot and long!

Barry: It's a long trip, isn't it? The distances are huge out here, as you've seen. This station is over 12,000 square miles and we have about 30,000 sheep. The nearest town is 200 miles away, so if you get ill, we'll have to call the Royal Flying Doctor Service. But you grew up on a farm, didn't you? Was it anything like this?

Sonya: No, not really! My parents' farm in Melbourne is much smaller and we only have a few cows. But I know about the work on a farm.

Barry: That's good. As you know, we expect you to work six days a week here and we work from early morning until it gets dark. So it is hard work but we all work together in a team and we have fun too.

Sonya: OK. What type of work do you need me to do?

Barry: Well, at the moment we are doing a lot of work around the farm. The buildings must be cleaned and a lot of equipment and other things must be repaired. Can you drive a car?

Sonya: Yes, I got my driver's licence last year.

Barry: That's good because the buildings are far apart. In a few weeks you will be able to help us with the sheep.

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Sonya: That sounds fun. And where will I sleep?

Barry: Oh, sorry, yes, that's important! I'll take you over. There's a group of caravans over here behind the farm house. You'll share one with another girl who arrived last week, Rachel. There's a toilet and shower block just over there too.

Sonya: Great, thank you.

Barry: This is your caravan. If you want to leave your bags and come over to the house, lunch will be ready in half an hour and I can introduce you to the others.

Sonya: OK, thanks.

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Lauren: My name is Lauren and I've lived all my life in the outback. I live with my parents and sister on a farm in Queensland with lots of cows. We are lucky because we live near a small town where there are a few other kids. We all use the School of the Air but we often meet to study together. When we aren't at school, we spend most of our time outside. My sister and I help on the farm. There isn't enough rain at the moment so we are worried about the cows. We have to check if they have enough water and trees that can protect them from the sun. People have to be careful with the sun too. I always wear a hat and cover my arms.

I like living here. We often get together with our neighbours to have barbecues! We have a doctor who comes to town once a week, but if there is an emergency, we have to call the flying doctors. So we are always careful not to hurt ourselves or get sick!

I can't imagine living in the city, there are too many people and buildings and too much traffic. I want to be a farmer like my parents one day.

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Damien: Hi, I'm Damien and I live in Sydney. My school is a 20-minute bike ride away. I find school really boring but after school I usually hang out with my friends. My favourite thing to do is to go to the beach and surf. Sometimes it is so hot I can't wait to get in the water! I love surfing and I want to be a real surfer or a surfing teacher one day. But my mum says I have to start surfing less and studying more because I have some important tests soon.

At the weekend I often go to the city centre with my friends to do some shopping, or maybe try out a new café. I love Indian food at the moment – it is delicious. Sometimes we have a barbecue or a pool party, or we go to the cinema. Sydney is a really cool place to live. The only thing I hate about life here is all the snakes and spiders we have in the garden. You usually don't see them, but I know they're there.

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Announcer: Now we're going to hear from our reporter Sarah, who has just come back from a holiday in the Caribbean. She's going to tell us more about it. Sarah?

Sarah: Thanks, Alex. Well, I've just come back from a brilliant Caribbean holiday in Jamaica and there was so much more than I expected. Of course, the beaches were beautiful and the sea was an amazing blue colour and really warm. So I spent my first few days after the long flight on the beach. I read a book and went swimming in the sea when it got too hot on the beach. In the evenings I enjoyed dinners in a small restaurant on the beach.

After a few days I got a little bored so I did a boat trip in a glass bottom boat where I saw amazing corals and colourful fish. I also tried water skiing, but it wasn't really for me, it was very difficult and I wasn't very good!

I visited Bellefield Great House, which is one of the oldest sugar plantations in Jamaica. The plantation was built in the 17th century and you can take a tour and see the house. You can also see the gardens and parts of the old plantation where hundreds of slaves had to work. There are a lot of large houses and old plantations on Caribbean islands. They were built by rich Europeans, and many of them are museums or hotels now.

I also went to a museum where they show pictures of slaves which I found really awful. Men and women were taken from Africa to work on the plantations in the Caribbean. The slaves had a terrible life and they only got their freedom in 1838 when slavery was abolished by the British government. Jamaica was a British colony until 1962.

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Sarah: My hotel was fantastic, and they made me feel very welcome. For me, all the fresh tropical fruit was the best part. I've never tasted pineapples, bananas or coconuts like that from our local supermarket!

There was a Caribbean music and dance evening one night. Caribbean music like reggae and calypso is perfect for dancing.

My holiday in Jamaica was amazing and I hope I can visit some other Caribbean islands soon.

Track 5

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- Man:** Good morning. Welcome to Cuba Airways. How can I help you?
- Mum:** I'd like to check in, please.
- Man:** Where are you flying to today?
- Mum:** To Havana.
- Man:** Ah yes, the nine o'clock flight. Havana is a great city, you will love it. How many people are travelling?
- Mum:** Four, two adults and our two children. Here are our passports and tickets.
- Man:** Great, Mrs Adams. How many suitcases are you checking in today?
- Mum:** Four suitcases, please.
- Man:** Please could you put them here so we can weigh them. That's great....Hmmm, this suitcase is a little too heavy. You are only allowed 23 kilograms per person, and this suitcase has 25 kilograms.
- Mum:** Oh no, I didn't weigh the suitcases at home. Do I have to pay extra?
- Man:** I don't think so, Madam. This suitcase here is only 19 kilograms, so if you move some things from that suitcase into this one, both should be under 23. When you have finished, please come back to the desk and I can check you in.
- Mum:** OK, thank you.

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- Man:** Hello again, Mrs Adams. Let's see if all your suitcases are under 23 kilograms ... fantastic. Can I have your passports and tickets again, please?
- Mum:** Of course. My daughter Kelly is a vegetarian, do you need to know that now?
- Man:** Yes, thanks for letting us know. A vegetarian meal will be brought to her seat. Here are your boarding passes. Boarding for your flight will begin at 8:30. Please go to Gate A24.
- Mum:** Will we sit together on the plane? My son is a little afraid of flying.
- Man:** Yes, of course, you will be in seat 28C and your family are in the same row. Have a great trip!
- Mum:** Thank you.
- Boy:** Mum, shouldn't we go to our gate now? I thought boarding began at 8:30. That was ten minutes ago.
- Mum:** Let me see. Yes, but there seems to be a delay.
- Woman:** May I have your attention please? This is an announcement for all passengers flying to Havana on flight number F 169. Because of bad weather, there will be a delay of about two hours. The new departure time for this flight is 11 pm. Thank you.
- Boy:** Oh no!

Track 6**Station 2, p. 32, ex. 3**

Linda: Hi, I'm Linda. I think family is the most important thing in life. My dad died when I was five years old and life hasn't been easy for our family. My mum had to work really hard to earn enough money. I have two younger brothers and one older sister. My sister and I did all the work around the house because our mum only came home late in the evenings. I think it's important to stand together as a family and help each other. My sister and I have student jobs now and we give a part of our money to our mum. I hope we will all be able to find good jobs after school and then help our mum so that she doesn't have to work so much anymore.

Tyler: Hi, my name is Tyler and I'm seventeen. For me friendship means everything. I wasn't very happy as a child because my parents fought a lot. I often felt lonely because I don't have any brothers or sisters. But things got better when I was older. I found some very good friends who have always been there for me. I have known my closest friend, Lemar, since I was five years old. He was my neighbour, and we used to play together every day after school. We know everything about each other's lives, and his sister is my girlfriend. He left school and works in a restaurant and I am still at school, but we still share everything. He is the first person I call when I have a problem.

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Olivia: Hi, my name is Olivia. I want to be successful in life. I really want to be a writer when I am older. I love writing and taking photos. I already have my own blog about young people in the Caribbean and work on it every weekend. Lots of people comment on my blog. They like my stories about young Caribbeans with exciting careers and hobbies. I have met so many people who have made their dreams come true. I think it is very important to have goals and know what you want. For example, many of my friends want to be successful but don't want to work hard for it. I already know where I want to study, and what grades I'll need to get. I have a plan and nothing will get in my way!

Track 7**Test practice, p. 44, ex. 1-2****Woman:** 1.

Ladies and gentlemen travelling on flight BA 364 to Havana, Cuba, could I have your attention please. I am sorry to inform you that there will be a 45 minute delay to boarding today. Boarding will begin at 10:30. Thank you.

2.

This is a gate change announcement for passengers flying on flight number MH395 to London Heathrow. Your new gate number is A45, please make your way there now. Boarding will begin in 30 minutes. Thank you.

3.

Good afternoon. This is an announcement for boarding for flight MH 483 to Miami, Florida. Please could any passengers with small children and any passengers who need assistance come forward to board. Thank you.

4.

Good afternoon. We now invite all other passengers for flight UA 613 to New York to board. Please show your boarding pass and open your passport at the photo page. Thank you.

5.

This is a final boarding call for passenger Mr Brendan Miller, travelling on flight BA 159 to Los Angeles. Please go immediately to gate B39. Thank you.

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- Lefa:** When I was taken to the police station, I thought I was just going to be a witness and tell them what I saw, but they treated me like I was guilty of something! They asked me all these questions about what I was doing there, what I saw, my job, even about my family. I didn't know what they wanted me to say or what they thought I had done wrong; they just wrote things down and looked angry. When they finally finished asking me questions, they put me in a room and just left me there all day by myself.
- Cebile:** They did the same thing with my mum and me. We had to stay for questioning all day and weren't even allowed to talk to each other. I felt really scared. But why did they do that to you? I thought you were only a witness?
- Lefa:** I don't know why they treated me like that. I was afraid that I would lose my job because I missed work that day. They didn't even let me make a phone call. But luckily my boss believed me and it was OK.
- Cebile:** That's so unfair. I think black and white people are still treated differently.
- Lefa:** Maybe. I hope that will change. How is your mum?
- Cebile:** Not good. Her back was hurt but we can't pay for the treatment for it because we don't have health insurance. My mum had just lost her job before the accident happened and now she can't look for another one. We had to leave our home and are now staying with my aunt and uncle.

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Lefa: Will she get in trouble because of the accident?

Cebile: I think so. She could go to prison. We are all very worried.

Lefa: I'm so sorry.

Cebile: Sometimes at night I imagine everything was just a nightmare and I'll wake up and everything will be OK. I know the accident was her fault but my mum has always been such a wonderful person and she cries every night about all the people who were hurt and the man who died. I'm not sure how our lives will ever recover.

Track 9**Station 2, p. 55, ex. 2**

Reporter: Our next story is about an amazing animal attack. Two tourists, who were on holiday in Kruger National Park, were shocked when they saw how a rhino saved a zebra from a crocodile last week. By now their video of the event is everywhere on social media. Michael and Dawn Ellroy, who were visiting the park from the UK to take pictures of the local wildlife, saw this spectacular event. They are with us today. Dawn, can you tell us what happened?

Dawn: This is our first time in Africa and it really is the trip of a lifetime. We were really excited to go out on a safari and take photos of the wild animals. We never expected to see something like this! What happened was, we were taking photos near a water hole because a lot of animals go there to drink. A large group of zebras came down to have some water when suddenly a crocodile came up from under the water and attacked one of them. My husband started filming at this point as it was an amazing thing to see, although, of course, a bit scary. There was a fight for a few minutes as the zebra tried to get away and the crocodile was pulled onto land but then the zebra fell and we thought that it was going to die. Then we saw a rhino run over. It had been drinking on the other side of the water hole.

Michael: When the rhino got to the crocodile, it put its horn under the crocodile and threw it into the air! The crocodile was forced to let go of the zebra, which ran back to its group, although we think its leg was broken. The crocodile ran back in the water and the rhino stood stamping the ground for a bit before walking away.

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Reporter: Since Michael and Dawn posted the video on social media, it has already been watched over five million times. Kruger National Park ranger Agnes Oelofse is here to talk to us about the attack. Agnes, what can you tell us about this? Are rhinos really that helpful?

Agnes: I don't really think the rhino was trying to save the zebra. He was probably angry and scared. Rhinos can't see very well and they are quite angry animals so any time they feel there is danger they will run straight in. That is why we always tell people to stay a long way away from them. I also don't think the zebra will survive for very long in the wild with a broken leg.

Reporter: Oh no, I'm very sorry to hear that. Thank you for being with us today and enjoy the rest of your holiday.

Track 10**Test practice, p. 68 ex. 1-2**

Akani: I'm Akani and I'm from Johannesburg. Actually, I live in the biggest and most famous township in the whole of South Africa. It is called Soweto and it is home to over 1.2 million people. Not only that, but two Nobel Peace Prize winners have come from Soweto, Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu, in fact they lived on the same street!

People hear a lot of bad things about townships. They hear that they are dirty and not safe. Although it is often only the negative things that people speak about, actually I wouldn't like to live anywhere else. Some people in Soweto have lots of money now but still don't leave. Do you want to know why? It's because of the community here. Soweto is huge, but in the area where I live everyone knows everyone. In fact, many of them are my family! All my aunties, uncles, cousins, grandparents... we all live in the same street. We all leave our doors open so we can visit each other, and I play games in the street with my brother, sisters and cousins. My aunty has the best little restaurant in the area and sometimes she gives me dinner in exchange for helping in the kitchen – her food is the best! My mum has a hairdresser's next door, and we live just behind it.

I have two sisters and a brother. We have an outside toilet, but for water we have to go to the next street and carry it back home. We all hate doing that job! We do have electricity now, and I hope we can get a TV one day, but for now I watch rugby matches on my uncle's TV.

My dad works in a factory. He gets a bus early each morning to go to work. The buses are so crowded here that sometimes he has to hold on to the outside. I don't know why they don't have more buses. I used to have to take the bus to school too but last year I got a bike for Christmas so now I ride my bike. The bike is old but my dad cleaned it and repaired it for me.

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Akani: Of course, some things really need to get better. For example, my school is too crowded, but next year they are going to start work on new classrooms and a library. There is also a problem with gangs and guns in the townships. Some of my old friends joined gangs and I don't really see them much any more. I don't want to be involved in any of that. I want to be a cricket player.

Track 11**Station 1, p. 76, ex. 4**

Evelyn: This is Evelyn Chen reporting from the streets of Hong Kong. Following the news this week that Hong Kong police have taken away over ten million Hong Kong dollars of fake products from a popular market, we decided to ask people in the city about their opinions of fake goods.

Jenny, do you sometimes buy fake products?

Jenny: Yes, I buy quite a lot of fake products really, especially bags and shoes. Actually, the bag I'm carrying now is a fake! Most of my friends buy them too. I can't afford the real thing, not many people can really, can they? But I like the styles, so why not get them at the market? You have to be careful though. Some are really badly made and look very cheap but others are as good as the real thing. You have to make sure you bargain with the stallholder too, never pay the first price they say!

Evelyn: Thanks Jenny. Lee, can you tell us about your experiences with fake products?

Lee: I used to buy some fake things at the markets but they were cheap and not very good. Then I got a TV. After a month it just made a loud noise and didn't work any more. I think it's better if you spend a bit more money and buy a good product. But maybe that's the way society is now, people just want lots of cheap things and when they break they just throw them away and buy a new one.

Evelyn: Thanks, Lee. Now Carl, you are from New York and on holiday here in Hong Kong. What's your opinion?

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Carl: I never buy fake goods. I've heard really bad things about the conditions in the factories where they are made, so I don't feel comfortable about buying them. I also feel worried about the safety of fake electronic goods. I'm sure they aren't tested before they are sold, and you can't exchange it if anything goes wrong. If you like expensive brands but can't afford them, then look for second-hand ones. The internet has made it very easy to buy and sell things these days so you can find some good prices if you look. But yeah, I just try to buy things I can afford. I'm not too worried about the brand.

Evelyn: Thank you all for being with us today.

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Jenny: My name is Jenny and I'm 16. I live in Kowloon, which is a district in the north of Hong Kong. I think Hong Kong is both a good and bad place for a teenager to live in. I mean, it's a very exciting and international city. You can never be bored here and there are lots of opportunities. My friends and I go to shopping malls and markets, to the cinema and to cafés. Next week we are going to a concert. It is expensive here though, so a lot of the time we just hang out. People think Hong Kong is full of people and pollution, and especially smog, which seems to get worse every year. That is true, it really is! But what many people don't realize is that only twenty-five percent of the land in Hong Kong is covered with buildings. The rest is nature, so there are still many places where you can escape the crowded parts of the city. One of my family's favourite things to do at the weekend is to take the train far up north where there are beautiful parks. We go hiking there. Sometimes we can walk for an hour without seeing anyone else – it's quite different to life in the city! In the summer there are beaches and bays where we can swim or have some seafood at a restaurant. If we are lucky, we might even see a dolphin!

My biggest problem with life here is there is not much space. My family – Mum, Dad, Grandma, my sister and me – all live together in a small flat. We have a small kitchen with a living area, a small bathroom and two bedrooms – one for my parents and one for my grandma, my sister and me. We live on the 19th floor of our building. Most of my friends live in similar homes. Homes are very expensive here. You need millions of dollars to buy a house with a garden! I hope we'll move to a bigger flat one day though, perhaps one with a gym and a swimming pool. Some buildings have roof gardens too; that would be cool!

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Jenny: There is a lot of pressure to study hard and get a good job. I get the bus to school at 7 a.m. every morning, and I get home about 5 p.m., and then I have to do homework! I'm studying for my exams at the moment. I'd really love to go to university in Australia to study to be a vet, but I'll need good results in my exams!

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Rika: My name is Rika and I came to live in Hong Kong from my home in Indonesia nearly six months ago. I started training as a teacher before I came but I couldn't see a good future or any opportunities for me there. So I contacted a company that sends workers to other countries for jobs as helpers. They told me they had found work for me with a family in Hong Kong. I thought that sounded amazing. Working in such a big, rich city was so different to the life I had in my small town in Indonesia!

When I got here, I was scared by all the huge skyscrapers. The family I was going to work for lived on the 22nd floor of a building. I had never been up so high before, it was a bit scary! I soon realized that life was going to be hard here, and I missed my family.

I work about 16 hours a day. I get up at 6 a.m. to prepare breakfast, and I go to bed about 11 p.m. after I have finished cleaning up after dinner and preparing for the next day. I do all the cooking for the family, all the cleaning and help to look after the children, who are three and seven. The company which found this job for me promised me my own room but actually I just have a bed in the corner of the kitchen.

At first the cooking was very hard. I only knew how to cook Indonesian food and the mother of the family had to show me how to make the food they liked. I am lucky though. I have enough to eat and my family is kind to me. Some of my friends don't get a lot to eat, and their families shout at them or even hit them. I don't make much money, but I can send a little home to my parents. I hope to go home one day and have enough money to move to a city in Indonesia and get a job in a school.

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Rika: Sunday is my favourite day of the week. That's the day when all the helpers have a day off work. We meet up in the city under a road bridge because we don't have a house or room where we can meet. We eat Indonesian food, sing songs and chat in our language. There are people that can help us if we have any problems with our work. At the moment we are trying to change the law which says we have to live with the families we work for. We are not slaves; we should be treated fairly!