

Unit 25 The Lesson

W: There was once a man who lived with his two sons. The two sons were always fighting with each other. One day, the man decided to teach his sons a lesson.

The man gave his younger son two large sticks. He told the boy to break them. The boy tried hard, but he could not break the sticks. The older son also could not break the sticks.

At last, the man gave only one stick to each son. He said, "Break them." Each son broke his stick easily.

The man said, "You are like these sticks. If you work together, no one can break you. But if you fight with each other all the time, one day, someone will break both of you."

After that lesson, the sons stopped fighting. They started to work together.

People and Work

Unit 26 A Problem at the Office

M: I had a big problem at the office today!

W: What happened?

M: I could not use my computer all day!

W: Was it because of a virus?

M: Yes. I opened a file that had a virus.

W: Oh no! You must be careful when you open files in your email. A virus can make your whole computer crash.

M: It was an accident! I didn't know the file had a virus. I'll be more careful next time.

W: What did you do next?

M: I asked a computer repairman to come to the office. He worked all day to repair my computer. But the real problem is that I may have lost some of my work.

W: Don't worry. Your work is probably still on your computer. I can help you get it back. Next time, make sure you have back-up files. Just in case it happens again!

Unit 27 My Future Job

G : What do you want to be when you grow up, Mark?

B : I want to be a teacher. I think I would like to help children learn.

G : Well, you know, teachers work very hard, and they are not paid much money.

B : I don't care about money. Teaching is an important job.

G : What subject do you want to teach?

B : I want to teach mathematics, like Ms. Kim. She makes learning fun. I didn't know that I would like math so much until I joined her class. Now, mathematics is my favorite subject.

G : If you want to teach math, you'll have to work hard and learn it well.

B : No problem! I got an A on the mathematics examination last week. With good teachers like Ms. Kim, learning is easy.

G : I want to be a teacher, too. But I want to teach English, not math!

Unit 28 Shopping

W: We are having a summer sale. Everything is 50% off the normal price.

M: Really? Everything?

W: Yes. Everything is on sale, including sunglasses, hats, and bags. All the summer clothes are on sale, too.

M: I do need some new sunglasses. I lost mine when I went to the beach this summer. Oh, these are really nice. What is the price of these? There is no price tag on them.

W: Well, sir, there's no price tag on those sunglasses because they are mine!

M: Really? I would like to get a pair of sunglasses just like these. Where did you get them?

W: Actually, I got them for \$15 at Super Glasses.

M: There is a Super Glasses store in this mall, isn't there?

W: Yes, but let me show you the sunglasses we have on sale.

M: No, thanks. I think I'll just go to Super Glasses!

Unit 29 A Part-time Job

B : I want to find a part-time job. Do you have any ideas about where I should look for work?

W: Have you looked in the newspaper? There are lots of job advertisements in the newspaper.

B : Yes, I have. But there were no jobs I was interested in.

W: Did you search on the Internet? Many companies put job advertisements on the Internet.

B : No, I haven't looked on the Internet. I don't know what I should search for.

W: There are many websites that have job postings that you could look at. You could also search for the type of job you are interested in.

B : OK. Thanks for telling me what I need to do. I'll start my Internet search right now.

W: I have a list of some websites. You could start looking at those first. That might save you some time.

B : That would be very useful. Thanks!

Unit 30 Teamwork

G : When people work together as a team, they can achieve a lot. You can easily get things done when you share the work.

We practice teamwork in my family. Both my parents have jobs. My father is a doctor. My mother is a teacher. Both of them work long hours all week. My brother is a student at college. I am a student in school. We all have very busy lives. So, when it comes to household chores, we all work together to get them done.

Each of us has different chores. My parents take turns to cook. My father takes out the trash. My mother does the laundry. My brother washes the dishes. I sweep the floor. We share the chores and work together. Everything gets done fast.

People should practice working as a team. Teamwork works!

Sports and Health

Unit 31 The Marathon

W: Did you watch the Boston marathon?

M: Yes, I went to Boston to see it.

W: You were in Boston for the marathon?

M: That's right. My friend is a runner, so I went there to watch her run. We traveled to Boston together.

W: You are so lucky! Which part of the marathon did you see?

M: I watched the entire race, from start to finish.

W: I don't know how the runners can finish the whole race! It's so long and difficult! I could never do something like that.

M: I tried to run a marathon once. It was really difficult. I just can't run like my friend can.

W: Yes, running a marathon is not an easy thing to do. By the way, how did your friend do in the race?

M: She did quite well! She was not the fastest runner, but she was in the top 50.

Unit 32 Racquetball

B : Racquetball is a popular sport. It was first played in the US. This game started just a little more than 50 years ago. That makes it quite a new sport.

Other racket sports like tennis and squash have been played for a long time. Racquetball rules are a mix of rules from both handball and squash. A short racket is used to play this game.

This game became popular almost at once when it first came out. More and more people wanted to play it. Clubs began to build racquetball courts. They built these courts for players of this new sport.

People of all ages can play this game. But most players today are young people. Most of them are between the ages of 12 and 34. Racquetball is now a famous sport. It is played all over the world.