

G : That's true in real life, Tony, but that's not how it works in this game. Rock can break scissors, but rock can be covered by paper, and paper can be cut by scissors. So rock defeats scissors, paper beats rock, and scissors beats paper.

B : It's interesting that each item in the game can defeat one other thing and lose to one other thing. I wonder who invented this game.

G : I don't know, but it's played all over the world. There's even a rock, paper, scissors world championship that has been held every year in Europe since 1934.

## Unit 18 Man's Best Friend

W: Why are dogs often called "man's best friend?" Probably because dogs have many of the qualities we want in our human companions. They are loyal, friendly, never argue, and are always glad to see us. This is one reason why we have dogs and other pets. Sometimes we might even prefer the company of animals to that of fellow human beings.

Pets provide us with many other benefits as well. Studies have shown that having a pet nearby lowers the blood pressure of elderly people and raises their spirits. One study in Britain showed that people with pets recovered more quickly from heart attacks than those who didn't have a pet. The study also found that pet owners suffered from fewer common ailments, such as colds, headaches, and fevers, than people who don't own pets.

Pets help children to learn responsibility. By learning to take care of their pets, children learn how to take care of themselves and other people. Walking dogs each day gives children regular exercise.

Pets can also help keep us safe. Dogs, for example, guard our homes and scare away burglars. Guide dogs help blind people "see" when they need to go outside. Cats catch mice and rats in our houses.

Finally, pets teach us compassion. They give us a chance to show our love to other living creatures. If we can love our pets, it becomes easier to love each other. And that might be the most important benefit of all!

## Unit 19 The Active Leisure Center

M: Bored with nothing to do? Come and check out the Active Leisure Center. We offer something for everyone.

The center has a heated outdoor swimming pool with five different water slides for those who want some fun. There's also an indoor pool with lanes for more serious swimmers. Swimming lessons are available for all levels.

The Active Leisure Center also has a fitness center for those who want to exercise. We have running machines, exercise bikes, weight machines and free weights, and daily aerobics and jazz dance classes. Our fitness experts will be happy to provide you with a fitness program to suit your needs.

The center has a sports hall where you can play indoor soccer, badminton, basketball, and various other sports. You can join community sports groups, sign up for tournaments, or just book the hall for you and your friends to use.

With the school holidays coming soon, why not come and find out about our special holiday programs? We have programs for all ages, from kindergarten to high school students, and if you join now, you can even get a family discount.

So come and take advantage of all that the Active Leisure Center has to offer. We're open from six a.m. to ten p.m. on weekdays, and eight a.m. to eight p.m. on weekends. For more information, call 325-6188 or visit our website at [www.activeleisure.com](http://www.activeleisure.com).

## Unit 20 The Audition

B : Hi, Cindy. Are you ready for the big audition this afternoon?

G : I don't know, Greg. I've been practicing the script all week, but the princess has so many lines that I don't know if I can remember them all!

B : You don't have to remember all of them for the audition, just the lines for the main scene, where the pirate meets the princess and tries to kidnap her.

G : I know, but even in that scene, the princess has quite a few lines!

B : You've got to think positive and have some confidence in yourself. I think that you're going to get the part, and that you'll be a fantastic princess!

G : Well, I'm glad that somebody has confidence in me. I think I'm just worried that I'll forget my lines. By the way, which part are you going to try out for?

B : I'm trying out for the part of the pirate, the one who tries to steal the princess away from the prince.

G : Oh yeah, the pirate and the prince get to have that cool sword fight in the final scene, and then the prince kills the pirate with his own sword!

B : Yeah, I remember reading that in the script. But at the audition today, we'll be practicing the scene where the pirate first sees the princess, and falls in love with her.

G : Hey, I'll help you practice your scene if you'll help me practice mine.

B : You've got a deal! Let's start now.

group is a sign with the number 200 on it. At the front of the field is a huge sign with the number 2,000 on it, because 200 times 10 equals 2,000, right? But the problem requires 200 times 10 three times, so, I just add two more fields of people to my picture, with two more signs that say 2,000. Now I have 2,000 times three. The answer is 6,000!

## Unit 22 I Spy

B : Dad, this is so boring, just sitting back here with nothing to do!

M : Playing a game is a fun way to pass time on a long car trip.

B : OK, but what kind of game can we play when we're going 70 miles an hour in a car?

M : Well, when I was young, we used to play a game in the car called "I Spy." One person decides on an object that he or she can see, and tells us its color, then the rest of us have to ask yes-or-no questions to try and find out what it is.

G : I'll go first, and I spy something that's . . .

B : Hey, I wanted to go first!

M : Billy, let your sister begin. Remember, it's considered good manners to let girls and younger children have their turn ahead of us.

G : Yeah, remember your manners, stupid!

M : Betsy, it's also good manners to treat each other with respect, and not to call people names. I think you need to apologize to your brother.

G : I'm sorry, Billy. Let's start, OK? I spy something small and green, it's on the steering wheel, and . . .

B : Stop, Betsy! Dad said that you're only supposed to tell us its color, not its size or location or anything else.

G : Oh no, I forgot!

M : That's OK, honey, everybody makes mistakes. Remember the saying: "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again."

G : OK, let me try again. I spy something . . .

## School and Family

### Unit 21 Add, Subtract, Multiply, and Divide

B : Hello there, Terry. How are you doing?

G : Not too well. I'm really having trouble figuring out this arithmetic assignment. I can add and subtract pretty well, but without a calculator it's difficult for me to multiply and divide. Hey, Olaf, I heard that you're excellent in math.

B : My technique is that I try to imagine pictures in my mind, so the numbers aren't just figures on a page, but something I can apply to real life. One way I do this is to imagine the numbers as if they were money. For example, if the equation is 753 minus 236, I think about seven dollars and 53 cents minus two dollars and 36 cents. It's five dollars and 17 cents, or 517. Easy!

G : Wow, that does seem easier, for adding and subtracting. But how do you apply this technique to multiplying and dividing?

B : OK, suppose the equation is 200 times 30. 30 is three groups of 10. So, first I imagine 10 groups of people standing in a large field. Next to each

### Unit 23 American Families Today

W : American families today are very different from what they were about a hundred years ago. The main difference is that families are now much smaller. In the past, most families lived on farms. They needed children to help them work.