

Unit 17 A Big Screen TV

M: I'm thinking about buying a big screen TV.
 W: Wow! I've seen those in the store. They cost a lot of money. Can you afford to buy one?
 M: They do cost a lot of money. But I really enjoy watching TV. I think it's much more fun to watch TV shows on a big screen.
 W: I've never watched TV on a big screen. Do you think the quality of the picture is good?
 M: Yes, the quality is great. When you watch soccer games, you feel like you are right there on the field!
 W: When you buy the TV, can I come over to your house? Then, I can enjoy watching TV on the big screen with you!
 M: I have to save some money to buy the TV first. It will be a few months before I can afford to buy it!

Unit 18 He's Famous!

B : Are you going to the new Tim Cross movie tonight?
 G : I don't know. It looks kind of boring.
 B : Really? I think it looks quite interesting. Besides, Tim Cross is a famous actor.
 G : He may be famous, but I don't think he's a very good actor. He always acts in the same sort of movie. He never does anything different.
 B : Well, at least you think he's good looking, right?
 G : No, not really. He always looks so sleepy.
 B : But most girls think he's handsome. Maybe that's why he is so famous.
 G : None of my friends think he is good looking at all. I used to like him a few years ago, but now I think he's not handsome at all.
 B : Hey! I just got a haircut to try to look more like him!
 G : Well, that explains why I don't like your new haircut!

Unit 19 A Housewarming Party

W: Hi, Steve! Thanks for coming to my housewarming party.
 M: Hello, Sue! Thanks for inviting me to see your lovely new home. It's beautiful!
 W: Thank you. I'm glad you like it.
 M: Did you decorate your house all by yourself?
 W: Yes, I did. I traveled around Europe last year. I got some beautiful furniture for my house there.
 M: Do you plan to go on a new trip this summer?
 W: Yes, I am planning to visit China.
 M: That's great! How long will you be there?
 W: I will be there for a month.
 M: You can find some beautiful things in China for your new house. You should go shopping while you are there.
 W: Of course! It will be fun to go shopping there. By the way, please help yourself to the refreshments.
 M: Thanks. The food looks delicious!

Unit 20 Making Music

M: Do you like to listen to music? Music is made up of sound. People all over the world like music. People have liked it for hundreds of years.

People who write music are called composers. Most of the time, a composer does not sing or play his own music. He writes it all down in the form of notes. Those who know how to read music can understand these notes. This is how people can sing the song or play it.

Lots of people like to play music. Music can be played on instruments. There are many types of musical instruments. Some of these are the piano, the violin, and the drum.

People can make music as a group. A choir is a group of people who sing. An orchestra is a group of people who play musical instruments.

School and Family

Unit 21 Where Is Your Homework?

G : Did you finish your homework for English class?
B : Homework? There wasn't any homework.
G : We had to finish reading a book and then write a 200-word essay on it.
B : I don't think Ms. Jones gave us any homework. I always write what I have to do in my notebook. Did she really tell us to write an essay?
G : Yes. Look, here's my essay. See?
B : Oh no! What am I going to do? We've only got 10 minutes before class starts.
G : I don't know. Maybe Ms. Jones will let you hand it in tomorrow.
B : Hey, let me copy your essay. I'll change a few words. Ms. Jones will never know.
G : No, I'm sorry. That's not the right thing to do.
B : Oh, come on! I thought you were my friend.
G : I am your friend. That's why I'm not letting you copy my work!

Unit 22 After School Activities

B : Will you play any sports this school year?
G : I want to play hockey. But I'm not sure if I will have enough time.
B : I'm on the school soccer team. I'm also going to take up swimming.
G : You're going to be on the soccer team and swim, too?
B : Yeah.
G : That seems like a lot. You will be very busy! Do you think you will have any free time?
B : I will play soccer with my school team during the week. I will go swimming during the weekend.
G : When will you have time to do your homework? And when will you study?
B : I do my homework after school every day. I study every weekend. My mother won't let me play sports until I have done all my work.
G : Well, I hope you find enough time for both schoolwork and sports. Good luck!

Unit 23 Arts and Crafts Class

G : Hi, Mom, I'm back from arts and crafts class. Look at what I'm wearing.
W : Well, you're wearing a blue T-shirt and jeans.
G : Sure, but what else am I wearing?
W : Oh, those earrings are very pretty! Is that what you're learning to make this week in arts and crafts class?
G : Yes, we're learning to make jewelry from beads this week. The beads come in different colors and shapes. First, we decide what sort of jewelry we want to make. Then, we choose the beads we want, and string them on transparent plastic wire.
W : That sounds like a lot of fun!
G : Yeah! Tom made a bead necklace for his sister, and I made some earrings. Guess what, Mom? I made a pair of earrings for you, too!
W : Oh, these are very pretty! Thank you very much.
G : Next week, I'm going to make a necklace.

Unit 24 Grandfather's Birthday

B : Hi, Mom! Guess what? We got our English test back today. I got the highest score in my class!
W : Oh, Billy, I'm glad you did so well! You worked hard for that test.
B : Thanks, Mom. I'm hungry. What's for dinner?
W : We're going to your aunt's place for dinner tonight. It's your grandfather's birthday today, remember?
B : Oh no, I forgot! I haven't got a birthday gift for Grandpa!
W : Don't worry. I bought a gift for him yesterday from the three of us. Anyway, your English test score is a good gift for your grandfather. The whole family will be at the party tonight. All your aunts, uncles, and cousins are coming.
B : I haven't seen the whole family in a long time.
W : Well, you'll see them tonight. Now, hurry up and get ready.
B : OK. When are we leaving?
W : When your father gets home from work.