

# Scripts

## Unit 1 Campus Life

### Part A Short Conversations

- W: Hi, Jack! Haven't seen you for ages! How is your family? Do you still have a boy and a girl?

M: No, I had twin girls last year! And the doctor says my wife is expecting another boy within a couple of months.

Q: How many children does Jack have now?
- W: I love these coats and I'd like to buy one for my husband as a present. How much are they?

M: Thirty dollars. But they are on sale and I can offer you a 20% discount.

Q: How much is the coat?
- W: Tickets are four dollars for each adult. Children's tickets are half price.

M: OK. I'd like two adults' and two children's tickets.

Q: How much does the man have to pay for the tickets?
- W: I'd like to make a phone call to London, please. How much do I have to pay?

M: Five dollars for the first three minutes and 2 for each additional minute.

Q: How much does the woman have to pay if she makes a ten-minute call to London?
- W: It was reported that a serious traffic accident happened this morning on the highway near our office building.

M: I knew that. Three people died immediately and four were injured. One more people died in the hospital.

Q: How many people were killed in the traffic accident?
- W: Great. That means 50 people will come so far. But how many of them are kids?

M: About 15 kids are coming and 6 of them are about your son's age.

Q: How many adults will come?
- W: This T-shirt is really my style. How much is it?

M: Nine dollars each. But you can save four dollars if you buy two.

Q: How much should the woman pay if she buys four T-shirts?
- W: Have you got Henry's telephone number? I dialed 64832089 but it turned out to be an old lady.

M: Yes. That used to be his number. But last week he moved to a neighboring apartment and so the last four numbers should be 2036.

Q: What is Henry's telephone number now?
- W: There is really a big generation gap between you two. He is 28. And how old are you?

M: Well. I used to be twice his age five years ago.

Q: How old is the man now?

10. W: The bottom of the lake can almost be seen now. Was it the same this summer?

M: No. The water was only forty centimeters below the ten-meter line at that time.

Q: How deep was the lake this summer?

## Part B Long Conversation

### College Majors

Man: I wonder if this is going to be an interesting class.

Woman: Yeah. Me too. So, what's your major?

Man: Well, I've been batting around the idea of going into business, but I haven't decided yet. And my dad keeps telling me I have to choose a major, but I'm undeclared at the moment.

Woman: Ah, that's what happened to me my freshman year.

Man: Oh, so what year are you in school?

Woman: I'm a senior, and I only have to take 10 more credits to graduate. Yeah!

Man: Well. That must feel great to be almost finished with school.

Woman: You can say that again, but once I graduate, I have to start repaying a student loan, so I'm not looking forward to that.

Man: But didn't your parents help you out with your college tuition?

Woman: No. My dad said he wasn't made of money, so he thought I should earn my own education, so I worked like crazy in the summer and part-time during the school year to cover most of my costs. And, I received some financial aid and a scholarship one year, which really saved me. But this past year, school has been more demanding, so I haven't been able to work as much.

Man: Well, you know, at least you see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Woman: That's true.

Man: Well, have you lined up a job yet?

Woman: Not yet, but I'm trying to line up a few interviews at the job fair next month.

Man: Well, at least you have some ideas on your future. I mean, I'm taking a business class right now, and the teacher always lectures us by saying that life is difficult, and we should prepare for our futures by setting realistic goals. And the only place that success comes before . . .

Woman: Oh, work is in the dictionary. I've heard that all before. Let me guess. Is your teacher Paul Jones?

Man: Yeah. How do you know? I mean, did you have him too? I mean, the guy is, you know, he's just really . . .

Woman: He's my dad.

Man: Your dad? I mean, I didn't mean anything by what I said. I wasn't bad-mouthing him or anything. I mean he's a good teacher and all. It's just that . . .

## Part C Passages

## Passage 1

### Student Dormitories in America

Most American colleges permit foreign students to live in a college dormitory or an apartment. Many foreign students say the dormitories are less costly than apartments. They say dormitories offer quiet study areas and areas for social activities or sports. They say dorms are close to places they go every day, like the library, computer center and classroom. They also say that living in the dorm provides the best chance to get to know other students.

Dormitories may have as few as twelve students or as many as one thousand. Some dorms are organized into areas called suites. Suites have several bedrooms, a large living area and a bathroom. Six or more people may live in one suite. Other dorms have many rooms along a hallway. Two students usually live in each room. On each floor is a large bathroom for all the students who live on that floor. Sometimes there is also a kitchen for preparing food.

In most universities, males and females live in the same dorm. They may even live on the same floor. But they usually may not live in the same room or suite.

## Passage 2

### American Colleges

American colleges and universities vary a great deal in size. Some colleges have student bodies of just a few hundreds, while some state universities serve more than 100,000 students on several different campuses. At smaller schools, students generally get to know their classmates and professors better and are less likely to feel lonely and confused. Larger schools offer a greater selection of courses and more activities to attend and participate in. When selecting a college, the student must consider which type of environment best suits his or her needs.

The number of these schools has grown very rapidly in the past 40 years. In 1950, there were about 600 in the U.S.A. Today, there are about 1,300, and they serve about five million students. Most community colleges are public schools, supported by local or state funds. They serve two general types of students. The first type of students they serve includes those taking the first two years of college before transferring to a four-year school for their third and fourth years. Besides, they also serve those enrolled in one or two-year job training programs. Community colleges offer technical training in many areas of study, such as health services, office skills, computer science, drafting, police work, and automotive repair.

## Unit 2 Romance

### Part A Short Conversations

- W: Excuse me, when will the next train leave?  
M: You've just missed one by 10 minutes. Trains here leave every 50 minutes, so I'm afraid you will have to wait for a while.  
Q: How long does the woman have to wait for the next train?
- W: Oh my god! It's already five to five and I'll miss the 5 o'clock train.  
M: Take it easy. The clock is half an hour fast. You still have enough time.  
Q: What time is it now?
- W: Don't worry about the time. I can come to pick you up within half an hour.

M: Great! That means I'll see you at nine and we still have 20 minutes to go to the cinema, right?

Q: What time is it now?

4. W: Did you attend the meeting yesterday?

M: Yes. It was scheduled to start at 9:00 but it actually began a quarter of an hour late.

Q: When did the meeting begin?

5. W: Professor Smith, will you be free sometime today?

M: I have an important meeting from 8 to 10 this morning. But I will be free after that.

Q: When will Professor Smith be free?

6. W: I attended college in 1996 and finished it four years later. What about you?

M: Well, I began my college life two years earlier than you but finished school one year later than you did.

Q: When did the man graduate?

7. W: When will the two films begin?

M: The first will begin at 8:15 and will last for one hour and 45 minutes. The second will follow immediately after the first.

Q: When will the second film start?

8. W: How long have you been living here for?

M: Well, I first came here six years ago. Then I moved to Los Angeles one year later. But I found I love here more, so I was back here again three years ago.

Q: For how long has the man lived here altogether?

9. W: How long does it take to drive across London?

M: Well, it depends. If the roads are not too busy, you can make it in about an hour. But if you go during rush hours, then it takes at least twice as long as that.

Q: How long does it take to drive across London during rush hours?

10. W: Hi, Tom. Why are you back to work so soon? I think you should be enjoying a 4 week vacation.

M: Yes. But since the boss has changed his schedule, I have to come back halfway the time.

Q: How long did the man's vacation last?

## Part B Long Conversation

### First Date

Girl: He's here. Bye Dad.

Dad: Wait, wait, wait . . . Where are you going?

Girl: Dad. I've already told mom. I'm going out tonight.

Dad: Who with? You mean you're going on a date?

Girl: Yeah. Mom met Dirk yesterday. He's so cool. We're going on a double-date with Cindy and

Evan.  
Dad: Dirk.  
Girl: I have to go.  
Dad: Wait, wait. I want to meet this guy.  
Girl: He's waiting for me.  
Dad: Well, so what are you going to do tonight? Going to the library?  
Girl: Dad! We're going out to eat, and then we're going to catch a movie.  
Dad: What movie and what is it rated?  
Girl: It's a science fiction thriller called . . . well, I don't know what it is called, but it's rated PG.  
Dad: And where's the movie showing?  
Girl: Down at the Campus Plaza Movie Theater.  
Dad: Hey, I was thinking about seeing a movie down there tonight, too.  
Girl: Ah, Dad.  
Dad: Hey, Let me meet that guy. Hey, here comes a guy with a moustache!  
Girl: Dad. That's not Dirk. That's his older brother. He's taking us there! Can I go now?  
Dad: Well . . .  
Girl: Mom said I could, and mom knows his parents.  
Dad: Well . . .  
Girl: Dad.  
Dad: Okay, but be home by 8:00.  
Girl: Eight!? The movie doesn't start until 7:30. Come on, Dad.  
Dad: Okay. Be back by 11:00.  
Girl: Love you, Dad.  
Dad: Love you, too.  
Girl: Bye.  
Dad: Bye.

## **Part C Passages**

### **Passage 1**

#### **The Story of Valentine's Day**

In ancient Rome, February 14th was a holiday to honor Juno, the Queen of the Roman Gods and Goddesses. The Romans also knew her as the Goddess of women and marriage.

At that time, the lives of young boys and girls were strictly separate. However, one of the traditional activities for the young people to celebrate this day was name drawing. On that day, the names of Roman girls were written on slips of paper and placed into jars. Each young man would draw a girl's name from the jar and would then be partners during the festival with the girl whom he chose, and often, they would fall in love and would later marry.

Under the rule of the Roman Emperor, Rome was involved in many bloody campaigns. The Emperor was having a difficult time getting people to join his army. He believed the reason was that Roman men did not want to leave their loves or families. As a result, he cancelled all marriages and engagements in Rome.

The good Saint Valentine was a priest at Rome, he secretly married couples, and for this he was arrested and was later sentenced to death. When he was in prison, many young people came to

visit him. They threw flowers and notes up to his window. They wanted him to know that they believed in love, too.

Gradually, February 14 became the date for exchanging love messages and Saint Valentine became the patron saint of lovers. The date was marked by sending poems and simple gifts such as flowers. There was often a social gathering or a ball. But most importantly, they think about love and friendship, and they remember forever that love can't be beaten!

## Passage 2

### The Secret to a Happy Marriage

Most people want to get married and lead a happy marital life. However, marriage is not easy to manage. If you can't deal with some problems, your marriage will probably fail. My husband and I have been married for nearly two years. For the first 18 months of our marriage we were very happy, but after that he seemed to become more interested in his work. He worked in his office until late into the night; on the weekends, he used to bring home work to do from his office. He didn't seem to be unhappy, and he really enjoyed his work. At the same time, I felt lonely and unhappy. Later, I began to change my attitude. Now my husband and I often talk to find out what each other thinks. Little by little, we have gained mutual understanding and lived a happy life again. So I think mutual understanding is very important to marital life. Do you think so?

## Unit 3 Famous People

### Part A Short Conversations

- W: Hello, Bill. This is Laura speaking from the office. Is Mary feeling better now?  
M: She is much better now. But the doctor says although she doesn't have to stay in the hospital, she'll have to stay in bed for a day or two.  
Q: Where is Mary now?
- W: There's a limit of three books for each. And you can keep them for no more than one month.  
M: Ok. I will return them on time.  
Q: Where does the conversation most probably take place?
- W: Would you like to see the menu?  
M: No, thanks. I am a regular customer here and I know what to order without it.  
Q: Where does the conversation most probably take place?
- W: My friend sent me a parcel. Has it arrived?  
M: I'm afraid not. We haven't received any parcels this week. We'll let you know as soon as it comes.  
Q: Where does the conversation most probably take place?
- W: How do you feel about your interview tomorrow?  
M: I'm full of confidence now. I bought a good suit, had my hair cut and I have studied everything about medicine.

Q: Where is the man probably going to work?

6. W: How do you like your new house?

M: It's really very comfortable. But I'm tired of having to hear jets go over my house at all hours.

Q: What is located near the man's house?

7. W: The exhibit is amazing. The oil paintings are all masterpieces.

M: Yes, they are nice. But I prefer the watercolors in the next room.

Q: Where does the conversation most probably take place?

8. W: Since your team has four members, we have reserved two rooms with twin beds for you. Is that OK?

M: Would you mind changing that to one room with two double beds?

Q: Where does this conversation most probably take place?

9. W: Excuse me, will the Chicago flight be arriving on time?

M: The announcer said it would be about ten minutes late.

Q: Where does this conversation most probably take place?

10. W: How much do I have to pay to send this package airmail to Paris?

M: It depends on how much it weighs. Ah, it's 20 dollars.

Q: Where does this conversation most probably take place?

## Part B Long Conversation

### Bill Gates

Reporter: You've witnessed so much change in technology since starting Microsoft. What are the next big breakthroughs?

Bill Gates: Well, the most important breakthroughs are that a computer that can see, know who you are and understand what you say.

Reporter: As your full-time job at Microsoft comes to an end, what role will you play in helping the company?

Bill Gates: Steve may ask me to look in on some particular projects to help spur them on, because he knows I love the stuff.

Reporter: Does the fact that you love the stuff suggest it will be something you will play a future role in?

Bill Gates: It means there's a chance. Steve will just have to decide which things. The only one that's known for sure is how I'll continue to help the research team.

Reporter: And that's the one area that they've mapped out for you? Nothing else?

Bill Gates: We're going to pick a couple of other ones. We've got some candidates, but that's the only one that's for sure.

Reporter: You said you'll spend one day a week working on company projects. Have you figured out how that is actually going to work?

Bill Gates: No. We haven't figured that out, and it's kind of a novel thing that we'll definitely

learn as we go.

Reporter: Are you worried that as you work on projects like research, but also have your plate full with foundation work, that product development could get delayed?

Bill Gates: No, I'm not a critical path for any of these things, not today. When Steve became CEO, all the product groups—with the exception of research—were working for Steve.

Reporter: What do you think you're going to miss most about not working full time?

Bill Gates: Steve and I work together for 28 years. We made a lot of mistakes together, we did a lot of brilliant things together, and we enjoyed doing that.

## **Part C Passages**

### **Passage 1**

#### **Thomas Jefferson**

In 1801, Thomas Jefferson was the first president to take the oath of office in the nation's capital, Washington D. C. Although Washington was a new city, it was already familiar to President Jefferson. In fact, Jefferson had helped plan the capital's streets and public buildings. Besides being a city planner and architect, the new President was a writer, a scientist, and the inventor of several tools.

Jefferson lived in the Presidential Palace. The Palace was more than a home; it contained offices for the President and some of his staff and advisors. It also included dining and reception rooms, where the President could entertain congressmen. However, President Jefferson did not give many formal parties. This was partly because there was no First Lady. Jefferson's wife had died in 1782. But it was also because Jefferson liked to live in a simple way. Once, he showed up for an important meeting wearing old clothes and slippers! Neither Washington nor Adams would ever have dressed so casually.

Jefferson was different from the first two Presidents in other ways, too. He disagreed with them about how the country should be run, and about what part a President should play in running it.

### **Passage 2**

#### **Mark Twain**

Samuel Clemens, with the pen name of Mark Twain, was born in Florida in 1835. He moved to Hannibal, Missouri, with his family at the age of four. His father died when he was about eleven. Soon Sam left school and worked in Hannibal for a while, then he left since the money he made there could hardly meet the needs.

Later he worked for several different newspapers and then got a job as a riverboat pilot on the Mississippi River. Sam loved this job, as demonstrated later in many of his books. It didn't last long, however, because of the outbreak of the Civil War. Sam was in the Confederate army for just two weeks and then he went west to get away from the war and the army.

In Nevada and California, Sam prospected for silver and gold without much luck, but he did succeed as a writer. After that, he traveled around the country giving lectures and earned enough money to go to Europe. Sam didn't travel much in the last ten years of his life, and he didn't publish much, either. Somehow his travels, even forced, inspired his writing. Like many other writers, Sam derived much of the material for writing from the wealth and diversity of his own personal experiences.

## Unit 4 Food

### Part A Short Conversations

1. W: It's my 18 year old birthday tomorrow. Can you come to my birthday party, Uncle Tom?  
M: I'm terribly sorry, Catherine. I'll have to see patients in my office tomorrow. You see, people often get sick because of eating too much on holidays.  
Q: What is the man's profession?
2. W: Honey, the faucet is leaking the whole morning and there is water everywhere in the bathroom. Will you come back home soon and get it fixed?  
M: Why don't you call Mr. Johnson?  
Q: What does Mr. Johnson do?
3. W: This is your notebook for psychology. Thank you for lending it to me. I wouldn't have fully understood the professor without your notes.  
M: That's all right. After all, you helped me a lot in geology.  
Q: What's the probable relationship between these two speakers?
4. W: Let's just call it a day, guys! Are there any questions on today's lecture? Yes, Henry.  
M: Miss Green, what do you think is the best way to turn ourselves into qualified employees in the future?  
Q: What most probably is Henry?
5. W: Where have you put the video, Peter? I am supposed to return it to Susan tomorrow.  
M: Oh my god! I thought it was yours, so I lent it to my brother. I am so sorry, Jane. I'll get it back for you now.  
Q: Whose video is it?
6. W: What's your trouble, sir?  
M: I've been coughing badly for a couple of days. And I also have a slight fever.  
Q: Who are the two speakers?
7. W: My husband and I are going to spend our honeymoon abroad. I need some foreign currency.  
M: Cash or traveler's checks? And to which country are you going?  
Q: What is the probable relationship between the two speakers?
8. W: I'd like to have steak, some soft drink and dessert. Please be quick because I am hungry and I'm in a hurry for an important appointment.  
M: Yes, madam. That'll be twenty dollars, please.  
Q: What's the man's job?
9. W: Take a seat, please. What can I do for you?  
M: Thanks. I have a house for rent in Miami. It's about 100 square meters, including a living room, a dining room, 2 bedrooms, a kitchen and a bathroom. It's near the Central Business

District. So I want 5,000 dollars a month.

Q: What is the woman's job?

10. W: I can never tell Jack and Ted apart although I can see them everyday in the class.

M: Yes. They look so much alike that they even confuse their mother sometimes if they are not dressed differently.

Q: What is the most probable relationship between Jack and Ted?

## Part B Long Conversation

### Cooking Food

Father: Time to eat!

Daughter: Coming. Oh, I'm **starving**. What's that?

Father: Ah, now don't complain!

Daughter: But what is it, and where is mom?

Father: Now, mom put me in charge of dinner because she's not feeling well tonight.

Daughter: But what is it . . . and that smell!

Father: It's pizza. I just followed an old family recipe here, and . . .

Daughter: Let me see that . . . Oh, Dad. You're missing a page!

Father: Oh, uh . . . well I couldn't find the second page of the recipe, but don't worry. I have plenty of experience around the house. Plenty of experience in cooking.

Daughter: That's not what mom says.

Father: Well, wait, wait, here let me try a piece first. Here, let me, let me cool this off here. Oh, this is great stuff.

Daughter: Yeah right. Why are you making that face?

Father: Well, well, it's just a little rich for me. That's all.

Daughter: Let me try it Dad. Uh. Dad. You put a little too much salt in it and besides it's burned. And what's that?

Father: Oh, well, that's just part of my own **adaptation** to the recipe. I added some pumpkin.

Daughter: Oh, not another one of your surprises. Pumpkin doesn't go on pizza!

Father: Well, okay, well, so what? Uh, what do we do now?

Daughter: Well, how about some cold cereal . . . You can't **mess up** on that, Dad.

## Part C Passages

### Passage 1

#### What Kinds of Food Do People Need?

Scientists have learned a great deal about the kinds of food people need. They say that there are several kinds of food that people should eat every day. What are these classes of food? They are 1) green vegetables of all kinds, such as string beans, peas, lettuces, and cabbages; 2) fruits, such as apples, peaches and bananas; 3) other vegetables, examples of these are beets, onions, carrots, tomatoes and so on; 4) meat of all kinds, fish and eggs; 5) milk and food made from milk, such as butter, cheese and ice cream; 6) bread or cereal. Rice is also in this class of food.

People in different countries and different areas of the world eat different kinds of things. Scientists say that none of these differences are really important. It doesn't matter whether food is

eaten raw or cooked, canned or frozen. It doesn't matter if a person eats dinner at four o'clock in the afternoon or at eleven o'clock at night. The important thing, they say, is that every day a person should eat something from each of these kinds of food.

There are two problems, then, in feeding the ever-increasing number of people on earth. The first is to find some way to feed the world population so that no one is hungry. The second is to make sure that people everywhere have the right kinds of food to make them grow to be strong and healthy.

## **Passage 2**

### **English Food**

Visitors to Britain are always complaining about English food. But they do not really know what they are talking about because they rarely get a chance to eat it. Most of the restaurants in large towns have foreign owners and serve foreign food. When visitors are invited to eat in an English home their hosts often feel they must offer them something foreign and exotic.

Those of us who do know English food are aware that at its best it can be really very good. On the other hand it is true to say that it is sometimes terrible. Part of the problem is that we are not really interested in food --- we eat to live and not live to eat. So we don't generally spend the necessary time and effort needed to cook really good meals. We prefer food that is simple and easy to cook, or ready prepared food which only needs heating up before eating.

You can find the best English food in small restaurants in the country away from the large cities, where life is slower and people are not in such a hurry. But, of course, most visitors come to London. They come because they are interested in shopping and sightseeing. They do not come because of the food, so why should they complain about it?

## Unit 5 Health

### Part A Short Conversations

- W: What do you think of this interviewee? He is quite good-looking and smart, right?  
M: Yes. But I have never met an interviewee more impolite and more aggressive than him.  
Q: How does the man feel about the interviewee?
- W: I think the school should offer more part time job opportunities for us. We can not only earn some pocket money, but also gain more social experience.  
M: I can't agree with you more.  
Q: What does the man mean?
- W: Do you know your scores in the finals? I got an "A" in math and only a "C" in physics.  
M: Well, I always find physics is a little less complicated than math. Even worse, I failed in chemistry.  
Q: What subject does the man think is the hardest?
- W: What do you think of the novel *Gone with the Wind*?  
M: I like it very much, but it's very expensive. It costs twice as much as it did last year.  
Q: What do you learn from this conversation?
- M: Hey, you have bought a new cell phone. What's the brand?  
W: It's home-made. As to cell phones, home-made ones can't compare with the international ones like Nokia. But you see, less famous, less expensive, but not necessarily less beautiful.  
Q: What does the woman mean?
- W: Now more and more people are moving from the city to the countryside.  
M: In comparison to city life, the country life is quiet and peaceful and thus more pleasant for people like me.  
Q: What can be learned from this conversation?
- M: We bought our cars on the same day. But I think my car runs much faster than yours.  
W: But mine consumes less oil than yours and is far better than yours in the outward appearance.  
Q: What can be learned from this conversation?
- W: We've just bought a new machine from Japan. It works quite well, but it's too delicate and everybody in our factory has to be very careful to avoid any damage to it.  
M: Yes, you can't be too careful while working on it.  
Q: What does the man mean?
- W: When do you want me to finish typing this letter, Mr. Baker?  
M: The earlier, the better. But you should avoid any misspellings or other mistakes in it.  
Q: What does Mr. Baker mean?

10. W: These two sweaters are both very charming to me, and I don't know which one to buy.  
What do you think?  
M: I think the quality of the blue one is inferior to that of the red one.  
Q: What does the man mean?

## Part B Long Conversation

### Healthy Lifestyle

- Man: **Honey**, the basketball game is about to start. And could you bring some chips and a bowl of ice cream? And . . . uh . . . a slice of pizza from the **fridge**.
- Woman: Anything else?
- Man: Nope, that's all for now. Hey, **honey**, you know, they're organizing a company basketball team, and I'm thinking about joining. What do you think?
- Woman: **Humph**...
- Man: "Humph" What do you mean by "Humph." I was the star player in high school.
- Woman: Yeah, twenty-five years ago. Look, I just don't want you having a heart attack running up and down the court.
- Man: So, what are you suggesting? Should I just **abandon** the idea? I'm not that **out of shape**.
- Woman: Well . . . you ought to at least have a **physical** checkup before you begin. I mean, it has been at least five years since you played at all.
- Man: Well, okay, but . . .
- Woman: And you need to watch your diet and **cut back on** the fatty foods, like ice cream. And you should try eating more fresh fruits and vegetables.
- Man: Yeah, you're probably right.
- Woman: And you should **take up** a little weight training to strengthen your muscles or perhaps try cycling to build up your heart system. Oh, and you need to go to bed early instead of watching TV half the night.
- Man: Hey, you're starting to sound like my personal fitness instructor!
- Woman: No, I just love you, and I want you to be around for a long, long time.

## Part C Passages

### Passage 1

#### Eating Habits

Our eating habits are very important for good health and a strong body. And they can also influence our mental and spiritual health indirectly. What's more, a good eating habit is also a good method and practice of self-discipline.

Despite of all this, there are more times when most of us would rather eat sweets and ice cream than meat and rice. Sweets and ice-cream are not bad if we eat them at the end of a meal. If we eat them before a meal, they may take away our appetite. It is important for us to eat our meal at the same time each day. When we feel hungry, it is a sign that our body needs food. When we feel angry or excited, we may not want to eat. A long time ago, in England, some judges used to decide whether a man was telling the truth by giving him some dry bread. If the man could not eat the bread, it shows that he was telling lies. Although this seems very strange and rather foolish, it is indeed a very good way of finding out the fact. A man who is worrying something has difficulty in eating anything dry. Because he is worrying, he loses his appetite and does not want to eat.

## Passage 2

### Anorexia

Experts say about 1% of young women in the United States are almost starving themselves. They are suffering from a sickness called anorexia.

These young women have an abnormal fear of getting fat. They purposely starve themselves so they weigh at least 15% less than their normal weight.

The National Institute of Mental Health says one in ten cases of anorexia leads to serious medical problems. These patients can die from heart failure or the disease can lead young women to kill themselves. For example, former gymnast Christy Henrich died at age 22. She weighed only 61 pounds.

A person with anorexia first develops joint and muscle problems. There is a lack of iron in the blood. As the sickness progresses, a young woman's breathing, heartbeat, and blood pressure rates slow down. The important substance calcium is lost from the bones, sometimes causing bones to break. Sometimes the brain gets smaller, causing changes in how a person thinks and acts. Scientists say many patients have further mental and emotional problems. They have poor opinions about themselves. They feel helpless. Their attempts to become extremely thin may represent efforts to take control of their lives. They may suffer from fearfulness or continued deep sadness called depression. They may become dependent on illegal drugs. Some people also feel the need to continually repeat an action. For example, they may repeatedly wash their hands although their hands are clean.

Anorexia is a serious eating disorder. If it is not treated on time, it can be fatal.

## Unit 6 Shopping

### Part A Short Conversations

1. W: Did you visit the Summer Palace when you had your summer vacation in Beijing last year?

M: I couldn't make it last summer. But I finally went there one month later to spend the long vacation for the National Day. And I will visit it again this summer.

Q: What do we learn about the man?

2. W: I've heard of this book time and again and I'm dying to read it. Can you lend it to me after you've finished?

M: Sure. But I have already promised to lend it to Jason first. It's so popular that you even can't find one in the library.

Q: What does the man intend to do?

3. W: Do you like some ice-cream or dessert? They are both made by the top cooks here.

M: I love them both. But what I want to have now is water. Iced water, please. It's so hot today.

Q: What does the man want to have?

4. W: We have to change our attitude toward Liz. I'm really moved by her story of helping the blind lady cross the road on a rainy day.

M: Yes, the story is well organized. But I highly doubt it. I don't think people like her will be so kind to help the disabled people.

Q: What does the man mean?

5. W: We are planning to go picnic this Sunday. Will you join us?

M: That sounds great. Picnic used to be my favorite. But it is replaced by my son after he was born last year. And I have to look after him since my wife has to work this weekend.

Q: What does the man mean?

6. W: It's so hard for me to attend the classes at 8 in the morning. What about you?

M: Me too. The teacher said he would fail me if I keep skipping the classes. But getting up early is a nightmare for me and who cares the score?

Q: What can we know from the conversation?

7. W: I can't believe you are a professional baker now. Have you ever thought of changing your job?

M: Yes. It's boring and tiring and a waste of my intelligence, but I got a fat salary. So it is cool.

Q: Why doesn't the man change his present job?

8. W: Peter, will you make ten copies of this report for me?

M: I'd love to. But the photocopier doesn't work and repairman won't come until next week.

Q: What can we learn from the conversation?

9. W: Jack, what's your plan after graduation?

M: Well, I'd like to further my study in the US. But I have to postpone it and get a job instead. I just don't have enough money to pay the tuition now.

Q: What is Jack going to do first?

10. W: Do you think we can catch the train if we keep driving at this speed?

M: Yes. But I am afraid the road may become crowded soon. So we'd better get a move on.

Q: What does the man think?

## Part B Long Conversation

### Grocery Shopping

Man: Hey. Can you give me a hand with the groceries? And I told you I could do the shopping.

Woman: Wow! Do we really need all this stuff? Let me see that receipt.

Man: Hey, I only bought the essentials.

Woman: Okay. Let's see. Dog food. Twenty-four dollars and seventy cents (\$24.70)? We don't even have a dog!

Man: Well, it was going to be a surprise, but look in the back of the truck.

Woman: What?

Man: Ah. Speechless. I knew you'd love him.

Woman: That thing? That dog's as big as a horse. He probably eats like one, too.

Man: Ah, but he's sure friendly. And someone was giving him away at the supermarket, and I . . . I . . . I couldn't let that poor thing pass another day without a loving home.

Woman: Whatever. Where was I? Eighteen dollars and nineteen cents (\$18.19) for twenty-four cans of tomato juice? You don't even like that stuff!

Man: Ah. Not yet. I've decided to change my eating habits.

Woman: Right.

Man: You'll see, you'll see.

Woman: Okay. Let's see. Three eighty-four (\$3.84) for a box of chocolate cookies and twelve fifty-six (\$12.56) for a case of soft drinks. Changing your eating habits, huh? Do you really think that cookies are some type of diet food?

Man: Hey, I'll just eat a cookie or two every other hour. In fact, they're a great source of energy. And, you see, the tomato juice and cookies kind of, you know, cancel each other out.

Woman: Oh brother. I can't believe what I'm hearing. Let's see. Where was I? A carton of eggs, two fifty (\$2.50) for a gallon of milk, three cans of tuna. Okay. And finally two steaks for eight fourteen (\$8.14). Now, something worth enjoying. I'll get the grill started.

Man: Oh, we . . . w . . . well. The steaks are for Herbert.

Woman: Herbert. Who's Herbert?

Man: Uh, he's the dog.

## Part C Passages

### Passage 1

#### My Shopping Habits

Shopping is one of my pleasures. I like buying clothes, shoes, hats and so on, but I also like just looking at those goods around the shops without buying. I'm not so rich and I can't shop frequently, but when I do shop I am very happy and I feel my stress gets reduced, in a way.

My shopping habits are a bit strange, I think. I can't easily decide what to buy, so it takes me a long time to do my shopping. At first I don't buy anything and stroll through the shop, looking around, talking with my friends etc. When I find a piece of clothing which I like, I keep it in my mind and continue looking for other nice pieces. At last I pick up some pieces to choose from, and then I decide which one to buy. It takes me much time and physical strength! But those are my basic habits ... Some of my friends choose their clothes intuitively: I am envious!

### Passage 2

#### The First Supermarket

Today, supermarkets are found in every large city in the world. But the first supermarket was opened only about seventy years ago. It was opened in New York by Michael Cullen.

Cullen was born in 1884 and died in 1936. In 1929, after nearly 30 years behind the counter of

stores, he thought he knew a better way of selling groceries.

In a bold letter to his bosses at Kroger Grocery & Baking Co., the 45-year-old sales manager put forward the idea of creating supermarkets, where prices were reduced on some products to encourage buying, and increased on others. Goods were to be placed on open shelves for easier reach and parking would be plentiful because the stores were to be located away from the crowded downtown streets. The advantages of the supermarkets were to be vigorously advertised on radios and newspapers.

He never received a reply from the Kroger president because one of the president's subordinates intercepted the letter and rejected the supermarket idea.

Cullen resigned from Kroger, moved to Queens, New York. In the summer of 1930 he opened the nation's first supermarket in a former garage. That original King Kullen store, long since closed, brought together the five elements of a modern supermarket: separate departments, self-service, discount pricing, chain marketing and volume dealing. Other King Kullen stores soon followed and in 1936, sales had reached \$6 million from 17 stores.

Today, Long Island-based King Kullen remains a family owned business with 47 stores.

## Unit 7 Holidays and Festivals

### Part A Short Conversations

- W: How come you like to take a bus? It's slow and crowded and sweaty and you will very likely be late for work!

M: I don't care about all this since I like to listen to the conversations that people have in the bus.

Q: Why does the man like to take a bus?
- W: I'm so excited and I'm afraid I can't sleep tonight.

M: I'd also be so excited if I had my passport, visa and tomorrow's plane ticket to the US. But don't forget to take with you your driver's license and your admission to that university.

Q: Why is the woman so excited?
- W: You said you are so hungry that you can even eat a horse! But why are you only eating an apple for lunch?

M: My wife is going on diet and she usually buys very little food when she goes to the supermarket. So it's the only food in the house.

Q: Why is the man eating an apple?
- W: Look, there are so many dark clouds in the sky. I think it's going to pour. Take my umbrella.

M: Don't worry. I have a raincoat in my office and I won't be caught in the rain. But thank you anyway.

Q: Why won't the man take the woman's umbrella?
- W: Why didn't Mary come to the class today?

M: Her mother was sick and her father was now abroad. So she had to stay home to take care of her.

Q: Why was Mary absent?
- W: I thought you were going out to Tom's dinner party.

M: I was. But then I was told that the party was postponed because Tom's wife suddenly had a high fever.

Q: Why was the dinner party postponed?
- W: Would you come to the beach to have a sunbath together with me if it doesn't rain today?

M: I am afraid not. It's so hot today and I get sun-burnt easily. My skin is too sensitive to the sunrays.

Q: Why won't the man go together with the woman?
- W: I am so sorry, my old friend. I wish you had told me your departure time earlier so that I could have seen you off at the airport.

M: I thought your husband had already told you.

Q: Why was the woman so upset?

9. W: Excuse me, could you tell me which bus I should take to go to the railway station?  
 M: No, I am afraid I can't. I've been here for only a few days myself.  
 Q: Why can't the man give the woman the direction?
10. W: Hello, Henry. You look rather tired this morning. Did you have a difficult journey back from Rome?  
 M: Well, the business trip was very successful. But the train arrived four hours late and so I didn't go to sleep until four o'clock last night.  
 Q: Why does Henry look so tired?

### Part Long Conversation

#### Wedding Anniversary

- Husband: Happy Anniversary!  
 Wife: Oh, thank you. They're beautiful. You shouldn't have . . . especially since our anniversary was last week.  
 Husband: What? Oh, I completely forgot . . .  
 Wife: Again?  
 Husband: **No Way**. I can't believe it.  
 Wife: Neither can I, but you did.  
 Husband: Ah, how can I make it up to you . . . again? Anything!  
 Wife: Okay, let's **negotiate**. First of all, I want to go on that dream vacation you've always promised me.  
 Husband: You mean, to Chicago?  
 Wife: No! To Europe. I want to fly first class and stay at 5-star hotels. And no more places with broken heaters, leaky showers, and dirty bedding.  
 Husband: Oh, well.  
 Wife: And then, I want a new **wardrobe**: some new dresses, shirts, pants, earrings . . .  
 Husband: But . . .  
 Wife: And, NO, I'm not going to wear your grandmother's old **secondhand** pants again.  
 Husband: Is that it?  
 Wife: Uh, hmm, for now. So, why don't we **grab a bite to eat** before we start planning the entire adventure.  
 Husband: But lunch wasn't on the list.  
 Wife: Let's see. Paris, Rome, London, then a short tour to Russia, China, and, ooh, and Hawaii on the way home.  
 Husband: Wow. I'd better ask the boss for a huge raise.

### Part C Passages

#### Passage 1

#### Boxing Day

In the English-speaking world, the day after Christmas Day has a special name. We call it Boxing day.

This makes it sound like a day on which everyone has a fight, but the name has nothing to

do with the sport of boxing. It derives from the custom in former times of presenting servants and tradesmen with a Christmas box or gift. Here in Britain we still talk about giving the milkman or newspaper-delivery boy a Christmas box, when we mean a sum of money or present. The expression dates from the time when the money would have been put into an actual box.

Boxing Day in modern times is a quiet day. Most people are recovering from the large meals they ate the day before. The children have new toys to keep them happy, and the adults are content to watch them play.

Perhaps it would be a good idea if Boxing Day actually was made to honor that sport. Then, on other days, we would celebrate Football Day, Cricket Day, Hockey Day, and so on. There are probably enough different sports to allow each day of the year to have one to itself.

## **Passage 2**

### **United Nations Day**

October 24---the UN birthday---is celebrated as United Nations Day. It is a day that belongs to everyone, and it is celebrated in most countries of the world. Some countries celebrate it for a week instead of a day.

Every year the President of the United States, in a special announcement, asks Americans to remember United Nations Day.

In many parts of the world, schools plan programs for this day. Boys and girls in some communities decorate a United Nations tree, or plant a garden, or conduct a model session of the General Assembly or Security Council. In other communities, young people put on plays about the United Nations. Some libraries exhibit children's art from around the world. Schools celebrate with the songs and dances of other countries, or give parties where foods of other countries are served.

Always the purpose of these celebrations is to help everyone understand the United Nations and why it is important.

The United Nations encourages people to learn about other lands and their customs. In this way people can gain a better understanding and appreciation of peoples all over the world.

## Unit 8 Travel

### Part A Short Conversations

1. W: I have to call Lucy, and tell her what she should do next week. Can you remind me of this later?  
M: Why bother? You will see her this afternoon at the meeting.  
Q: What does the man mean?
2. W: Can I join you, please? I've never tried such a thing before.  
M: Join us? You never pay any attention to the people around you, not to mention showing concern about this society.  
Q: What does the man mean?
3. W: I feel so tired after the meeting. I don't feel like going out for lunch in the canteen. Can we call room service?  
M: Why not? What would you like for lunch?  
Q: What can we learn about the woman?
4. W: What a wonderful day! Shall we go for a picnic?  
M: Well, don't you think going swimming is a better choice?  
Q: What does the man mean?
5. W: Hi, Andy. I'm going to Isabel's this afternoon. Are you coming with me?  
M: The things there are too expensive for me. I can't afford it.  
Q: Which of the following statements is true according to the conversation?
6. W: We have a complete choice of famous brands here. How about this one? It's a Rolex.  
M: I'm afraid that I'm not interested in watches with metal watchbands.  
Q: What do we learn about the man?
7. M: Aren't you here swimming? We drove a long way here not just for a sunbath.  
W: Are you kidding? Don't you know I can't swim?  
Q: What can we learn from the conversation?
8. M: I have just got two tickets for the latest film from a friend and I am thinking of inviting you to come along with me. Are you interested?  
W: Yeah, definitely! Thanks for inviting me!  
Q: What kind of place are the two speakers probably going to?
9. W: Professor Johnson's lecture is so boring. I don't think it's of any help for me and it's actually a waste of time.  
M: How could you think so? It is crucial to our final exam.  
Q: What does the man imply?
10. W: I heard that you are taking an optional course this semester. How's it going?

M: Terrific! The professor is really making me in love with psychology.

Q: What does the man think of the psychology course?

## Part B Long Conversation

### Hotel Check-In

- Guest: Hi. I have a reservation for tonight.
- Hotel Clerk: And your name?
- Guest: It's Nelson. Charles Nelson.
- Hotel Clerk: Okay. Mr. Nelson. That's a room for five, and . . .
- Guest: Excuse me? You mean a room for five dollars? I didn't know the special was so good.
- Hotel Clerk: No, no, no. According to our records, a room for five guests was **booked** under your name.
- Guest: No. No. Hold on. There must be some mistake.
- Hotel Clerk: Okay. Let's check this again. Okay, Mr. Charles C. Nelson for tonight . . .
- Guest: Ah. There's the problem. My name is Charles Nelson, not Charles C. Nelson. You must have two guests under the name.
- Hotel Clerk: Okay. Let me check this again. Oh. Okay. Here we are.
- Guest: Yeah.
- Hotel Clerk: Charles Nelson. A room for one for the 19th . . .
- Guest: Wait, wait! It was for tonight. Not tomorrow night.
- Hotel Clerk: Hum. Hum. I don't think we have any rooms for tonight. There's a **convention** going on in town, and uh, let's see. Yeah, no rooms.
- Guest: Ah come on! You must have something. Anything.
- Hotel Clerk: Well. We do have some rooms under **renovation** with just a roll-away bed. None of the normal **amenities** like a TV or working shower or toilet.
- Guest: Ah man. Come on. There must be something else.
- Hotel Clerk: Well. Let, let me check my computer here. Ah!
- Guest: What?
- Hotel Clerk: There has been a cancellation for this evening. A honeymoon suite is now available.
- Guest: Great. I'll take it.
- Hotel Clerk: But I'll have to charge you two hundred fifty dollars for the night.
- Guest: Ah. Man. I should get a discount for the inconvenience.
- Hotel Clerk: Well. The best I can give you is a ten percent discount.
- Guest: I want to talk to the manager.
- Hotel Clerk: Wait, wait, wait Mr. Nelson. I think I can give you a free room for the next time you visit us.
- Guest: That'll be a long time.

## Part C Passages

### Passage 1

#### Museums

Almost in every city in the world there are museums. Most visitors to museums are pupils

led by their teachers and tourists. Tourists usually go to museums on rainy days.

Sometimes tourists have only a few hours in which to see a whole museum. Most museums, however, are too large to cover in just a few hours. As soon as visitors to a large museum get a list of the things on display, they begin worrying about which ones to look at. Maybe they just wander around and look at everything quickly. When tourists do this, they usually do not learn very much. On the other hand, some visitors spend all their time looking at the things in only one or two parts of a museum. This is also an unsatisfying procedure. These people often go away without having seen the things that would interest them most.

The truly wise museum visitor tries to get a list of the displays that seem most interesting to him.

## **Passage 2**

### **We Enjoyed Ourselves Very Much**

We left London on June 21<sup>st</sup> and flew to Athens on a British Airways flight. We left London at about 11:00 in the morning and arrived in Athens at about 3:00 in the afternoon. It was raining in London when we left, but it was fine and warm in Athens. After we came out of the airport building we took a taxi to the town center. We stayed for three nights at a hotel. While we were in Athens we visited some of the sights: the world famous Parthenon, and the National Museum, and we went to a concert.

On our fourth day we went to Athens Airport early in the morning and took an Olympic flight to a beautiful Greek island, Santorini. We stayed at a small hotel in the capital of the island. The hotel was very high up and we had a wonderful view of the sea and the island. We enjoyed the typical Greek food in the hotel's restaurant and we enjoyed walking down the beaches, too.

After we had spent a week on this island, we flew back to Athens for another three nights. We visited a fishing village on a small island near Athens. We also went to a tavern in the city where we met many local Greeks. We talked to them and had a nice evening with them.

Then we flew back to London on an Athens Airways flight. It was a wonderful holiday and we enjoyed ourselves very much.