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Diagnostic test 1.01

J = Jack, S = Sophie

- J** Hi, are you new here?
- S** Yes, my name's Sophie. I moved here with my family in April.
- J** Oh, right. I'm Jack.
- S** Hi.
- J** What subjects do you study at school?
- S** Well, I like learning languages and I enjoy science, but I don't like maths. What about you?
- J** Well, I like maths and PE – that's my favourite subject.
- S** Hmm, I'm not really into sport, but I like watching tennis on TV.
- J** I love tennis, and football. Where did you live before?
- S** I lived in London before, but I like living here. It's cleaner and more friendly. And London was very noisy. But the shops were better in London, I think.
- J** Do you think so? The new shopping centre is very good here. There are some nice clothes shops.
- S** Where is it?
- J** It's near the train station. I'm going to go there on Saturday. Do you want to come with me?
- S** Yes, great. Thanks.

Unit 1 test 1.02

T = Tom, A = Amy

- T** Here, give me your bag – oh, it's heavy! Why do girls always carry so many things around with them? What have you got in it?
- A** Well, there's my purse. I've always got my purse in my bag. And this is my wallet, with my ID card and my library card. I often go to the library on the way home, so I need my card. And then there's my make-up.
- T** Make-up?
- A** Yes, I've usually got make-up in my bag, because I sometimes meet friends after school, so I want to look nice.
- T** OK.
- A** I've also got my sunglasses and of course my

mobile phone – I never go anywhere without that!

- T** What's that there?
- A** Oh, that's my umbrella.
- T** So, sunglasses and umbrella?
- A** Yes, well this is England after all!

Unit 2 test 1.03

My name's Carla and I've got two very different homes. I live in my house in Manchester most of the time, but I also spend a lot of time working in New York, so I've got a flat there. My house in Manchester is big and more than a hundred years old. There's a big kitchen, and a huge dining room with a large table and six chairs – my friends often come for dinner.

In New York, I've got a small modern flat. The kitchen's tiny – really small, and there's just a microwave where I can cook quick meals. There's also a desk, with a lamp on, where I work, and there are lots of pictures of my family on the walls. Which do I prefer? Well, I love my New York home, because it's quiet and it's just for me, but I think I prefer my home in Manchester.

Unit 3 test 1.04

M = Matt, A = Anna

- M** Do you remember your first day at school, Anna?
- A** Yes, I do. I grew up in Leeds, which is a very big city. There were about 800 children in the school I went to, so you can imagine that the first day was very scary.
- M** Yes, I can understand that. What did you do on your first day?
- A** Well, I don't remember everything, but I remember the teacher read us a very funny story. I enjoyed that. And I remember feeling very happy when it was time to go home! How about you?
- M** Well, I went to a very small school, in a village. I think there were only about a hundred children in the whole school. I remember some children were quite upset on the first day, but I wasn't – I thought it was all really exciting. And at the end of the day the teacher gave me a sweet.

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Unit 4 test 1.05

P = Presenter, R = Rod

- P** Welcome to the programme. Today, I'm talking to Rod Evans about his top three daredevils. Rod, who's first?
- R** Well, first I think is Matthew Webb. In 1875, he was the first person to swim across the English Channel, from England to France. What's so amazing about him is that he didn't have modern clothes. His swimsuit was made of wool, and weighed three kilos – modern swimsuits weigh only a few grams!
- P** Amazing! And who else do you admire?
- R** Well, I think Charles Lindbergh, who flew across the Atlantic Ocean in 1927. That was very dangerous, because his plane was only small, and there are sometimes terrible storms out in the middle of the ocean.
- P** Yes, very scary. And finally?
- R** My third daredevil is Helen Thayer. In 1996, she was the first woman to walk across the Sahara Desert. She walked over 6000 kilometres, and when she did it, she was over 50 years old!
- P** Wow!

Unit 5 test 1.06

A = Angela, M = Mike

- A** That's beautiful music. I love guitar music.
- M** Me, too. And did you know that Rodrigo, who wrote that guitar music, was blind?
- A** Blind?
- M** Yes, he couldn't see at all.
- A** Wow. So, how did he write music?
- M** Well, he used Braille – it's a special way of reading and writing that blind people use.
- A** But how did he play the guitar if he couldn't see?
- M** Well, it's surprising that although he wrote a lot of fantastic music for the guitar, he couldn't play it himself.
- A** That's amazing. And did you know that Beethoven, one of the greatest ever composers, was deaf?
- M** Really? He couldn't hear at all?
- A** Yes. He started to become deaf when he was about

twenty. And what is really surprising is that he continued to play the piano and compose music even when he couldn't hear anything at all.

- M** Wow – that is amazing!

Unit 6 test 1.07

S = Sam, L = Lydia

- S** Do you think travel will be very different in the future?
- L** I don't know. I don't think we'll travel by plane very much because planes are so bad for the planet. If you go by plane from London to New York, it creates the same amount of pollution as one year of driving a car.
- S** Yes, but I think that scientists will probably make aeroplanes cleaner in the future. If they make cleaner planes, I think people will still travel a lot. I definitely want to travel in the future. What about cars?
- L** Well, there are over 1 billion cars on the planet now, and scientists think that there will be 2 billion by 2030.
- S** That's a lot of cars.
- L** Yes, and if we don't do something now, all those cars will create even more pollution in the future.
- S** Well, I don't think we'll drive home! Let's walk. OK?

Unit 7 test 1.08

G = Greta, I = Interviewer

- I** So, Greta, tell us about your plans for your cycling club?
- G** Well, six of us are going to cycle the whole length of Britain, from the north of Scotland down to the south coast of England.
- I** I see. And when are you going?
- G** We're leaving next Wednesday and I hope we're going to arrive three weeks later.
- I** And why are you doing the ride?
- G** Well, the main reason is to raise money for our club. We're going to build a new cycle track at the club next year and so we need quite a lot of money.
- I** That's great. And what about your plans for after the ride?
- G** Well, I want to be in the cycling team for the next Olympics, so I'm going to train hard and try to

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achieve that.

I Well, good luck.

Unit 8 test 1.09

J = James, M = Mia

- J** So, go on, Mia, tell me what you're scared of.
M Well, I'm terrified of flying.
J What, in a plane?
M Yeah. Just the idea of being so high up in the air, not touching the ground, really scares me.
J So, have you ever flown in a plane?
M Well, no. I got onto a plane once, to go skiing in Switzerland. But I was too scared, so I got off again.
J Oh, no. So you've never been skiing either?
M No. Are you scared of anything?
J Well, yes. Snakes! I hate their little eyes and the way they move. Eugh!
M Snakes?
J Yes. It's strange because I've never seen a snake in real life, so I don't understand why I'm so scared of them. I've seen them on TV. I go out of the room when I see them on TV! I don't go to hot countries on holiday because there are snakes – and that's too scary!

End-of-term test 1 1.10

G = George, S = Sarah

- G** Hi, Sarah, what are you reading?
S It's a magazine article about Daniel Radcliffe.
G Oh, is he the actor who was in the Harry Potter films?
S Yes. He played Harry. It's really interesting.
G Oh? What does it say?
S Well, he was born in 1989 in London and he grew up there. He hasn't got any brothers and sisters. He left school when he was 17. He passed all his exams, but he didn't go to university because he wanted to become an actor.
G And what things does he like?
S Well, he enjoys playing the guitar and listening to rock music. And he also likes watching football. He often goes to watch football matches when he's got time.
G Hmm, he's got a lot of money, hasn't he?

- S** Yes, but he says he isn't really interested in buying expensive things, so he doesn't drive a very expensive car. The things he likes buying don't cost very much – things like books and CDs.
G Hmm, interesting.

End-of-term test 2 1.11

E = Emily, J = Jack

- E** Hi, Jack, where are you going?
J I'm going to the new sports centre in town. You know, the one near the shopping centre. I'm going to join the basketball club.
E Oh, have you played basketball before?
J Well, I've played a bit at school, just with friends, but I haven't played for a team before.
E Well, you should be careful. My brother broke his ankle while he was playing basketball, and my friend Tom fell and injured his arm.
J Yes, but all sports have risks. A lot of people are injured playing football or rugby.
E Yes, that's true. So, when are you playing your first match? I'll come and watch you.
J Well, not immediately. I'm going to meet the manager and trainer today, and I'm going to train with the team for a few weeks. I know I must work hard and improve before the manager will select me for the team.
E Well, good luck!
J Thanks.

End-of-year test 1 1.12

R = Ross, J = Jenny

- R** Hi Jenny. What have you got there?
J Hi, Ross. They're my holiday photos.
R Oh, yes, did you go to Spain again this year like you usually do?
J No, actually we went to New York. It was brilliant! Have you ever been there?
R No, I went to America last year, but we didn't go to New York. So, can I see them?
J Of course. This is the flat we stayed in. It was very big and all the bedrooms had their own bathroom and shower.

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- R** Where's this?
- J** It's Central Park. It was lovely and sunny that day, so a lot of people were cycling around the park.
- R** Yeah?
- J** But we just walked because we didn't have bikes. It was lovely and peaceful. And can you see this man?
- R** This one here?
- J** Yeah. He's a painter. He was painting pictures of the park, so we stopped and bought one.
- R** Wow, it looks great. If I go to New York, I'll definitely visit Central Park.

End-of-year test 2 1.13

M = Matt, K = Katie

- M** What do you want to do in the future, Katie?
- K** Well, if I do well in my exams, I'll go to university next year and study English.
- M** Oh, yes? Then will you become an English teacher?
- K** No. I want to become a famous writer – I love writing stories.
- M** Do you want to travel?
- K** Yes, and I'm a bit of a daredevil, so I want to do something difficult and scary. You know, walk across the Sahara Desert or ski down Mount Everest – something like that. What about you, Matt?
- M** Well, I love tennis and I want to become a professional tennis player.
- K** Oh? Have you won any trophies?
- M** Yes I have, but not very many. I hope I'll win more in the future, if I don't get any injuries. One of my friends could play really well when he was younger, but he's injured his arm and he can't play now.
- K** Oh, that's a pity.
- M** Yes, but you never know, if I train hard, maybe I'll become a champion one day!