

M: Hello everyone and welcome to **EnglishPod**! My name is **Marco**.

E: And I'm **Erica**.

M: How are you, Erica?

E: Marco, I'm doing really well! How about you?

M: I'm doing great! I'm really excited, because today we're talking about **travel**.

E: That's right, we're gonna give you some real English to talk about travel.

M: Exactly, English that you would use in everyday life, that you hear in movies, it TV shows.

E: English people actually use.

M: Exactly, so, why don't you tell us a little bit about this lesson for today?

E: Okay, so, today we are going to listen as a husband and wife get ready to go on a trip.

M: Alright, that sounds a little bit complicated.

E: Aha.

M: Hehe.

E: Well, let's look at our two preview words.

Voice: Vocabulary preview.

M: Okay, so, the first word that we have is **road trip**.

E: Road trip.

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M: Okay, so, road trips are really fun and interesting, right?

E: Road trips are great. You get to get in a car with your family and drive on a vacation.

M: Yeah, that was a really fun and they're really popular in North America.

E: Really popular. I've been on a million road trips.

M: Hehe, Alright, we'll talk about that a little bit later on, but now let's take a look at our second word and it's **the car's packed**.

E: The car is packed.

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E: The car is packed.

M: So, when your car is packed it means that...

E: Everything you need is inside the car.

M: Alright, so, your bags, your food, everything that you need for your trip.

E: Exactly.

M: Perfect! Okay, so, those were our two preview words and now we are ready to listen to the dialogue for the first time.

E: Okay, this dialogue will be at normal speed, it will be fast, but don't worry if you don't understand everything.

M: After ten minutes we promise you will understand everything in this lesson.

DIALOGUE, FIRST TIME

E: Well, she forgot to go to the bathroom.

M: Yeah, I hate it when this happens.

E: This happens to me on almost every road trip.

M: Hehe. Okay, great, so, now it's time for our "**language takeaway**". We have three words for our language takeaway today.

Voice: Language takeaway.

E: And the first word is **munchies**.

M: Munchies.

E: Munchies.

M: So, munchies are...

E: Snacks.

M: Snacks, food.

E: Food, chips.

M: Chips, cookies.

E: Chocolate bars.

M: All that good stuff.

E: I love munchies.

M: Hehe. And they're really good when you're taking a road trip.

E: Indeed.

M: Okay, so, let's take a look at our second language takeaway word for today and it is **fill up the tank**.

E: Fill up the tank.

M: Fill up the tank.

E: Fill up the tank. So, this is to...

M: Put gas in your car.

E: Put gas in the **gas tank**.

M: In the gas tank, exactly.

E: Alright, our last language takeaway today is...

M: **Pit stop**.

E: Pit stop.

M: Pit stop.

E: Make a pit stop.

M: It's a quick stop for you to get some gas, food, go to the bathroom.

E: Yeah, a pit stop, a quick stop.

M: Great, so, now it's time for "**Putting it together**".

Voice: Putting it together.

M: Okay, so, we have two great phrases for you today. Let's take a look at the first one.

E: **We've got all our bases covered.**

M: We've got all our bases covered.

E: We've got all our bases covered.

M: This is a really great phrase and it's really useful, right?

E: Yeah, let's listen to a couple of examples.

Voice: Example one.

A: We've got all our bases covered in case the hurricane hits.

Voice: Example two.

B: Okay, I have my keys, wallet and passport. Looks like I have all my bases covered.

M: Okay, it's clear now, but you can use this in a lot of different situations, right?

E: You can use this in many situations. If I'm at work I could say "Alright, we've got a really good marketing plan, we've got all our bases covered".

M: Exactly, you have everything ready.

E: You're all prepared.

M: Perfect! Alright, now let's take a look at our second phrase and it's **let's get going**.

E: Let's get going.

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E: Let's get going.

M: Alright, so, when you say "Let's get going" it just means...

E: Let's start.

M: Let's start, let's go.

E: Yeah.

M: Okay, but the interesting thing about this phrase is you can change it a little bit and it means something different.

E: Aha, let's listen to a couple of examples.

Voice: Example one.

A: I have the chicken, so, let's get cooking.

Voice: Example two.

B: This house is really scary. Let's get out of here!

Voice: Example three.

*C: I have another meeting in twenty minutes, so, **let's get down to business.***

E: So, let's get down to business, Marco.

M: Let's get down to business, let's listen to the dialogue one more time, but this time...

E: It'll be a little bit slower and you'll understand much better.

DIALOGUE, SECOND TIME (slow)

E: So, that was a little more clear this time, wasn't it?

M: Yeah, you can definitely understand better about... what we've been talking about.

E: Yep.

M: Okay, so, now it's time to look at "**fluency builder**". Erica, why don't you explain what fluency builder is?

E: In fluency builder we give you some great useful phrases to help you express your ideas clearly.

M: Okay, great, so, let's look at fluency builder.

Voice: Fluency builder.

E: Alright, so, we all know how to ask the question "Are we ready to go?"

M: That's right, you can say "Can we go now?"

E: Or you can say "Are we ready to go?"

M: Exactly, but there's another way that we can say this and we heard it in our dialogue, so, let's listen.

Phrase 1: So, are we all ready to go? So, are we all ready to go?

E: Wow! That sounds really good, it sounds a lot more fluent.

M: Fluent, exactly.

E: Yeah. Okay, so, another simple phrase that we all know how to say is "It is ready".

M: It is prepared.

E: It is ready.

M: Right.

E: So, these examples are fine, they're right.

M: Uhu. Yeah, they're correct English, no problem.

E: But there's another way to say this that we heard in the dialogue and it sounds a lot more fluent.

Phrase 1: Yep, it's all set. Yep, it's all set.

E: It's all set, that sounds much better.

M: Yes, and we're all set to listen to this dialogue for a third time and this time it's gonna be at its normal speed.

DIALOGUE, THIRD TIME

M: So, Erica, you said you've been on a million road trips, what was that all about? Where have you been?

E: Okay, well, maybe not a million road trips.

M: Hehe.

E: But many road trips. Every summer I used to go on a road trip with my family and we would drive many many hours, probably eight hours in one day up to Northern Canada.

M: Oh, wow! Nice.

E: Yeah, and then we would go camping and we would sleep outside and we would have a **campfire** at night, it was great.

M: Oh, family road trip.

E: Yeah, but maybe eight hours in a car is a little too long.

M: Well, yeah. Well, I've been on a different kind of road trip with some, uh, **buddies** of mine, some friends. We would drive to Las Vegas.

E: Really?

M: Yeah, so, that's really fun – **a bunch of** crazy guys in a car going to Las Vegas and then just having fun and talking about everything, so, that's a much different experience than a family road trip.

E: Maybe that sounds a little bit more fun.

M: Hehe. Yeah, eight hours in a car is not really that boring with all your friends. Alright, folks, we're out of time for today, but **be sure to** visit our website at englishpod.com and leave all your questions and comments.

E: Okay, well, thanks for listening and until next time... Good bye!

M: Bye!