

“People in America”

with inspiring and touching stories



Melody Bales

“I like people to smile; when they come in here and it happens.”



Tim Ma

“You could make your own destiny; you could work hard and that could lead you to your dream...”



Naftalie Williams

“If you fall down, you get back up and you work on things until you feel you’ve completed it!”



Athena Zhe

“I’m the type of person that always likes to take it to the next level.”

UNIT 1

First Contact



Icebreaker

Match each question with the correct answer.

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| _____ 1. Hey, what’s up? | a. I like to hang out with friends. |
| _____ 2. So, what are you into? | b. Yes! You were at Gary’s party! |
| _____ 3. How do people greet in your country? | c. No, I live in the city. |
| _____ 4. You look familiar. Have we met before? | d. I like photography. |
| _____ 5. Do you live around here? | e. Not much. I just had a class. |
| _____ 6. What do you usually do on the weekend? | f. We usually shake hands. |

Practice asking the questions above with a classmate.
Think of three more questions that you could ask someone you have just met.

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Natural English

We use the word “into” in spoken English to describe our hobbies and interests. You can think of it as replacing the word “like.” For example, if you like music, you can say “I’m into music.”



Task 1 This Is a Great Party

Listen to the conversations and number the pictures. 02



SKILLS Listening for Predictions

What will each person most likely say next? Listen again and circle the correct answers. 03

1. a. I came with that group over there.
b. Yes, I live in the school dormitory.
c. Sorry, I don't know where it is.

2. a. I'm too tired. Please slow down.
b. Yes, about four times a week.
c. I often start running at 5 p.m.

3. a. I just came from the dorm.
b. I'll study here for a year.
c. I'm from Taiwan.
4. a. It's due back in two weeks.
b. Sure. What kind of books are you into?
c. OK. It's about a man who travels a lot.

5. a. Really? It's quite famous.
b. The sale had 50% off.
c. OK! Let's exchange numbers.

6. a. I'm really into basketball.
b. I'm a Miami fan.
c. I've played for about two years.

Task 2 Are You a Freshman?

James and Kelly are getting to know each other. Listen and circle **T** if the statement is true and **F** if it is false. 04



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|---|---|---|
| 1. James is an English major. | T | F |
| 2. James is from Florida. | T | F |
| 3. They are in the same English class. | T | F |
| 4. They are both seniors in college. | T | F |
| 5. James is only taking one English course. | T | F |
| 6. James' parents didn't want him to study law. | T | F |

SKILLS Listening for Opinions

Listen to the statements. Check the ones that are opinions. 05

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. a. ☐ | b. ☐ | c. ☐ |
| 2. a. ☐ | b. ☐ | c. ☐ |
| 3. a. ☐ | b. ☐ | c. ☐ |
| 4. a. ☐ | b. ☐ | c. ☐ |
| 5. a. ☐ | b. ☐ | c. ☐ |
| 6. a. ☐ | b. ☐ | c. ☐ |

Did You Know?

The name "Big Apple" became popular in a famous New York newspaper in the 1920s. A writer used the word "apple" for the prizes that were awarded at horse races. Because there were many important horse races in New York, people started calling it "The Big Apple."

Task 3 I'm Into Dancing!

Listen to six people introduce themselves. Write each person's name under the picture. 06

1.



2.



3.



4.



5.



6.



SKILLS Listening for Locations

Listen again and match the speaker to the place that he or she comes from. 07

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

a. Singapore

b. Paris, France

c. California, U.S.A

d. Minnesota, U.S.A

e. Sydney, Australia

f. Texas, U.S.A

Challenge!

Can you remember the greetings the six people use? Write as many as you can below.

Pronunciation Helper

Pronunciation Practice

A. Listen and repeat. Practice reading the questions with the correct intonation. 08

1. Do you live around here? ↗
2. Who is that guy over there? ↘
3. Are you a freshman, too? ↗
4. How may I help you? ↘
5. Where are you from? ↘
6. Have you lived here long? ↗

We use a rising sound for "yes/no" questions and a falling sound for "wh" questions.

E.g. Q: Are you a student here? ↗ (rising)
A: Yes, I am.
Q: Where do you live? ↘ (falling)
A: I live in the city.

B. Listen to the questions and draw an arrow pointing up or down to show the correct intonation. 09

1.		2.		3.	
4.		5.		6.	

Listen Closely!

Listen to the conversation and write the missing words. 10



M: What a great party! ¹_____ you having fun?
W: Yes, I am. I'm Sally. ²_____ your name?
M: I'm Tony. It's nice to meet you. So, are you a student at CalTech, too?
W: Yes, I am. ³_____ do you study?
M: I study Computing. ⁴_____ about you?
W: Math. ⁵_____ you live near the school?
M: Yes, I live in the dormitory.
W: Oh, lucky you. Hey, I have to go meet my friends.
M: Oh, OK. ⁶_____ I add you on Facebook?
W: Sure. Look me up – I'm Sally Carter.

Pair Work: Role-play the conversation with a classmate.