

“People in America” with inspiring and touching stories



Ernestine Shepherd

“If you practice what you preach, you can’t go wrong. And that’s what I do every day of my life.”



Matthieu Finot

“I think if you live with your passion, and you’re passionate with what you do, then I think your life will be happier...”



David Titcomb

“Every day, when you’re a player, the obstacle is you have to play your best.”



Maz Jobrani

“I believe that comedy can serve as getting across a serious message as well.”

UNIT 1

Making Weekend Plans



Icebreaker

Match the question with the correct answer.

- ☐ What time shall we meet tomorrow?
- ☐ What are you up to this weekend?
- ☐ Are you free on Sunday?
- ☐ Are you coming to my party this evening?
- ☐ I’m going to see *Atomic Man*, want to come?
- ☐ Have you got any plans for Saturday night?

- Sorry, I can’t. I have to work.
- No, thanks. I watched it yesterday.
- We’re going to Paris for a city break.
- Is around 3:00 good for you?
- Not yet. What do you want to do?
- Yes, I’m free in the afternoon.

Ask your classmates the above questions. Try to think of three more questions that you could ask to make plans for the weekend.

- _____
- _____
- _____

Natural English

We use the words “up to” in spoken English to talk about what we are doing or what we are going to do. You can think of it as replacing the word “doing.” For example, if you want to ask someone what they are doing this evening, you can say, “What are you up to tonight?”



Task 1 Where's the Gym?

Listen to the conversations and number the pictures. 2



SKILLS Listening for Locations

Listen again and check the correct answers. 3

1. What are they looking for?

☐ Their car parked on Level 2

☐ A disabled parking beside the elevator
2. Where is the man going to?

☐ The church on Lewis Road

☐ A cycle shop behind the church
3. Where are they going to?

☐ An apartment on the 6th floor

☐ An apartment downtown
4. What is the man looking for?

☐ The gym in the basement

☐ The pool next to the gym
5. Where is the woman going to?

☐ A restaurant on Section 2

☐ A restaurant on Section 1
6. Where are they meeting?

☐ At Exit 4 of a subway station

☐ By the convenience store by Exit 4

Task 2 I Don't Think I Can Make It

Neil has invited Jane and her husband to dinner, but Jane needs to solve a few problems first. Listen and circle **T** if the statement is true and **F** if it is false. 4



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| 1. Jane doesn't want to go to the dinner. | T | F |
| 2. Jane has already found a babysitter. | T | F |
| 3. Mark is always looking for extra cash. | T | F |
| 4. Jo is good with kids. | T | F |
| 5. The last returning bus is too late. | T | F |
| 6. Neil will give Jane and Eric a ride. | T | F |
| 7. They might meet next Saturday instead. | T | F |

SKILLS Listening for Solutions

Listen to the statements. Check the ones that are solutions. 5

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

Did You Know?

British English uses "at" for talking about the weekend, and American English uses "on." Both words are correct and have the same meaning.

Task 3 I Go Surfing on Weekends

Listen to six people talk about what they like to do on weekends and circle the correct answers. 06

1.  **Zaid**

a. play football
b. watch football
c. do engineering work

2.  **Bruce**

a. work
b. surf
c. walk his dog

3.  **Amber**

a. shop in markets
b. go for a hike
c. do landscaping

4.  **Cat**

a. play classical music
b. listen to music
c. go to concerts

5.  **Mike**

a. go skydiving
b. go to the university
c. meet with his wife

6.  **Vicky**

a. donate clothes
b. hold a sale
c. go shopping

SKILLS Listening for Key Words

Who does each speaker do their hobby with? Listen again and match the correct answers. 07

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

a. a female co-worker

b. his partner

c. her sister

d. some friends

e. a male colleague

f. a dog

Challenge!

Do you remember what each person's occupation is? Write as many as you can below.

Pronunciation Helper

Pronunciation Practice

A. Listen and repeat. Practice reading the sentences with the correct shortened pronunciation. 08

1. Sally **has to** work on her assignment this weekend.

2. Tony **wants to** go for a ride on Sunday.

3. We're **going to** cancel our beach trip.

4. I **have to** finish my proposal tomorrow morning.

5. Do you **want to** meet up for coffee on Friday?

We often shorten "going to," "want to," and "have to" when we speak.

Looks Like	Sounds Like
going to	gonna
want to	wanna
have to	haveta
wants to	wansta
has to	hazta

B. Listen to the statements and write down the short forms you hear. 09

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

Listen Closely!

Listen to the conversation and write the missing words. 10

Jon: Hey, Tom! What are you and Jenny doing this weekend?

Tom: Well, Jenny ¹_____ work on Saturday, but I'm free if you ²_____ hang out.

Jon: I don't ³_____ work, and the forecast says the weather's ⁴_____ be great. Do you ⁵_____ go bike-riding?

Tom: Sure, I need some exercise. We should invite Cindy, too. She just bought a new bike and said she ⁶_____ go riding soon.

Jon: OK, I'll call her later. I'd better hang up now. I'm ⁷_____ be late for work.

Tom: Alright, see you on Saturday.



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