

“People in America” with inspiring and touching stories



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“What inspires me to create is a constant need to challenge myself and also to problem solve.”



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“Exceptional Minds is a place you can go and you’ll be accepted and you’ll learn things and it’s awesome.”



Evan Lutz

“We’re looking to change the face of produce to make it really accessible, really affordable for people that really need it.”



Matthew Burnett & Tanya Menendez

“I want to make you feel empowered, that you can make something happen that you never thought that you could.”

UNIT 1

How’s It Going?



Icebreaker

Match each question with the correct response.

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| _____ 1. How’s it going? | a. Totally! What’s showing? |
| _____ 2. Got time for a chat? | b. Sure, it’s 886-346-3874. |
| _____ 3. I like to hang out in the park. What about you? | c. I spend a lot of time at the coffee shop near my apartment. |
| _____ 4. Do you want to catch a movie later? | d. For sure. Let’s grab a seat. |
| _____ 5. Are you a local? | e. Not bad. Yourself? |
| _____ 6. Can I get your phone number? | f. No, actually. I moved here last year. |

Think of four more questions that you could ask to learn more about others.

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Natural English

We use the phrase “catch a movie/film” in spoken English instead of the verb “see.” For example, “Last night, I caught an old black and white movie at the theater downtown.”



Task 1 I Swear We've Met Before

Listen to the conversations and number the pictures. 02



SKILLS Listening for Decisions

Listen again and choose the correct answers. 03

1. The girl decided to _____.
a. have a coffee with the boy
b. have the boy do something for her
c. run some errands for her friend
d. visit her friend living on the east coast

2. The woman decided to _____.
a. find the room herself
b. give the man the directions
c. follow the man
d. work in that building

3. The woman decided to _____.
a. buy the man's artwork
b. ask the man more questions
c. paint the man in her work
d. look at the prints of the man's work

4. What kind of cheese did the man choose?
a. American
b. Cheddar
c. Swiss
d. Cheddar and Swiss

5. What did the woman decide to do?
a. Go to the bathroom
b. Talk to the man for a while
c. Leave soon
d. Clean up

6. What will the boy do after class?
a. Move to another country
b. Start a new school
c. Give the girl a tour
d. Meet the girl's family

Task 2 I've Been Coming Here for Years

Hillary and Jake are chatting while they are waiting in line. Listen to the conversation and circle **T** if the statement is true and **F** if it is false. 04



1. Jake has never been to this movie theater before.

T F
2. Hillary lives close by with her parents.

T F
3. Hillary grew up watching a lot of films.

T F
4. Jake watched a lot of TV when he was younger.

T F
5. Hillary has watched every movie by Jim Jarmusch.

T F
6. They will meet up for coffee tomorrow.

T F

SKILLS Listening for Names

Listen again and write the correct name from the box. 05

Boston	Art Academy	Island Park	Pacific State
Jim Jarmusch	St. John's	Hollywood	

- _____

1. Name of the theater
- _____

2. Neighborhood where Hillary grew up
- _____

3. Place where Jake moved from
- _____

4. Jake's university
- _____

5. Hillary's university
- _____

6. Movie director

Did You Know?

The first movie theater in the world that only showed motion pictures was opened June 19th, 1905, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It was named the Nickelodeon. This name came from the cost of a movie ticket at the time, a nickel, and the Greek word for theater, "odeon."

Task 3 Dreams of Riches and Fame

Listen to six people talk about why they moved to Los Angeles and match the correct jobs. 06

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

a. teacher

b. flight attendant

c. personal trainer

d. taxi driver

e. director's assistant

f. information desk clerk

SKILLS Listening for Reasons

Listen again and choose the correct answers. 07

1. Why did Peter move to L.A.?

a. He got a part in a commercial.

b. He wanted to make more money.

c. He has goals of being an actor.

d. He directs commercials.
2. Why does Nina like her job?

a. It's at the community college.

b. She is passionate about training.

c. She has a flexible schedule.

d. She can study at work.
3. Why did Josh move to L.A.?

a. He wanted to be an actor.

b. He wanted to be in a place with nice weather.

c. He wanted to be a lawyer.

d. He wanted to get a higher hourly wage.
4. Why did Mike move to L.A.?

a. To take night classes

b. To live in a sunny place

c. To get away from his girlfriend

d. To move in with his girlfriend
5. Why does Patricia love first graders?

a. They are excited about learning.

b. They call her Patty.

c. She is curious about them.

d. They always have fun playing games.
6. Why does Charles like the weather in L.A.?

a. It snows sometimes.

b. It reminds him of his hometown.

c. He doesn't like the sun.

d. He likes wearing shorts.

Challenge!

Can you remember what each person is planning for the future? Write as many details as you can.

1. Peter:

2. Nina:

3. Josh:

4. Mike:

5. Patricia:

6. Charles:

Pronunciation Helper

Sometimes, we blend two words together when we talk. This is called "linking." For example, when one word ends in a consonant sound, and the next word begins with a vowel sound, we link the two sounds together.

E.g.

- How is it going?
- Turn up the music, please.

Pronunciation Practice

A. Listen and repeat. Practice reading the sentences and linking the consonant and vowel sounds. 08

1. Do you **work in** this building?

2. Do you **have any** questions?

3. I've **lived in** here for 5 years.
4. We should go **grab a** bite to eat.

5. You **are in** my algebra class.

6. I'd like two tickets **for eight** o'clock.

B. Listen to the sentences and write the linking words you hear. 09

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

Listen Closely!

Listen to the passage and write the missing words. 10

This morning, I was sitting in the cafeteria, studying for my Spanish Literature midterm. Then, a woman sat down next to me, and we started chatting. Her name was Maria, and she's from Argentina. She's ¹ _____ ² _____ student, so ³ _____ ⁴ _____ here for one year. We are ⁵ _____ ⁶ _____ a lot of the same things, like rock climbing and photography. We made a plan to go hiking this weekend. Plus, she said she'd help me with my Spanish if I help her with her English.

Your turn: Take turns reading the passage with a partner and focus on the linking sounds.

