

Unit 1. Weather

1. In other words, weather is what the sky and air are like.
2. Climate tells us what kinds of weather usually happen in an area at different times of the year.
3. People try to use these measurements to figure out what the weather will be in the future.

Unit 2. Rain, Snow, and Clouds

1. Rain is made of very small drops of water, and snow is from very small pieces of ice that form naturally.
2. Where the air is colder, the water vapor turns back into drops of water or crystals of ice.
3. The drops of water and crystals of ice fall back down to the ground as rain, snow, sleet, or hail.

Unit 3. Spring and Summer

1. In spring, the weather gets warmer because the earth is tilted toward the sun.
2. In some places, summer is the wettest season with the most rain, and in other places, it is a dry season.
3. There is a lot of food for animals to eat.

Unit 4. Fall and Winter

1. Fall is also called autumn in England.
2. In fall, most animals look for food so that they can store it for winter.
3. Fewer plants are found in winter.

Unit 5. The Sky Above

1. The sky appears blue because of the scattering of sunlight by the molecules.
2. They look much smaller than they are because they are far away from the earth.

3. It is lit up by the sun as it goes around the earth.

Unit 6. Planets

1. A light in the night sky that looks bigger or brighter than the other stars might be a planet.

2. They are Mercury, Venus, Terra, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune.

3. Mercury is the closest to the sun, and Neptune is the farthest from the sun.

Unit 7. Leaders and Governments

1. To vote means to choose for or against someone or something.

2. To appoint means to choose someone for a position or a job.

3. A judge makes sure that laws are fair.

Unit 8. The Capital and the White House

1. Washington, D.C. is the capital of the United States.

2. A monument is a building or statue that shows special respect for a person

or an event.

3. Congress is the part of the government that makes laws for the country.

Unit 9. Taxes

1. The king ordered them to pay taxes on things like sugar, stamps, and paper.

2. This extra money was a tax.

3. At this time, King George III needed lots of money because England had just finished fighting a very expensive war against France.

Unit 10. A Nation Is Born

1. On the fourth of July in the year 1776, many American leaders signed the Declaration of Independence.

2. The leaders said that people had the right to be free and to decide how to rule themselves.

3. They said, "King George, we are not going to listen to you anymore."

Unit 11. George Washington

1. He led the American army during the American Revolutionary War and later became the new republic's first president.
2. They were farmers, blacksmiths, shoemakers, carpenters, and shopkeepers.
3. For eight years, General Washington commanded the American soldiers against the mighty British army, and he led them to victory.

Unit 12. Benjamin Franklin

1. He loved learning, he liked to experiment, and he was willing to work very hard.
2. Americans hoped that Franklin could get the French to help them in their fight against the British.
3. Those French troops helped the Americans win the war.

Unit 13. The Three Little Pigs

1. The first little pig built a house of straw, and the second little pig built a house of sticks.

2. But the third little pig built a brick house.

3. Now, the wolf tried in vain to blow down the strong brick house.

Unit 14. The Blind Men and the Elephant

1. The second man, standing near the elephant's head, put his hand on its long, sharp tusk.

2. "The elephant is actually similar to a fan."

3. Then, the elephant tickled the sixth man with its trunk.

Unit 15. Opera

1. In a play, people put on costumes and then go onstage to act out a story.

2. Operas are usually performed in opera houses.

3. But because the singing and music are so beautiful, many people love to listen to operas even if they do not understand the words.

Unit 16. Ballet

1. In a ballet, there is music, often played by an orchestra, but no one sings

or talks.

2. Ballet dancers have to practice for years to learn all they need to know.
3. They have to work at balancing themselves and controlling their bodies.

Unit 17. Self-Portraits

1. A self-portrait does not have to look like a photograph.
2. The Dutch painter Vincent van Gogh painted 37 self-portraits.
3. How many times does Rockwell show himself here?

Unit 18. Still Lifes

1. It is called a still life because the objects in the painting do not move.
2. Still lifes often include flowers, fruit, books, china, silverware, furniture, or other small objects.
3. Once the artist knows what to paint, he or she has to decide how to arrange the objects.

Unit 19. How to Tell Time

1. When the minute hand moves from one number to the next, 5 minutes have passed.
2. The two dots : are called a colon.
3. The number to the right of the colon tells the minutes.

Unit 20. The Calendar

1. A calendar is a set of pages that show the days, weeks, and months of a particular year.
2. There are 12 months in a year: January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, and December.
3. Learn to say the ordinal numbers from thirteenth to thirty-first in order.