

Unit 1. What is a Desert?

1. In the desert, only a few centimeters of rain fall each year.
2. In the desert, there are big differences in temperature between day and night.
3. During the day, they have to find shady spots to stay away from the hot sun.

Unit 2. The Water Cycle

1. Only 3 percent of world's water is fresh water from rivers and lakes.
2. When the sun heats up the water, it evaporates into the sky.
3. In this way, the water cycle changes salt water in the oceans into fresh water every day.

Unit 3. Alligators and Crocodiles

1. They are look-alike but are different.

2. Crocodiles are angrier and meaner than alligators.

3. Now, can you distinguish one from another?

Unit 4. Forests

1. They grow in many different regions, from vast boreal forests in the north, to temperate forests, and to tropical forests near the equators.

2. Temperate forests cover climates that have four seasons.

3. Exotic flowers, insects, monkeys, and most medicinal plants are found in rainforests.

Unit 5. Insects

1. Scientists have found over five million different insects around the world.

2. They have a big head, a long neck, and a fat abdomen.

3. After a few days, the larva totally changes into a chrysalis.

4. Bees help us grow food by taking pollen from flower to flower.

Unit 6. The Solar System

1. Our solar system consists of the sun, eight planets, moons, and some gases and dust.
2. Earth is the only planet that has water and oxygen.
3. All the planets except Mercury and Venus have moons.

Unit 7. Climate

1. They are polar, desert, temperate, and tropical climates.
2. In a desert climate, it rains very little, so only a few plants grow.
3. Various animals and colorful birds live in these regions.

Unit 8. What Is Light?

1. Light moves around in the form of a tiny piece like sand.
2. We only see objects when light from a source strikes them and bounces off toward our eyes.
3. The speed of light is the fastest that anything can move.

Unit 9. The Mighty River: the Nile

1. This fertile land made one of the oldest civilizations in the world possible.
2. The Nile was the quickest and easiest way to travel from inland areas to the sea.
3. Nothing in the region would survive without the Nile.

Unit 10. The Statue of Liberty

1. America declared their independence from the king of England in 1776.
2. It was a gift to celebrate their declaration of independence from the king of England.
3. In the book, the date of American independence, July 4, 1776, is carved.

Unit 11. Abraham Lincoln

1. While Lincoln was the president, the United States was divided into the North and the South.
2. At last, the Civil War broke out because of this conflict.
3. He saved the United States from being divided and saved the Constitution,

which gave freedom to the people.

Unit 12. Helen Keller

1. Helen became blind and deaf when she was 18 months old.
2. She gave Helen a rock and wrote R-O-C-K on Helen's palm.
3. Helen did not let her disabilities stop her from achieving her goals.

Unit 13. The First Thanksgiving

1. Because King James did not allow them to practice their own religion, they left their hometown.
2. They taught the Pilgrims how to plant crops and vegetables.
3. They decided to have a feast to celebrate the harvest.

Unit 14. The Wild West

1. Some hoped for religious freedom while others hoped to discover gold or silver.
2. Gold was discovered at a mine in California.

3. The history of the American Wild West was so dramatic that it has become a part of American culture.

Unit 15. Good Citizens

1. But there are common rules for citizens to make their lives better.
2. Citizens have to choose the people who will best represent them by voting.
3. It means that we make our country and community safer and stronger.

Unit 16. Chinese New Year

1. This lets the old year out and welcomes the New Year.
2. At every home, adults give money in red envelopes to their children.
3. Thus, Chinese New Year is also known as the spring festival.

Unit 17. The Magic Pot

1. She brewed a pot of pasta while singing, "Bubble, bubble magic pot with my pasta!"
2. Big Anthony was so surprised that he failed to notice that Grandma Witch

blew the pot three kisses in order to make it stop producing pasta.

3. Grandma Witch forgave him and said, "Eat up all the pasta you made!"

Unit 18. How Man Got Fire

1. He created man and gave him Zeus's fire.

2. Zeus worried that man might become strong and wise like him.

3. He ordered Prometheus to be chained to the side of a mountain to suffer there for eternity.

Unit 19. Fingers, Rocks, and Bones

1. Mathematicians said that the first counter was a cavewoman 30,000 years ago.

2. One scratch on a bone was one deer, and two scratches meant two deer.

3. The numbers were sent to European countries by Arab traders.

Unit 20. A Smart Counter

1. "There are numerous oranges to count," grumbled Mario.

2. He counted ten oranges and put them into each bag.

3. "When you count things in big numbers, first group ten into one bundle.

Then, count how many bundles you have grouped," said Mr. Simpson.