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Unit 2 The Labels We Live By	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss assumptions about behavior Talk about assumptions related to age Compare and discuss similar experiences Write a report based on graphs Conduct a survey about consumerism and labels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses of <i>will</i> Uses of <i>would</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describing personality Using three-word phrasal verbs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listening for the intonation on interactional phrases Saying stressed syllables beginning with /p/, /k/, /t/
Unit 3 In Hindsight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss past actions and their present results React to past situations Describe a negative experience; offer sympathy and reassurance Write a short story based on a set of facts Discuss and present an alternate history 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Variations on past unreal conditionals Commenting on the past 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thought processes Describing emotional reactions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listening for weak forms in complex verb phrases Using intonation to show emphasis
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Review 2 (Review of Units 4–6)				



Listening	Speaking skills	Reading	Writing	Speaking
<p>I get what you're saying ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A conversation about the innovations found in a new app 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acknowledge arguments and propose counterarguments 	<p>Robotics to the rescue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An article about robots and humans working together 	<p>An essay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce examples Organize ideas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk about the tasks best suited to robots Discuss what things you would like AI to do in the future Offer and support your opinion Discuss interesting examples of AI <p>Time to speak</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present a proposal for a robot helper to address the needs of a particular job
<p>Same here!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A conversation about how speaking another language changes the way you interact with the world 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss similar experiences 	<p>Read the label</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An article about product labeling on healthy food products 	<p>A report based on statistics and graphs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to data in graphs Use language for presenting statistical information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk about common types of social media users Talk about the right age to do different activities Discuss your experience with language learning Draw conclusions about consumer trends based on statistics <p>Time to speak</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do a survey about the importance of labels on shopping behavior; present your results
<p>A complete disaster!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two conversations about the same story 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe bad experiences Offer sympathy and reassurance 	<p>Too good to be true</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> News stories about unlikely events 	<p>An anecdote about a strange coincidence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create cohesion with <i>both, each, neither, etc.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk about different possibilities for events in the past Discuss how you might handle different problems Create and share the backstory leading up to a bad experience Discuss and question whether a story is believable <p>Time to speak</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk about how changing one past event could affect the world today
<p>Look away!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A presentation about the effects of screen time on our eyes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarify a problem 	<p>Attention to detail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A quiz that reveals if you're a big-picture thinker or tend to focus on details 	<p>A personal profile</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use initial descriptive prepositional phrases for concise writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk about the esthetics of close-up imagery React to images of animals' eyes Discuss what problems can occur because of excessive screen time Discuss a personal profile statement; offer suggestions for others <p>Time to speak</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create and present an action plan that involves both big-picture and detail-oriented tasks
<p>Working from home</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A presentation about current trends in working from home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signal causes and effects 	<p>Remote success story</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A news feature story about a business whose employees work virtually 	<p>A profile</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use participle phrases to connect ideas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss where and how you seek solitude Discuss the degree of solitude of different jobs Present and discuss ideas about the pros and cons of current topics Discuss the chances of success for different companies to operate virtually <p>Time to speak</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make a case for working remotely
<p>A surprising comeback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A news feature and interview about business revivals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add emphasis 	<p>Jump scare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Different perspectives on being scared 	<p>Summary of a text</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paraphrase without repetition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk about reactions to surprises Describe famous upsets Compare local and global industries where you live Write short summaries on articles about fear <p>Time to speak</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan a surprise for people based on interviews about their interests

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Unit 7 Roots	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss the growing interest in DNA testing and genealogy Talk about celebrations in your family and community Share a story about visiting a place with special significance Summarize information about a topic Present a plan to promote a cultural celebration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Negative and limiting adverbials Fronting adverbials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talking about ancestry Talking about customs and traditions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listening for missing /t/ and /d/ sounds Saying diphthongs
Unit 8 Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss distractions and attention spans Talk about instincts and gut reactions Describe the best features and selling points of apps Write presentation slides Pitch a company, an idea, or a product to investors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phrases with <i>get</i> Phrases with <i>as</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talking about attention and distraction Expressions with <i>get</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listening for long word groups Saying primary and secondary word stress
Unit 9 Health vs. Modern Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss the effects of a sedentary lifestyle Suggest ways to establish good sleep habits Ask and deflect probing questions Write about a clean-water initiative and how it works Present and explain choices that you have made for other people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referencing Continuous infinitives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussing health issues Discussing (lack of) sleep 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listening for stressed and unstressed grammar words Saying consonant clusters
Review 3 (Review of Units 7–9)				
Unit 10 Reinvention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk about future food options and how likely they are Discuss new ways to use natural energy sources Discuss the advantages of rethinking daily habits Write a summary of a discussion about the new economy Present and evaluate an idea for reinventing pet ownership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple past for unreal situations <i>It</i> constructions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussing global food issues Discussing global energy issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listening for sound changes in connected speech Saying the /ŋ/ sound
Unit 11 True Colors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss the importance of color for businesses Talk about color expressions and their meaning Respond to questions in different ways Write a short opinion essay Create a flag for a specific group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject–verb agreement Articles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describing color associations Color expressions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listening for uncertainty Saying vowels before consonants
Unit 12 Things Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Answer job interview questions about change Talk about places that have changed drastically Tell a story that you heard from someone else Write a review of a movie or book Create a structured story from pictures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The present subjunctive Perfect infinitive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talking about change Describing change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listening for sound changes in colloquial speech Reading aloud
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The story of a returnee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An interview with someone who has just returned from her ancestral home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comment on your own story Express an opinion Respond to someone else's story 	When a language dies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A graph and text about languages in danger of extinction 	Summary of a story <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parallel structures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss the pros and cons of DNA tests Talk about the occasions that bring your family together Tell stories about visiting new places Synthesize the main points in a story Time to speak <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss a local festivity and decide the best way to promote it
It's the app you need <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A conversation between an app designer and a friend 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speak persuasively about a product 	The perfect pitch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An article about developing a pitch for investors 	Presentation slides <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation formats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk about the distractions in your life Talk about how important instinct is in daily life Discuss the apps that make your life easier Compare presentation slides Time to speak <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present a pitch to investors for an idea or product
Clearing the air <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An interview with a politician about clean air issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask probing questions Buy time to think / deflect questions 	A thirsty world <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three short articles about water crises around the world and water charities that address them 	A short article <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phrases to highlight viewpoint 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk about ways to discourage a sedentary lifestyle Discuss a sleep plan for different people Discuss important local issues in a role-play activity Consider strengths and weaknesses of an initiative Time to speak <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present choices for other people based on their priorities
A life without plastic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A conversation about the challenges and value of going plastic-free 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defend an opinion Conclude a turn 	What's yours is mine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short texts from a forum about new economic models 	A summary of a discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoiding opinion in a summary Marking opinion in a summary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss alternative food options Discuss renewable energy Debate alternative lifestyle choices that benefit the environment Consider the conclusions from a discussion Time to speak <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debate the pros and cons of a local initiative
It tastes like green! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Q&A session with two experts on the psychology of color 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respond to questions for different purposes 	A sense of identity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An article on the significance of colors in sports marketing 	An opinion essay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Express and support opinions with examples 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss the best color scheme for different products and companies Discuss color expressions Consider what effect color has on taste expectations Discuss the arguments presented by others and offer feedback for improvement Time to speak <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss and present the characteristics that define a group's identity
"And that's when it all changed!" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A story about a celebrity impersonator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retell a story Refer to the original story Skip details 	"The next thing you know, ..." <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An article about the structure of a successful movie script 	Movie review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write concise descriptions (multi-clause sentences) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practice giving job interview answers Talk about how things have changed dramatically Retell a story Describe plots and turning points Time to speak <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a creative story based on pictures