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Unit 1-1 Love Story

Love Story, Andy Williams

Where do I begin

To tell a story of how great a love can be,
The sweet love story that is older than the sea,
The simple truth about the love she brings to me.
Where do I start.

With her first hello,

She gave a meaning to this empty world of mine.

There'd never be another love, another time.

She came into my life and made the living fine;

She fills my heart

She fills my heart with very special things,
With angel songs,
With wild imaginings.
She fills my soul with so much love
That anywhere I go I'm never lonely.

With her along who could be lonely.

I reach for her hand.

It's always there.

How long does it last?

Can love be measured by the hours in a day.

I have no answers now but this much I can say:

I know I'll need her till the stars all burn away and she'll be there.

Volcabulary

1. **begin** 開始,著手;動手

2. simple 單純的,樸實的;天真的

3. empty 空洞的,無意義的;徒勞的

4. living 活;生存

5. imagine 像

6. **fill with** 使…充滿…, 把…裝滿…

7. **fill** 裝滿;填滿;使充滿[(+with)

8. lonely 寂寞的,孤寂的

9. reach 伸出(手);伸手及到,夠到

10. **last** 持續

Unit 1-2 How do I love thee?

"How do I love thee? Let me count the ways..." by Elizabeth Barrett Browning (1806-1861)

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways. I love thee to the depth and breadth and height My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight For the ends of being and ideal grace. I love thee to the level of every day's Most quiet need, by sun and candle-light. I love thee freely, as men strive for right; I love thee purely, as they turn from praise. I love thee with the passion put to use In my old griefs, and with my childhood's faith. I love thee with a love I seemed to lose With my lost saints. I love thee with the breath, Smiles, tears, of all my life; and, if God choose, I shall but love thee better after death.

Volcabulary

1. **depth** 深度,厚度

2. breadth 寬度;幅度

3. **grace** (神的)恩典,慈悲

4. candle-light 掌燈時分,薄暮

5. strive 努力,苦幹,奮鬥

6. purely 清白地,純潔地

7. **praise** 讚揚,稱讚

8. passion 熱情,激情

9. grief 悲痛,悲傷

10. faith 信念;信任,完全信賴





Unit 2-1 Restaurant Reservation

A: Shogun Restaurant.

B: Hi, I would like to make a dinner reservation.

A: Of course, what evening will you be joining us on?

B: We will need the reservation for Tuesday night.

A: What time would you like the reservation for?

B: We would prefer 7:00 or 7:30.

A: How many people will you need the reservation for?

B: There will be 4 of us.

A: Fine, I can seat you at 7:00 on Tuesday, if you would kindly give me your name.

B: Thank you. The last name is Foster.

A: See you at 7:00 this Tuesday, Mr. Foster.

B: Thank you so much. I appreciate your help.

Volcabulary

1. **restaurant** 餐廳,飯館,飯店

2. reservation 預訂;預訂的房間(或席座)

3. **prefer** 比較喜歡

4. seat 使就座

5. kindly 親切的;和藹的;善良的

6. appreciate 感謝, 感激

7. **would** 願意,要,想

8. last name

9. of course 自然的, 當然, 如你所料

10. **evening** 傍晚;晚上





Unit 2-2 Restaurant Order

Waitress: Excuse me, Madam. Are you ready to order now?

Maria: Yes. I'll have some salad, roast beef, and mashed potatoes.

Waitress: How do you want the beef? Rare, medium, or well-done

Maria: Well-done. And easy on the salt, please.

Waitress: No problem. Would you like to drink something?

Maria: Do you have coffee or tea? I'd like decaf.

Waitress: Yes, we have both. Which one would you like, coffee or tea?

Maria: Iced tea, please. And easy on the ice.

Volcabulary

1. madam (恭敬稱呼)夫人,太太,小姐

2. **order** 定購;叫(菜或飲料)

3. **roasted** 烘烤的

4. mashed 磨碎的

5. rare (肉等)半熟的,煮得嫩的

6. medium (肉)燒得適中的,中等熟度的

7. well-done (尤指肉)熟透的,煮透的

8. salt

9. decaf 去掉咖啡因的咖啡(茶)





Unit 3-1 Train Station Dialogue

When George and Dan get to the lobby of the train station, they are tired. Fortunately, they spot two empty seats in the lobby...

George: Excuse me. Is this seat taken?

Dan: (Take off the headphones.) I'm sorry. What did

you just say?

George: Oh. Will someone be using this seat?

Dan: No. You can take it.

George: Would you mind moving over one seat so my

wife and I can sit together?

Dan: No, not at all.

Volcabulary

1. lobby (劇場,旅館等的)大廳;門廊

2. train station 火車站

3. fortunately 幸運地,僥倖地

4. **spot** [□] 認出,發現

5. empty 空的;未佔用的;無人居住的

6. seat 座,座位

7. **take off** 脫下;移去

8. **move over** 娜開些

9. headphones 頭戴式耳機

10. **not at all** 一點都不





Unit 3-2 Favor

Tom: Can you do me a favor?

Jamie: Sure. What is it?

Tom: Can you keep an eye on my bag, please?

Nature's calling.

Jamie: Sure. Will you be long?

Tom: No. I just want to use the bathroom.

Jamie: Go ahead. It'll be safe with me.

Volcabulary

1. favor 幫忙,小忙

2. long 冗長的;過久的

3. go ahead 往前走,繼續,進展,進步

4. backpack 後背包

5. leave 離去;放棄;留下

6. put 放,擺,裝

7. gone 遺失了的;無可挽回的

8. **bet** 敢斷定,確信 [+(that)]

9. stole steal 的過去式:偷竊

10. nature 天性;性質;本質





Unit 3-3 Travel

Abby: Hi, Harry, it's great to see you again. I heard you've traveled a lot recently.

Harry: Yeah. In the past three months I traveled to many countries in Africa.

Abby: Well, I really envy you! Did you pet a hyena? (Harry is dumbfounded.) I'm just kidding.

Harry: Well, I didn't pet a hyena, but I was once chased by a rhino, and it was fun!

Abby: Are you serious?

Harry: No. I'm just kidding.

Abby: You really scared the heck out of me.

Harry: (Laughing...) Well, I really missed the comforts of home. Now I just want to take a break. A long break!

Volcabulary

1. recently 最近

2. country 國家;國土

3. Africa 非洲

5. hyena 鬣狗, 土狼

6. dumbfounded 驚呆的;目瞪口呆的

7. chase 追逐;追捕;追蹤

8. **rhino** 犀牛 (=rhinoceros)

9. serious 認真的;不是開玩笑的

10. comfort 使人舒服的設備,方便的東西





Unit 4-1 Breaking up

Sylvia broke up with Paul and she couldn't sleep that night...

Janette: Sylvia, your eyes look swollen. What happened?

Sylvia: I broke up with Paul last night and I was all over the bed the whole night.

Janette: Well, it's understandable, but Paul isn't the kind of guy that deserves your heartache. Come on. You'll find a nicer guy soon.

Sylvia: Well, I was restless because I was thinking how I was so stupid that I almost trusted the rest of my life to him....

Janette: Oh, Sylvia....

Volcabulary

1. break up (婚姻或男女朋友)關係中止

2. swollen 膨脹的;浮腫的

4. understandable 能懂的;可了解的

5. deserve 應受,該得

6. heartache 痛心;悲痛

7. come on 鼓勵某人做某事

8. restless 焦躁不安的,煩躁的

9. **stupid** 愚蠢的,笨的

10. rest 剩餘部分;其餘的人;其餘





Unit 4-2
On a Diet

May is on a diet to lose weight, but her friend is trying to coax her into eating a bowl of ice-cream. Can May stand the temptation?

Sam: Would you like to have some ice-cream? I've got a variety of flavors for you to choose from. I've got strawberry, peach, chocolate, chocolate chip, chocolate brownie, coffee, vanilla, rocky road, butter pecan, and praline.

May: Wow! What choices you have! I wish I could, but I just can't. I'm on a diet to lose weight.

Sam: Come on, it's just a bite. It doesn't really hurt to have just a bite.

May: I'd better not. Please don't tempt me. Please!

Sam: Gee! You are really strong-willed.

Volcabulary

1. coax 用好話勸,哄誘

2. **temptation** 引誘,誘惑

3. a variety of 各種各樣的

4. flavor 味,味道

5. choose from 選擇,從... 中選擇

7. vanilla 香草

8. praline 胡桃糖;杏仁糖;乾果糖

9. **diet** 特種飲食

10. **strong-willed** 意志堅強的





Unit 5-1 Breaking down

Ken didn't show up for class because his car broke down....

Burt: Why didn't you show up for class this morning?

Kevin: I don't even want to talk about it. My car broke down.

Burt: What happened?

Kevin: The engine seems to be busted. It's driving me crazy!

Burt: Wow. Have you thought about getting a new

car?

Kevin: Yeah, I've thought about that, but I can't afford a new car. I'm broke.

Burt: Maybe you can lease a car. It doesn't cost much. I know Toyota is running a promotion.

Kevin: Really? How much is it?

Burt: Zero down and \$219 per month.

Kevin: That's a good deal. I might wanna consider it.

Volcabulary

1. show up 出現,露面;出席

2. broke down 停止運轉,失靈,失效

3. engine 發動機,引擎

4. **busted** 損壞了的

5. think about 考慮

6. **afford** 買得起

7. lease 出租;租

8. **promotion** 促銷,推銷

9. **deal** 交易

10. consider 考慮,細想





Unit 5-2 Out of Battery

Mary couldn't get her car started because the battery was dead again.

Mary: My car wouldn't start this morning.

Kevin: I used to have a problem like that. Did you check the battery?

Mary: Yeah. It was dead again. I had to find someone to jump it for me. It's driving me crazy.

Kevin: Well, maybe you should buy a new battery.

Mary: But I just bought this one three months ago. It's still new!

Kevin: Maybe they were dishonest and gave you an old one.

Mary: Well, I don't know. Whatever it is, I'm going to return it. It's ridiculous!

Volcabulary

1. battery 電池;蓄電池

2. dead 無效的,失效的

3. **used to** 過去經常 (+v.)

4. jump 使跳躍;使驚起

5. dishonest 不誠實的,不正直的;欺詐的

6. whatever 不管什麼

8. ridiculous 可笑的,荒謬的;滑稽的

9. **check** 檢查,檢驗,核對

10. driving me crazy 把某人逼得發瘋





Unit 6-1 Hot Office

John and Martha share an office. Martha likes to keep all of the windows close because she is afraid of cold, but John can't stand that...

John: It's like an oven in here! You must be roasting!

Martha: Actually, I'm just comfortable.

John: You've got to be kidding me. It has to be over 95 degrees in here!

Martha: What can I say? I'm a cold-blooded person. The warmer, the better, as far as I'm concerned.

John: Well, can we at least open a window and get some ventilation in here?

Martha: Knock yourself out.

John: Thanks, I will.

Volcabulary

1. close 閉的,封閉的

2. stand 經得起

3. oven 爐,灶

4. roasting 滾燙的, 酷熱的

5. comfortable (人)舒服的;自在的;安逸的

6. **cold-blooded** 冷血的

7. as far as I'm concerned 對我來說

8. ventilation 通風;流通空氣

9. knock yourself out 自在點;不要客氣

10. degree 度,度數





Unit 6-2 Rent

Blanca makes a phone call to an apartment complex inquiring about the rent...

Blanca: Hello. I'm calling about the apartment you advertised.

Manager: Yes. What kind of apartment are you interested in?

Blanca: I'm interested in a one-bedroom. Do you have any available?

Manager: Yes. I have one. When do you need it?

Blanca: Sometime around next week. What can you tell me about this apartment?

Manager: Well, it's a one-bedroom apartment. The monthly rent is \$650, with a \$300 security deposit. You pay electricity only. Gas and water is included. Both the heat and stove are gas. You'll be assigned a sheltered parking space at no extra charge. And...that's probably it.

Blanca: Sounds good. May I come over tomorrow to

take a look?

Manager: Sure. What time would you like to come?

Blanca: How about 10 a.m.?

Manager: Good. May I have your name, please?

Blanca: My name is Blanca.

Manager: Blanca. I'll see you tomorrow.

Volcabulary

1. **complex** 綜合設施

2. **inquiring** 詢問;調查

3. one-bedroom 一室一廳

4. available 可得到的,可買到的

5. advertise 登廣告;做廣告宣傳

6. rent 租金,租費

7. security 防備,保安;防護,防禦(措施)

8. deposit 保證金;押金;定金

9. **electricity** 電;電流;電力

10. sheltered 掩蔽的;被保護的





Online English Self-Learning Center Unit 7 Hot Weather

In the dialogue below, Gary and Sharon are complaining about how hot the weather is today...

Gary: Oh, my! It's really hot! I've never seen such scorching weather in my life!

Sharon: Tell me about it. It's like the whole world is broiling.

Gary: Oh, look at the thermometer! The temperature has hit 98!

Sharon: I hope it's not gonna break into three digits!

Gary: But it's already awfully close!

Sharon: Well, I just hope it'll level off.

Gary: I guess we can't do anything until after dark then.

Sharon: I guess so. What else can we do? You can't stay in the heat for long!

Volcabulary

1. complain 抱怨,發牢騷

2. **scorch** 把 ... 燒焦,把 ... 烤焦

3. broil 使受到灼熱;曝曬

4. thermometer 温度計

5. temperature 温度,氣溫

7. digit 數字,位數,指頭

8. break into 突然改變(由慢到快)

9. awfully 極度地;非常地

10. level off (升或跌之後)呈平穩狀態







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