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Practical English

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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

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**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.
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.
Vocabulary
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 姓
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.
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.
Vocabulary
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 [口] 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 挪開些
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.
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!
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....
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
6. chip  剩片，碎片
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

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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.
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!
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.
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
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!

Vocabulary
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 溫度計
5. temperature 溫度，氣溫
6. hit 達到，到達
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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