

track 1

Vocabulary / Listening

Listen to the words and repeat them.

plinko
color board
floating rubber ducks
corners
two dice toss
pig
skunk
yahtzee
card games
cribbage
M&M probability game
take the domino dare

track 2

Listening / reading

Listen to the story and answer the questions.

Being scammed in Paris

People say Paris is a must if you are a traveler. They also say that it is the capital of romance and passion, but, the truth is, you should be careful when booking a tour by yourself of traveling in small groups. Here is why.

It's very common that gipsy girls gather around you to sign a petition for the starving people in Africa. Should you sign, they will then ask you how much you wish to donate to them. If you tell them that you don't wish to donate, they then say "But you have signed. You have to pay". If you give them the money, you can be sure the money goes to no charity.

Another group of people who will try to trick you are 13-year-old children. Yes, you have read correctly. Children. You can be having a nice picnic anywhere and they arrive, then they try to steal your things: wallets, bags, phones, anything approachable. If you see them, be careful and hide things from them.

You will also be approached by a young woman and asked "Do you speak English?" If you say "Yes", they will tell you a story that will make you want to cry and, at the end of it, ask you for money.

A gypsy woman will pick up a gold ring from the floor and say something like “Oh my lucky day!” and then proceed to ask if you dropped it or if it is yours. You will probably say “No”, and then she will just give it to you. In return she will ask for a few dollars in exchange. This ring is not made of gold, but they will try to trick you.

There are many more stories. This is just a warning. If you travel to Paris, be sure you will enjoy the city no matter what, though you must be alert for scammers.

Track 3

1. Reading

Vocabulary / Listening

Traveling to make a difference

Have you ever heard about safaris in Africa? Well, many people believe that safaris are only a way to hunt and kill animals. But the truth is quite different.

Travelling to Africa can become a lifetime experience if you are willing to make a difference. First, you should know that safaris are a way of helping communities in many ways. Have you ever seen a documentary about one?

One famous safari is Safeguarding a Future for Africa's Elephants (S.A.F.E.). They offer eleven different kinds of trips, and 5–10% of your trip cost will be donated to four organizations that are dedicated to protect Africa's elephant population

Another one which has been really famous lately thanks to Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt is The AfriCat Foundation and Okonjima Game Reserve. Since 1993, it has rescued over 1,000 cheetah and leopard from livestock farmers. The foundation is a major player in Namibia's conservation community as well as a premier luxury eco-tourism destination.

A third one we want to mention is World Wildlife Fund's Great Uganda Gorilla Safari, where you can experience face-to-face encounters with the majestic mountain gorilla. Visitors will also observe chimpanzees and colobus monkeys in Kibale Forest National Park.

These are our top three African safaris you don't want to miss. Imagine being able to help animal conservation, tourism and also the communities. It is a life experience everyone should try!

Track 4

Reading/Listening

A suspicious happening in Egypt

Leslie is 17 years old, and she saved a lot of money for two years to visit her dream country: Egypt. Leslie had always found the stories about Egypt fascinating and wonderful, she began reading about pharaohs and pyramids when she was only 7. Her grandfather gave her a big puzzle and a book for children about the country, and she loved it from the start. She would always dream: "If I were rich, I would travel to many countries. But the one I want to visit the most is Egypt."

She told her grandfather this, and every birthday he would give her money to save for the future trip: "If I were younger, I wouldn't miss this opportunity." The last two years, she had worked at a local movie theater, and everything she earned, she put it in a special bank account.

So, here she was, only 17 and dreaming about going to the other side of the world. She had asked her grandfather to go with her, and he said: "Of course, Leslie! We will go together".

The day came, and after a 18-hour trip and two scales in Europe, Leslie and her grandfather got to Egypt. They had booked a nice hotel in the center of the city. The hotel was close to a tour agency. The tour agency approached them as soon as they were outside the hotel, and a man spoke to Leslie's grandfather:

- "If you could choose, where would you go to first here in Egypt?"

They looked at each other and grandfather said:

- "Thank you, kind man, but we already have plans."
- Oh!, but this tour will give you more than any other tour you have booked.

Grandfather said no again and then pulled Leslie inside the hotel. But Leslie was intrigued...

track 5

Reading / Listening

Flying to Morocco

Tony had to be at the airport for his flight at 3 a.m. to Morocco, so he had to leave home at least at 12. He didn't listen to his alarm clock and he overslept. He woke up at 12.30 a.m. and the airport was an hour away. He got dressed very quickly, grabbed his luggage and ran out of the house and into a taxi.

When he got to the airport, he realised he had forgotten his passport, so he told the taxi driver to please return home. When he got home, he grabbed his passport from his room, and returned to the airport.

When he arrived at the airport, he checked in and ran to the plane. But it was too late! The plane had already taken off! He had to pay an extra \$500 dollars to get the next one.

While he was waiting, he went to buy a book. The book was about people who like to travel a lot. He was in the waiting area reading when he heard his plane was already receiving passengers. Tony stood up and ran, this time he didn't want to miss his flight.

Tony was already sitting in his place, when he remembered he had left his luggage in the taxi! He hadn't checked it! So, he immediately told the air hostess to let him out.

He ran again, while calling the taxi driver. It turned out the taxi driver had been smart and left his luggage with a policeman. Tony went to the policeman and thanked him for this. He then tried to return to the plane but, it was too late. His plane had already taken off.

track 6

Reading

Underline the non-separable phrasal verbs you can find in the following reading.

A journey to Russia

Good day, everyone! My name is Kate Clapp and I'm a Russian YouTuber. Today, I want to talk to you about my country. I want to tell you some important places so that you can check up on them..

I will start up by saying that Russia is a country of contrasts. Russia turned into many different countries a few years ago. Nevertheless, what we know as Russia today is still fighting to become a leader country.

One important factor about Russia, is tourism. There are so many historic places to see about, Russian history is one we should always look up to. It has been a dreadful, yet inspiring one. For example, the last czar of Russia, Nicholas II, a tragic yet intriguing death which people still talk about today. You can visit the Romanov's Russia, a journey throughout

the significant sites of the rise and downfall of this important family. You will have to put up with all the blood and drama involved in this.

You should visit The Red Square, which is a city square in Moscow. It separates the Kremlin, from a historic merchant quarter known as Kitai-gorod. Red Square is considered to be the central square of Moscow. You can hear of people around this building telling stories of ghosts too!

Many people also go to St. Basil's Cathedral, a Christian church in Red Square in Moscow, Russia and Russians count on it as a symbol of the country. The building is officially known as the Cathedral of the Intercession of the Most Holy Theotokos on the Moat. A must visit!

And, to finish: The Moscow Kremlin, a fortified complex in the center of Moscow. It is the best known of the kremlins (Russian citadels) and includes five palaces, four cathedrals, and the enclosing Kremlin Wall with Kremlin towers.

So, if you are planning to visit us, you must include these places in your trip. Of course there are many other places, but these are my favorite recommendations for tourists. Come soon!

track 7

Reading / Listening

Listen to the following story and underline all the past simple and present perfect sentences you can find.

Life in South Korea

Hi, boys and girls Let me introduce myself. My name is Pony and I'm a famous South Korean vlogger. But today, I won't talk about myself. Instead, I want to tell you a little about my beautiful country.

South Korea had a population of 51 million people in the year 2017, I really don't know how many we are right now. The majority of the people live in the province surrounding Seoul in the north west of the country. The capital is Seoul, with 10 million inhabitants, which has been the country's biggest city for many years. The name is Republik of Korea (ROK) and we have a Presidential Republic government.

Our national holiday has been August 15, which represents Liberation Day. Our language was, is and will always be Korean. Our national symbols have been the taegeuk (yin yang symbol), Hibiscus syriacus (national flower) and the Siberian tiger (national animal) since I can remember. The national colours have always been red, white, blue and black. Again,

this information is something which has been true to me since I was little, so if there was an update, please let me know ;)

Well, continuing, for many centuries South Korea was an independent kingdom, but after 1905 the country was ruled by the Japanese. After Japan surrendered to the USA after the WWII in 1945, Korea gained independence again. But, the country soon was split between South Korea and communist North Korea along the 38 degrees latitude.

Nevertheless, since 1953, South Korea's economy has expanded successfully, while the people in North Korea are very poor and the relations between the two Koreas are very strained.

One of the attractions which I can mention is Myeong-dong, the main shopping district of the capital city, a busy shopper's paradise with glittering lights and billboards. Bukchon Hanok Village, on the other hand, is the preserved old quarter and traditional Korean village you simply must see. Here you will also find Gyeongbokgung Palace. I can tell you a lot of different marvellous things about my country. I recommend you to visit us and discover the many historical and new things we can offer you.

track 8

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Reading

People in Canada

Hey there! It's me! It's Just Nick! I'm a Canadian YouTuber and Vlogger. My country has been receiving people from other countries for many years, and today I would like to talk to you about some of them.

First, I have a friend who came to Canada a few years ago, his name is Dimitri. Dimitri has been working in this country as a chef at a local restaurant. His mom has been running the restaurant where Dimitri is a chef. Every time I visit them, they tell me that they have been serving lots of food during the day because they keep on receiving so many guests. I didn't want to tell them I was in here, so I have been making a line for about an hour! It's crazy. But they say their food is just amazing, so I'll wait forever if necessary.

A second friend who came to live to Canada is Paulo. Paulo is from Brazil. Paulo is a carpenter. Paulo has been doing pieces of furniture for local establishments and his art is just marvellous! He has a waiting list of about a month! He's that great. Some of the people who have bought his items in the past, give him the best reviews on his Facebook page and on his Instagram account. He is incredible!

Thirdly, my friend Daliah from South Africa. Daliah has been taking courses to become an optometrist. Her classes are Monday to Wednesday, from 9 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. After her classes, she has been teaching children in a hospital on how to defend themselves from bullying, as she is a certified coach on the matter. Daliah likes to collaborate with local governments, so she has enlisted herself into different activities to help them in different routines, specially with children and teenagers. She rocks!

Last, but not least, my friend Himari. Himari is a young Japanese girl who has been traveling around the world on her own, helping people build houses and bringing water to communities which need it. She has been making contracts with huge companies from around the globe, and she says she will never stop until her goal is completely set: 10,000 homes in Latin America and 8,000 wells in Africa. She has been growing as a person doing this, she says it keeps her heart warm and busy. I admire what she does, and I can only hope to become as great as she is, one day.

So, these are a few of my international friends. I deeply admire and respect them. I guess you can say Canada is now a country full of wonderful people who have come from other places. We have been building a strong nation with people from everywhere. And we are happy about it.

track 9

Reading / Vocabulary / Listening

Read and listen to the following story. Underline all the tenses you find.

Gossip is never a good story

Everything was a mess!

Carlos and Lucia were high school sweethearts, but something was getting on the way!

Daniel is Lucia's ex boyfriend, and he had told several of his friends that Lucia was still in love with him. He even mentioned that she wrote to him every night before going to bed. The story was told by a close friend of them, and from there everything went crazy!

Lucia arrived to school very early on Monday morning. Before 8 a.m., she was already speaking to several of her close friends, searching for ways to stop the gossiping going around. To make things worse, there were even pictures of her which had been distributed to male classmates, and of course, it was Daniel's deed.

Lucia and her friends had come to a conclusion, and they were going to play a prank on him. Everything was well planned, they were going to make him pay.

But, things don't always go right when revenge is on the way.

Teacher Donna heard what some of the girls were saying and she approached Lucia to ask her what was happening. Lucia told Teacher Donna the story, and mentioned that her friends and her were going to do something about it. Teacher Donna listened to Lucia and when she finished, she reminded her that she was right to be upset, but that this was called bullying and harassment, and that she should tell the school authorities on the matter so that things could be stopped. Lucia listened to the teacher and then she asked her to help her talk to the principal. Lucia saw that things were getting too ugly, and that it could get worse.

Teacher Donna arranged a meeting with Lucia and the principal. The school subdirector and two other teachers were there, as well as two of Lucia's friends. They showed the messages and the pictures to the principal. The principal listened to them, and then he called his secretary to bring Daniel to his office. When Daniel arrived, he imagined what was happening and started apologising. The principal asked him to sit down, and then he asked everyone to be quiet while he spoke directly to Daniel.

The principal was very strict, and he mentioned to Daniel the legal problems he could have if he continued with that conduct. Daniel apologised for his behavior and said that he had done this because he was jealous, and that he wanted a second chance.

The principal asked Daniel to publicly apologise to Lucia, and to his classmates, because this could have happened to anyone. Apart from that, Daniel was asked to stay everyday after

school for an hour to talk to the psychologist and to work inside the classrooms giving extra classes to students with low Math grades, as he was excellent in that subject.

Daniel learned his lesson and he tried to become a better student. It was a big mistake from him, but everyone at school learned from it because the principal brought different people to give talks on bullying and on anger control. This happened to Daniel, but it could have been a girl too. The best thing to do, the principal said, is to talk to the right people and speak up when necessary. No one should be afraid.

track 10

Reading / listening

Listen to the conversation and fill the blanks with missing information.

Mon: Her, Ernest. Listen to me. I have important things to say.

Ernest: Ok, Mon. I'm listening

Mon: Did you know that Abraham Lincoln was elected to Congress in 1846 and that voters elected John F. Kennedy to Congress in 1946?

Ernest: Wow, no! I didn't know!

Mon: And there's more. Lincoln was elected president in 1860, and voters elected Kennedy president in 1960.

Ernest: What a coincidence!

Mon: Also, both men were particularly concerned with civil rights.

Ernest: That's very important in history, Mon.

Mon: Indeed. Plus, Lincoln was shot on a Friday, and someone shot Kennedy on a Friday. Lincoln was shot in the head, and the gunman shot Kennedy in the head.

Ernest: Stop! You are giving me the chills!

Mon: I know!

Ernest: Well, I have heard that John Wilkes Booth, who assassinated Lincoln, was born in 1839. Lee Harvey Oswald, who assassinated Kennedy, was born in 1939.

Mon: Interesting!

Ernest: And here's something else: Andrew Johnson, who succeeded Lincoln, was born in 1808. Lyndon Johnson, who succeeded Kennedy, was born in 1908.

Mon: So many coincidences. I want to know more!

Ernest: Let's find more about them online, what do you say?

Mon: Im in!

track 11

Reading / Listening

Listen to the following conversation and write the missing information.

Linda - Hi, Manuel!

Manuel - Hey, Linda!

Linda - How are you today?

Manuel - Well, I'm kind of worried about the future.

Linda - Why?

Manuel - Well, school is almost over and I don't know what I will do.

Linda - Well, tell me. What are you going to do when you finish your education next summer?

Manuel - I don't know. I guess I'll look for a job.

Linda - Then, start planning that!

Manuel - Yeah, I guess you are right!

Linda - You have plenty of time to plan ahead,

Manuel - What about you?

Linda - I know exactly what I'm going to do. I'm going to take a gap year to travel.

Manuel - Wow! Great for you! And, where will you go?

Linda - I don't know yet. Maybe I will travel to South America and help on some ecological communities.

Manuel - That sounds great! But, you can start working in your own community.

Linda - Absolutely! But, since I want to travel, maybe I can do both at the same time.

Manuel - Absolutely!