



A Friend on the Bus

Dictation

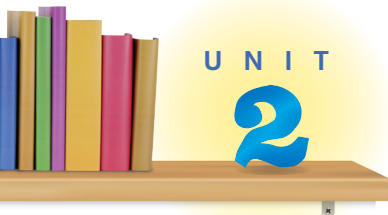
Listen and write the words you hear.  Track 01

Linda is nervous as she _____ onto the bus. It is her first time to _____ the bus to her new school. She hopes she remembers to get _____ at the right stop.

After Linda finds a seat, the girl _____ her says, "Hi, I'm Amy. I think we go to the _____ school. I can tell from your _____." Linda is not sure what to say, _____ she just smiles. Amy _____ with Linda until they arrive at school. Then Amy says, "This is our _____." Come on."

Linda doesn't feel _____ anymore. Today, she will start _____ a new school, and she _____ has a new friend.





Are Buses Safe?

Dictation

Listen and write the words you hear.  Track 03

Are buses a safe way to _____? In the US, the School Bus Information _____ (SBIC) says they are.

Say 1,000 people travel 10,000 _____ by car, plane, train, or bus. The SBIC uses that as 10,000,000 _____ kilometers. The SBIC can then _____ deaths by traveler kilometers.

Each _____, six people in the US are _____ in cars for every 1 billion traveler kilometers. That's not many. One _____ is killed in planes for every _____ billion traveler kilometers. That's even less! One person is killed in _____ for every 3 billion traveler kilometers. Only _____ person is killed in buses for every 10 _____ traveler kilometers!





Eric's History Cards

Dictation

Listen and write the words you hear.  Track 05

Eric always gets bad grades on his _____ tests.
In fact, Eric is the _____ student in his class.

One day, Eric asks his _____ for help. She says,
"Write names, places, and other _____ on
small cards. Then study those cards. Read the _____
every day."

Eric follows the teacher's _____. He takes
the cards _____. He takes them on the bus. He
takes them to _____. He also takes them to the park
so he can _____ them after soccer practice. This is
how Eric _____ things for the next test.

On the test, Eric is _____. He gets
the best _____ in his class!





Word Webs

Dictation

Listen and write the words you hear.  Track 07

Every day in school you learn new _____. Do you want to know a _____ effective way to learn and remember new words? _____ a word web!

A _____ web has lots of _____ going out from the center. A word web is _____ that. Write a new word to learn in the _____. Then write any words that you think of when you _____ the center word. You can also draw _____ that you think of. Put words and pictures all _____ the center word. Then draw lines back to the center, like a _____.

Is this exercise really _____ for learning new words? Yes, it is. Try it!





The Cupcake Basket

Dictation

Listen and write the words you hear. 

Sally wants to _____ cupcakes. She mixes some flour, _____, and sugar together. Then she _____ in some milk. Now all she needs is _____. However, Sally does not have any at her house.

Sally _____ to her neighbor's house and knocks on the front door. "May I _____ some butter?" Sally asks.

Her neighbor is _____ to give her some butter. Sally _____ home and finishes preparing the cupcakes. When the cupcakes are _____, Sally puts a few of them in a _____. Then she goes to her neighbor's house.

"Here," Sally says. "_____ are for you!"

The neighbor is very happy. The _____ taste delicious.





Number Cakes

Dictation

Listen and write the words you hear.  Track 11

Old cookbooks show us when different foods _____.
In this way, we find that the _____ cupcakes were made
around 1800.

Some _____ called these first cupcakes
number cakes. That _____ came from the easy way to
_____ the recipe. A person just needed to
remember the _____ 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, and 1.

The numbers in this recipe _____ first use one cup of
butter and two _____ of sugar. Then put in three cups of
_____ and four eggs. Finally, put in one cup
of milk and one _____ of baking _____.

That was one of the first and easiest cupcake
_____.





Dictation

Listen and write the words you hear.  Track 13

Julie and Max want to make _____. They put the popcorn in a pan and _____ the pan with a _____. Then they put the pan on the _____ and turn it on.

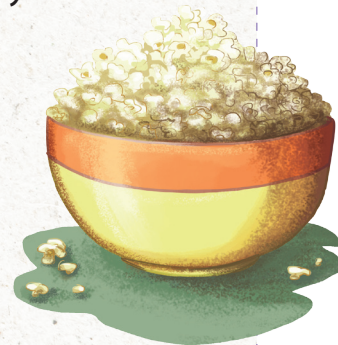
“Let’s go _____ TV,” says Max.

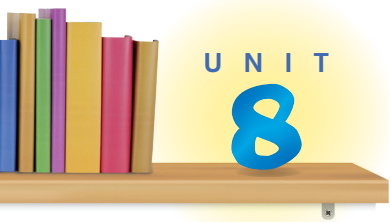
Max and Julie’s favorite cartoon is on _____.
_____ of the kids thinks about the popcorn in the _____ while they watch.

Then _____, Julie gets up and says, “I smell smoke!”

“The TV was too _____, so we didn’t hear the popcorn. We _____ about it!” says Max.

The kids hurry into the kitchen. There is _____ everywhere. They turn off the stove.
The popcorn is _____.





Microwave Popcorn

Dictation

Listen and write the words you hear.  Track 15

Here is _____ you need to make microwave popcorn
_____. You need a paper bag. It does not need
to be a _____ bag at all. A plain brown paper
bag is _____. Then you need popcorn. It does not need
to be special corn. _____ popcorn from any store is fine.
That's it!

_____ the popcorn in the bag with a little oil.
_____ the top a few times. Then cook the bag in the
_____ for two minutes. When the popping
_____ stop, the popcorn is ready.

The next _____ you want to eat popcorn,
try this. People who eat _____ often
can save a lot of _____ this way!



Oscar Shops

Dictation

Listen and write the words you hear.  Track 17

Oscar's mother asks him to buy a _____
of milk. She gives Oscar money. Oscar puts the money in his
_____ and goes to the grocery _____.

Oscar looks around the store. He sees various
delicious _____ on the shelves. Oscar puts a
_____ of potato chips in his shopping basket. He also
gets a _____ of cookies. Finally, he gets a few chocolate
_____. Then Oscar is ready to check _____. He
goes to pay for his _____. He uses all the money, and he
_____ home.

"Where is the milk?" _____ Oscar's
mother.

Oh no! Oscar forgot to _____ it.





The Toy Tour

Dictation

Listen and write the words you hear.  Track 19

A tour company in New York City has a special _____.
The tour shows people famous toy _____ in the
city. For this tour, the company _____ people
from toy store to toy store. They _____ some
of the history of each _____. There are even special
_____ for tour guests at some of the stores. Of
course, _____ also have some shopping time at
each _____.

The tour is not just about _____ and shopping,
though. Part of the _____ that the company
makes goes to a children's _____.
Fun and shopping go together with helping
_____ children!





A Pet Hamster

Dictation

Listen and write the words you hear.  Track 21

_____ Fred walks by the pet store, he
_____ to look at the animals. Fred sees dogs, cats,
and _____ there. Fred also sees his favorite animal,
_____. The hamsters are tiny and soft.

Fred _____ getting a hamster with his
parents. They will _____ him to buy one, but Fred must
_____ for it.

Fred works hard to earn _____ for his hamster.
He does _____ chores at home and mows the
_____ for his neighbor. When he finally has enough, Fred
goes to the _____ and gets a hamster.
He also buys a cage for it. Fred
_____ all of his money,
but he is happy.





What We Spend on Pets

Dictation

Listen and write the words you hear.  Track 23

Many pet owners pay for more than _____ and medicine for their pets. They also buy _____, clothes, and even special items for their pets. One _____ card company studied this. They found that about _____ of dog owners buy new toys _____ treats for their dogs every month. Those toys and treats usually _____ up to about \$20 each _____.

Some pet owners _____ even more for their pets. The _____ time you visit a pet store, look at all the special _____ for dogs. You may find clothes, _____, and shoes for dogs. There may even be a _____ shop for dogs in the pet store.





The Blind Men and the Elephant

Dictation

Listen and write the words you hear.  Track 25

An elephant walked into a _____ where four blind men lived. The first _____ man touched the elephant's side and said, "An elephant is like a _____."

Another touched the elephant's tail. He was _____ an elephant was like a rope.

The third _____ the elephant's trunk. He said, "The elephant is like the _____ of a tree."

The last _____ the elephant's ear. "It is like a big _____."

The blind men began to _____ about who was right. Another man _____ and said, "All of you are right, and all of you are _____."

The elephant is made up of all the parts not just the _____ each of you felt."





Dictation

Listen and write the words you hear.  Track 27

Usually, we read by _____. We use our eyes to read letters on a page. However, not everybody does. Have you ever seen a page with _____ dots? This is called Braille. These are _____ that can be read by touch! Blind people can read Braille with their _____.

Braille was _____ in 1825 by Louis Braille. He wanted to help _____ children. The _____ idea, though, came from Napoleon. He wanted "_____ writing" for the _____ army. With this, his army could get _____ at night. They wouldn't require _____ or light. In the end, the French _____ could not use this idea. However, Louis Braille could!





Aniz and His Flute

Dictation

Listen and write the words you hear.  Track 29

Aniz was a boy who could play the flute like _____.
However, Aniz worked for a mean master. The
_____ often hit him.

One day, the master _____ Aniz's flute.
After this, Aniz ran _____ to his grandfather's house.
His _____ made him a new flute.
Aniz _____ his new flute. Soon, he played even
_____ beautifully than before. When Aniz played, the
animals of the forest _____ near to listen.

Not long after that, Aniz _____ a cry for help. It was
his old master! Some animals were _____
him. Aniz saved him by playing his _____.
Aniz's old master was so grateful that he
_____ to never hurt
anyone again!





Snake Charmers

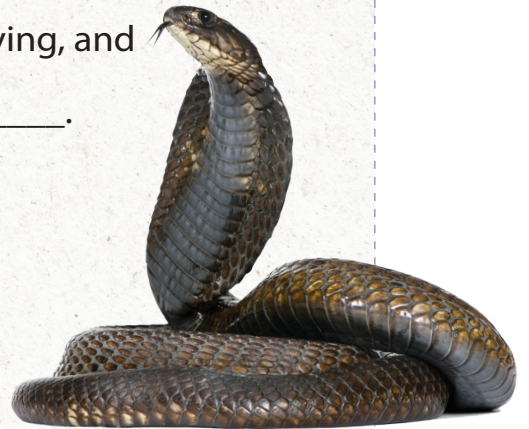
Dictation

Listen and write the words you hear.  Track 31

Imagine there is a dangerous _____ in front of you. It has big _____ and wants to bite you. However, you don't run away. You start playing a _____. Sound strange? That is what a snake _____ does.

When a snake pops out of a _____, the charmer starts to play his flute. This looks like it _____ the snake. The snake does not _____, but only moves from side to side. What's happening? Does _____ really charm snakes?

_____, snakes cannot hear music. The snake charmer _____ while playing, and the snake just follows his _____. Most snakes do not like to attack. Still, it is _____ to watch!





Go Get It, Boy!

Dictation

Listen and write the words you hear.  Track 33

Ms. Richards is old and can't walk to the _____ store. Brutus goes to the store for her, _____. Brutus is her dog.

First, Ms. Richards puts a shopping _____ into a bag with some money. Brutus _____ the bag by its _____ in his mouth. Ms. Richards says, "Go _____ it, boy!" Then Brutus runs to the grocery store.

At the store, Brutus _____ the bag to the man behind the _____. The man gets all the things on the list. Then he adds up the _____ and takes some of the money from the _____. After that, Brutus returns home with all the _____ for Ms. Richards.

Good _____, Brutus!





Casper Rides the Bus

Dictation

Listen and write the words you hear.  Track 35

Casper was a twelve-year-old cat who lived in Plymouth, a city in _____ England. Casper's owner _____ him from an animal _____ in 2002. Casper loved to _____ buses. He did not start riding _____ until 2006. However, Casper's owner did not _____. She knew that he liked to _____ and that he liked people.

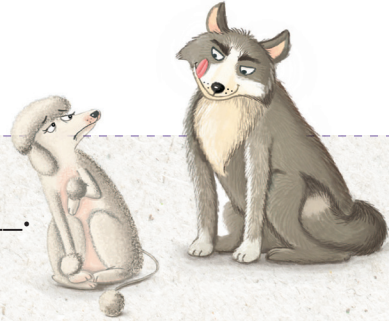
Many of the bus _____ learned where Casper lived. They knew when to let him _____ so he could go home. Casper made the Plymouth bus line famous! _____, Casper was killed by a car in 2010. The bus drivers _____ remember him, though. His picture is still _____ their buses.



Lost in the Woods

Dictation

Listen and write the words you hear.  Track 37



A poodle was lost in the _____.
Suddenly, a wolf _____!

The poodle saw some old bones on the ground. She
_____ to chew on one. When the wolf was
_____, she said loudly, "Delicious! That was the best
_____ I ever ate!"

The wolf was scared and _____ away. However, a
squirrel saw the _____ thing. He told the wolf that the
poodle had _____ him.

The wolf said, "Come on. _____ me kill that dog."

However, the _____ heard the squirrel and
the wolf. Thinking fast, she sat by the _____ again. When
they were close, she said loudly, "Where is that squirrel? I asked
him to _____ me another wolf."



Cat in the Box

Dictation

Listen and write the words you hear.  Track 39

A man in a _____ in England got a surprise.
He opened a _____ from Israel, and a cat jumped out!

People at the warehouse _____ the cat and
named it Ziggy. Then they looked into the _____
of the cat.

_____, Ziggy got into the box in Israel. For
seventeen _____, he traveled in the box. It was amazing
that he _____ that long without food or water!

Ziggy was _____ to an animal shelter. The people
who _____ him tried to find his owner in Israel.
They didn't have any _____.

However, Ziggy's story made the
_____, so lots of people in
England _____ to take him.

