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Baseball
Hello! I am Chin Park. I am thirteen years old. I am from South Korea. I am a junior high school student. I am a baseball player. I am number ten!

Linda
My name is Linda Notara. I am from Melbourne, Australia. I am fifteen years old. I was in junior high school last year. Now I am a high school student.

This week I am traveling in the United Kingdom. The U.K. has four countries. They are England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland. I was in England on Monday. On Tuesday and Wednesday I was in Scotland. I was in Northern Ireland on Thursday and Friday. Today is Saturday. Now I am in Wales.

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Valentine
I am Valentine. I am from France. I speak French. I am a junior high school student. I have four sisters. My school is in Paris. We like math and science.

Vito
My name is Vito. I am fifteen years old. I am a high school student. I am from Argentina. I live in Italy. I speak Spanish and Italian. I study English. I like school. I like history and science. I like music. I like dances. I like sports. I like soccer and basketball.

Fire
My name is Bruce Sugimoto. I am fourteen years old. I live in the USA. My mother and father are from Japan. I speak English. My mother and father speak Japanese and English. I like horses. I have one horse. His name is Fire. He is a black horse. I like to ride Fire. I like to ride Fire on Fridays and Saturdays. Fire runs fast!

Ann
My name is Ann Takada. I am from Japan, but I live in Canada. I am fifteen years old. I speak Japanese, English, and French. My mother and father speak Japanese and English. I like to run. I run in the morning. I run three kilometers. My mother likes to run too. She runs in the evening. She runs five kilometers. My father does not like to run.

Mary Big Sky
Mary Big Sky is an American Indian. She lives in Arizona. She is sixteen years old. She goes to high school. She has three brothers and two sisters. Mary has a car. She drives to school every morning. She likes school, and she likes to study too. She likes science, but she doesn’t like math. Her brother is a doctor. He is smart.

Raj
Raj is twenty years old. He lives in Singapore. He speaks English, Tamil, and Malay. He has one brother and one sister. His sister lives in Singapore, but his brother lives in Malaysia. Raj is a truck driver. He has a truck. It is a big truck. Raj likes to drive his truck. He drives to Malaysia every week.

Tom’s Father
Tom, Lisa, and David are good friends. Last year they were junior high school students. Now they are high school students. They go to Washington High School. They like to watch baseball in the summer and football in the winter. David is a baseball player! Last week he watched Tom’s father play baseball. They watched the game on TV. Tom’s father played a good game. They were excited. Lisa shouted, “Tom, Your Dad IS A GREAT BASEBALL PLAYER!”

Spain
Ken lives in Spain. He lives in Spain for ten years. He lived in Mexico last year. He lives in Chile now. He has one sister. Her name is Sofia. Ken and Sofia fight every day. Ken’s mother always shouts at Juan and Sofia. This morning Ken’s mother shouted, “Juan! Did you finish your homework?” Ken answered, “Yes, Mom, I finished my homework!” This afternoon Ken’s mother yelled, “STOP FIGHTING! DON’T PUNCH YOUR SISTER, JUAN!” “I didn’t punch her! She punched me!”

Juan and Sofia
Juan is in elementary school. He is eleven. He lived in Mexico last year. He lives in Chile now. He has one sister. Her name is Sofia. Juan and Sofia fight every day. Juan’s mother always shouts at Juan and Sofia. This morning Juan’s mother shouted, “Juan! Did you finish your homework?” Juan answered, “Yes, Mom, I finished my homework!” This afternoon Juan’s mother yelled, “STOP FIGHTING! DON’T PUNCH YOUR SISTER, JUAN!” “I didn’t punch her! She punched me!”

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A Yen for Sushi
In 2005, Yasuo Maeshiro and Desean Diel, working for Food Service Research International, published a report on 'Japanese consumers' sushi habits and attitudes'. Using questionnaires and informal interviews, the researchers interviewed 108 people from Hiroshima Prefecture in Japan. For those interviewed, sushi was consumed once a month on average. Olders were the highest consumers, preferring to purchase sushi from supermarkets rather than from sushi bars. Sushi made from tuna was the highest demand (78%). Salmon was the second most popular choice. Freshness and price were the most important factors for the final purchasing decision.

Comprehension Questions
1. When was the report published? 2. How many people were interviewed? 3. What Kind of sushi was in the highest demand? 4. Was the highest price an important factor?

Translation Task: Sushi
Below are the English names for the fish and seafood that are used to make sushi. Match the English and Japanese words.

- Eel, Octopus, Squid, Marinated Tuna, Abalone, Tuna, Salmon, Sea Urchin, Red Snapper, Sea Otter, Sea Urchin, Yellowtail, Shrimp, Freshwater Eel, Giant Clam

Discussion Questions
1. Do you prefer to eat fish, pork, or beef? 2. How often do you eat fish? Pork? Beef? Do you enjoy the same food?

Medical Marijuana
A 2005 State Department report stated that twenty-two billion pounds of marijuana are grown annually in the United States. The street value of California's crop alone may be as high as fourteen billion dollars. Since 1981, domestic marijuana production has increased tenfold. This makes pot the leading cash crop in America. While most marijuana transactions are conducted sub rosa, there is an open and booming industry in California and sixteen other states selling medical marijuana. A doctor's prescription, which is becoming increasingly easy to get, patients can buy ultra-high grade marijuana from any of California's hundreds of dispensaries.

Comprehension Questions

Latin
Within the legal and medical professions, there are hundreds of Latin terms and phrases used, such as ad-vae, which means 'in secret.', Latin is also used in everyday English. Below are several terms that are in daily use. Match the definitions with the terms and complete the sentences.

Latin Terms
- bona fide (exactly the same words) via (through, by means of)
- super (superior, above, beyond) poison or store
- id est (that is) erat (he was there)
- se (in the same way) and no non
- statu quo (the current standard) ex (by means of, out of)
- vice versa (in good faith or true)

Discussion Questions
1. Is alcohol legal in your country? 2. Are the drug laws in your country strict? 3. Do you prefer natural or prescription medication?

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