

Video Scripts: Teen Snapshots

Unit 1

Question: *What are your plans for this weekend?*

Ben: This weekend, I'm going to the movies with friends and we are going to see a movie called *The Hunger Games*.

Isabella: This weekend, I'm going to the ice rink to go skating with my friends and after that I'm going to my aunt's house to eat dinner.

Owen: This weekend, I'm going to the mall with my friends and I'm going to buy clothes.

Anastasia: This weekend, I'm going to my cousin's house for her birthday party.

James: This weekend, I am going to Connecticut for a swimming tournament.

Unit 2

Question: *How do I get to the ... ?*

Ms. Strum: Excuse me. How do I get to the main office?

Ben: That's easy. Go to the end of the hall. Take the stairs to the first floor. Go to the end of the hall. Turn left. It's right there.

Ms. Strum: Thank you.

Anastasia: Excuse me. How do I get to the cafeteria?

James: It's down this hall. Down the stairs on the first floor and it's on your right.

Anastasia: Thank you.

Patrick: Excuse me. How do I get to the gym?

Isabella: The gym? Go out the door. Take the stairs. Turn right. And go down the hall. It's in front of room 254.

Patrick: Thank you.

Unit 3

Question: *In your opinion, what's the best American food? Why?*

Ben: In my opinion, the best American food is the Philadelphia cheese steak. The Philadelphia cheese steak is a sandwich with sliced steak, cheese, and some people like to put onions on it. I think it's the best American food because it's so unique to the city of Philadelphia.

Isabella: In my opinion, fried chicken is the best American food. Depending on how you cook it, it can be either sweet or salty, and it's very crunchy.

Owen: In my opinion, the best American food is grilled cheese because it's very salty and delicious.

Anastasia: I think the best American food is macaroni and cheese because it is salty and sweet.

James: In my opinion, the best American food is apple pie because it is sweet and tasty.

Question: *What do you think is the most popular snack for teenagers in the U.S.?*

Ben: The most popular snack for teenagers in the United States would probably be popcorn.

Isabella: I think that sandwich cookies are the most popular snack for teens in the United States.

Owen: The most popular snack for teenagers in the U.S. are pretzels because they're crunchy.

Anastasia: I think the most popular snack for teenagers in the U.S. is trail mix, which is a mix of dried fruit, nuts, and sometimes even chocolate. I like it especially because the nuts are salty and crunchy, and the dried fruit are sweet and soft.

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Unit 4

Question: *What do you think you will do when you finish school?*

Ben: When I finish school, I will probably go to college and after I graduate college I will work for a couple of years before returning to study at graduate school.

Isabella: When I finish school, I will definitely go to college, and I will probably go to med school to become a doctor.

Owen: I will definitely become a scientist after I leave school, and I will probably go to college.

Anastasia: When I finish school, I will probably take a year off to go traveling, but then I will definitely go to school to study to be an actor.

James: After school, I will definitely go to college, and after college I will probably travel the world.

Unit 5

Question: *How do you help out at home?*

Ben: I help my parents out at home by walking the dog every day before school. When I get home from school, I walk him again, but I never do the dishes.

Isabella: At home, I feed the dog in the morning, and at night I will cook dinner, but I will never do the dishes.

Owen: In the mornings, I love to walk my dog and feed the cat, and after dinner I like to take out the trash, but my brothers never help me.

Anastasia: At home, I usually make my bed in the morning. And after school, I walk my dog and set the table. My sister and I take turns doing laundry.

James: At home, I make my bed every morning, and on the weekends I make breakfast for my family, but I never take out the trash.

Unit 6

Question: *Why do tourists visit your country?*

Isabella: Tourists visit the U.S.A because it is a beautiful country, and it has very different landscapes. We have cities, but we also have lakes and beaches and oceans and mountains as well.

Owen: Tourists visit my country because it's very scenic and beautiful, and the cities are very large and have a lot to do.

Anastasia: Tourists visit my country because we have big, bright cities, and lots of history to see.

James: Tourists visit my country for the big cities, and all the Broadway shows.

Question: *What outdoor sports and activities can you do in your country?*

Ben: In my country, we can go hiking in Yellowstone National Park. We can also go swimming in the Atlantic Ocean. I like to go to the Jersey shore.

Isabella: In Utah, you can go skiing in the winter, and in the summer you can go hiking and camping, or kayaking on the rivers.

Owen: In Hawaii, you can go surfing and snorkeling, and in New York State you can go mountain biking and hiking.

Anastasia: Well, we have many rivers where you can go white water rafting, but we also have many mountains where you can go mountain climbing or hiking.

Unit 7

Question: *What's your favorite movie? Why?*

Isabella: My favorite movie is *21 Jump Street*, and it is an action movie and a comedy. It's hilarious, and it's my favorite because Channing Tatum is in it.

Owen: My favorite movie is *Titanic* because it stars Leonardo Di Caprio. It's a love story and yet it's very sad at the same time. And I think it's very interesting.

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Anastasia: My favorite movie is *The Notebook* which is a dramatic romance about two people who fall in love, but there's conflict between their families. I like it because it's very heartfelt and very warming, and there's a great love story behind it.

James: My favorite movie is *Percy Jackson and The Lightning Thief* because it is very exciting. It is an action movie, and it makes Greek mythology very modern and fun for kids.

Unit 8

Question: *Describe an injury you had. What happened?*

Isabella: When I was younger, I was ice skating and I slipped and fell, and broke my wrist. I went to the hospital and I got a cast, but I was better in three weeks.

Anastasia: I got an injury from playing softball once. I was at practice and I got hit in the face with the ball. My face was very swollen, but it went away after a few days.

James: One time I was swimming, and I didn't see the wall so I hit my finger into the wall and I broke it, and it healed after about three weeks, and it's all better now.

Unit 9

Question: *Describe a severe storm you were in. What happened?*

Ben: Last year, Hurricane Sandy hit near where I live, and because of that the electricity in my house went out. So for two nights my family and I stayed at my aunt and uncle's house.

Isabella: Three years ago, I was at my grandmother's house, and there was a tornado. We took shelter in the basement where there were lots of supplies. Later, we came upstairs and realised a tree fell on the house.

Patrick: A few years ago I was in a big blizzard and there was two meters of snow, and I couldn't even leave the front door of my house.

Anastasia: Last year, there was a big blizzard in my city. I had plans to go to a party, but the roads were closed because there was too much snow.

James: Last summer, my family and I were on the beach, and there was severe thunderstorm. So the lifeguards evacuated the beach, and we went home.

Unit 10

Question: *Describe an accident you or someone you know were in. What happened?*

Ben: My mom and I were in a car when another car hit us. Good thing we were wearing our seat belts though because none of us were hurt.

Isabella: Seven years ago my dad was skiing when he slipped, fell, and rolled down the mountain. He went to the hospital in a helicopter, and they thought he was seriously injured, but luckily he only had a few broken ribs.

Patrick: One time my brother fell down the stairs and he broke his toe, so it's a good idea to always look where you're going.

Anastasia: My sister got in a car accident a few weeks ago. She was driving to the supermarket when someone forgot to look both ways before turning and their cars crashed. Luckily, they were both wearing seat belts, so they were both OK.

James: A few years ago, me and my brother were riding our bikes and I slammed on the brakes and I fell and broke my arm.

Unit 11

Question: *What were you doing last night?*

Ben: Last night, I was studying for three hours for a math test.

Isabella: Last night, I was cooking dinner and I was babysitting my little sister, and I was watching a movie. Finally, I went to sleep.

Patrick: Last night, I was writing poetry for a literature class today.

Anastasia: Last night, I was practicing the piano for the big concert this weekend.

Question: *What were you doing last weekend?*

Isabella: Last weekend, I was staying over at a friend's house, and we were playing video games.

Patrick: Last weekend, I was working at a mall in a clothing shop.

Anastasia: Last weekend, I was making cakes with my grandmother.

James: Last weekend, I was teaching a swim class.

Unit 12

Question: *Do you like art? Why / Why not?*

Ben: I like art a lot because I think it's a great way for people to express themselves in ways that maybe they're not able to when writing or speaking.

Isabella: I love art. I think that art is beautiful and I think art really tells a story.

Patrick: I don't like art very much because I don't really understand it.

Anastasia: I really don't like art. I just don't think it's very interesting.

James: I love art. I love going to the museum and looking at famous artists and their pieces of artwork.

Question: *Are you good at art?*

Isabella: I am good at art, and I like fashion design and I like to draw pictures of clothing.

Patrick: I'm not really good at art. I like math instead.

Anastasia: I'm OK at art. I just like drawing pictures of flowers.

James: I am good at art. I love to paint, and I love painting landscapes especially.