

Video Scripts: Teen Snapshots

Unit 1

Question: *What are you good at?*

Akshay: I'm good at playing music. During my free time I like to play the saxophone or the drums. And when I ride the bus to school I enjoy listening to music on my MP3 player because it helps me refresh my memory when I'm practicing.

Dominika: I'm good at helping people. I actually volunteer at a homeless shelter about once a week, where I help to prepare meals for the people and socialize with them.

Daniel: I really enjoy meeting new people and writing about them. So I'll ask them how their day was just so that I can get some ideas for a story or a play.

Sumner: I am good at singing. I started singing when I was young and I continue to sing. I enjoy singing a range of genres including R n B, pop, and Broadway.

James: I'm good at drawing. I started drawing when I was young and I like to draw people, animals, faces, and cartoons.

Lauren: I'm good at dancing. I take lyrical, jazz, tap, ballet, and pointe. I dance seven days a week, and I dance for two hours a day. I love it because it's very fun and it's a good form of expression.

Unit 2

Question: *What are your bad habits? How do you plan to change them?*

Akshay: My parents always tell me to do more work around the house. I always forget to take out the garbage on the weekends. I plan to fix this by making a checklist for myself.

Dominika: I don't spend enough time on exercise, and to fix this I plan on taking zumba classes because they're both fun and effective.

Daniel: One of my bad habits is spending too much money, so instead of taking my friends out to dinner I plan on starting to cook for them.

Sumner: Some of my bad habits include staying up too late and leaving things to the last minute. I plan to fix this by forcing myself to go to sleep early as well as planning my time.

James: Starting projects without finishing them. I plan to find my old projects and finish them.

Lauren: My bad habits are eating too much junk food and I plan on changing this by making healthier choices.

Unit 3

Question: *What were you like when you were younger?*

Akshay: I'm a lot taller now than I used to be. I was always taller than most of my friends, but now I'm the tallest one in my family.

Dominika: When I was young I used to really dislike the news. Today, I often read the newspaper and find the news very interesting.

Daniel: When I was younger, I used to be really shy. I used to be afraid of speaking in front of other people, but now I love to.

Sumner: When I was younger, I used to love Barbie dolls and hate spicy food. However, now I love spicy food.

Lauren: I used to be lazy about cleaning up my room but now I like having it neat and clean.

Unit 4

Question: *Do you think you're a brave person? Why?*

James: Yes, I've climbed a tall mountain that had a steep rockface. I have also gone scuba diving to see a shipwreck.

Lauren: I've been on TV before in a parade. It was really nerve-racking, but I performed and I had a lot of fun.

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- Question:** *Have you ever done something unusual?*
- Akshay:** Yes, I've been waterskiing before. My family and I went to Maine to visit our uncle, and he took us waterskiing on the lake behind his house with his motor boat.
- Daniel:** I've actually juggled with the Ukrainian circus, and it looks something like this.
- Sumner:** Yes, I've fed milk from a bottle to a baby elephant in Sri Lanka.

Unit 5

- Question:** *Have you had a medical procedure at the doctor or dentist recently?*
- Akshay:** I just got my braces removed. I had an appointment with the orthodontist this morning, and I'm really excited to start eating food without having to worry about getting food stuck in my teeth.
- Dominika:** Yes, in fact a week ago I went to the dentist and received a tooth filling.
- Daniel:** I just recently went to my doctor and received two allergy shots, so one in each arm.
- Sumner:** No. I haven't had a medical procedure with the doctor recently but I plan to go to the dentist next week.
- James:** Yes, I just went to the doctor and had an X-Ray because I hurt my elbow playing baseball.
- Lauren:** Last week I went to the doctor's office for a check up, then I ended up getting two shots.

Unit 6

- Question:** *Have you visited any national parks in your country?*
- Akshay:** Yes, I've been to Arcadia National Park in Maine. It was beautiful to see the coastline and all the exotic wildlife.
- Dominika:** I have visited the Everglades in Florida and saw a variety of alligators.
- Daniel:** I have not yet, but I am planning a trip to Yellowstone so that I can photograph all of the wildlife that's in the forest.

- Sumner:** Yes, I've visited The Grand Canyon in Arizona. You can see a beautiful sunrise above the canyon.
- James:** Yes, I visited a national park in Hawaii. There was a large volcano and the ground was all black.
- Lauren:** I've been to a glacier national park before and I really enjoyed seeing the views and the waterfalls.

Unit 7

- Question:** *What are some rules you have to follow in your school?*
- Akshay:** I have to come to class on time, but if I'm late I mustn't come without a pass from another teacher.
- Dominika:** In school, you must do your homework before class in order to receive a good grade and to know what the teacher is talking about.
- Daniel:** We always have to make sure we're respectful towards the teacher, so this means we must not play games or be on our cell phones during class.
- Sumner:** I must not eat in the hallways only in the cafeterias, and I must recycle cans and bottles.
- James:** We have to be out of the hallways during class and we must not eat, drink, or play sports in the hallways.
- Lauren:** You must have good attendance and you must never be late for class.

Unit 8

- Question:** *What are you supposed to do at home or school to help the environment?*
- Akshay:** At home, I sort the garbage into plastics, paper, and glass. Also I pick up litter if I see anything laying around our property.
- Dominika:** My friends and I often car-pool where we take turns driving to school to save gas.
- Daniel:** At home, I take care of all the food waste that we have, and then I use that to fertilize our garden in the back where we grow our own vegetables.

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- Sumner:** I'm supposed to turn off the lights when I leave a room. However sometimes I forget, but I do recycle all my plastic bottles.
- James:** At home, I try to keep my showers short, and I turn off the water while I brush my teeth.
- Lauren:** I'm supposed to keep bags in my car that I can use when I go to the grocery store.

Unit 9

Question: *What's your favorite commercial? What do you like about it?*

Akshay: My favorite commercial is for a website. It's funny because it features a baby who talks with the voice of an adult.

Daniel: One of my favorite commercials is this funny candy commercial where everyone's tired and acting differently, but after they have some candy they're all back to normal.

Sumner: My favorite commercial is of a car. It's cute because the mascots, three mice, are getting back into physical shape after being overweight.

Lauren: My favorite commercial is for a phone company. In it little toddlers tell a business man what they like about his phone company and I think it's really funny.

Question: *Do you believe what commercials claim? Why / Why not?*

Akshay: Some commercials are believable but others are just impossible, like some weight loss products that claim that you can lose 50 pounds in a month.

Daniel: I do because they have a lot of people checking their facts and making sure that what they're saying is true.

Sumner: I don't believe what all commercials claim because some are just ridiculous. There was one such product, of a plastic belt that you wrap around your stomach, and it would give you instant abs.

Lauren: I don't believe what all commercials claim because sometimes it's illogical and ridiculous.

Unit 10

Question: *What's the best thing to do if you see someone bullying another person?*

Akshay: If you can't or don't want to get involved, tell an adult as soon as possible.

Dominika: Always talk to the victim and check to see if they need any help.

Daniel: You should step in and speak up to the bully. Let them know that what they're doing is wrong.

Sumner: You should tell a teacher or an adult about the bully and the victim.

Unit 11

Question: *What are some tips for avoiding being a victim of crime in your city?*

Akshay: Always stay with a friend if you're walking through town especially at night.

Dominika: Whenever you wear a backpack make sure you always zip it up.

Daniel: I always like to take the bus with a group. It's a fun and safe way to travel.

Sumner: You should always keep your cell phone handy, as well as if you travel with a bag you should hold it tightly.

James: Always put your wallet in your inside coat pocket.

Lauren: When you're on a street in a city you don't know you should always look around and be aware of your surroundings.

Unit 12

Question: *What's your favorite holiday? Why? How do you celebrate it in your family?*

Akshay: My favorite holiday is the 4th of July. My brother and I go to our grandparents' house. And we watch a firework show together that takes place across the street. My aunt makes us dinner. And afterwards we stay over at their house for the night.

Dominika: My favorite holiday is Halloween. My brother, my sister and I, we wear costumes every year, and then we go out and collect candy.

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Daniel: My favorite holiday is Christmas Eve. Our whole family gathers. My grandma, my mother, they both prepare dinner. It's usually twelve different dishes. We all just sit around and talk and enjoy being with each other.

Sumner: My favorite holiday is Christmas. I get to spend time with my family, give and receive gifts, and listen to wonderful Christmas music. In the morning we all sit together and enjoy a nice cup of tea, and in the evening we sit by the fire and watch a Christmas movie.

Lauren: My favorite holiday is President's Day because we have a day off from school and I get to go to the movies with my friends.