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Book 2

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- clear readings and exercises without difficult idioms or unusual grammar
- repetitive exercises and recycled grammatical forms necessary for primary language learning
- language appropriate to the levels of elementary, junior high, and high school students
- materials teachers can quickly assess and easily adapt to their classroom needs
- an introduction to a multi-cultural arena of young people from all over the world
- engaging illustrations that spark students' interests

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Ham

The first astronaut was not a human. It was a chimpanzee. His name was Ham. He was an AstroChimp! His rocket took off from Cape Canaveral on January 31, 1961. He traveled 155 miles (250 km) in 16.5 minutes. Then, he landed in the Atlantic Ocean. The first human astronaut was John Glenn. John Glenn became very famous. Ham got an apple.

After his space travel, Ham lived in the National Zoo in Washington, DC. He lived in the zoo for 17 years. But, he had one toy; a tire. Many people thought Ham was not happy. So, in 1981, Ham moved to another zoo in North Carolina. There, he played with other chimps. Ham died on January 19, 1983. He was a very old chimpanzee.

Ham's body was sent to New Mexico. Ham is buried in front of the International Space Hall of Fame.



Ham Questions

1. Was the first astronaut a horse?
2. What was the chimpanzee's name?
3. Who was the first human astronaut?
4. How many years did Ham live in the National Zoo?
5. When did Ham move to another zoo in North Carolina?
6. When did Ham die?
7. Where is Ham buried?
8. Please look at the picture. Where is the chimpanzee?
9. Please look at the picture. What is the chimpanzee doing?
10. Would you like to be an astronaut?

True False

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| 1. Ham lived in the National Zoo for 16 years. | T | F |
| 2. The first human astronaut was John Glenn. | T | F |
| 3. Ham moved to another zoo in South Carolina. | T | F |
| 4. Ham's body is buried in New York. | T | F |
| 5. Ham died on January 19th, 1983. | T | F |
| 6. Ham's rocket took off on February 31, 1962. | T | F |
| 7. Ham lived in North Carolina for five years. | T | F |
| 8. Ham died in the Atlantic Ocean. | T | F |
| 9. Ham is a chimpanzee. | T | F |
| 10. Ham was very old when he died. | T | F |

Twister

My grandmother lives in a small town in Missouri in the USA. When I was small, I visited grandma every summer. I enjoyed swinging on the tree swing in her back yard.

One summer evening that small town had a terrible visitor. The wind began to blow. The air became cold. Grandma said, "Something bad is coming." She pointed at something far away. It was a tornado! Grandma said, "Go into the basement, now!" We ran to the basement. A few minutes later, the wind blew harder and harder. The house shook. I heard glass breaking and loud crashes. I was so scared! Then, it was quiet.

We came out of the basement. My tree swing was gone! In fact, the tree was gone! There was a refrigerator in the front yard! There was broken glass and wood everywhere. It took a long time to clean up after the twister.



Twister Questions

1. Where does the little girl's grandmother live?
2. When did she visit her grandmother?
3. When did the small town have a terrible visitor?
4. What did the grandmother point at?
5. Who said, "Something bad is coming?"
6. Where did they go?
7. Was the girl scared?
8. Please look at the picture. What kind of house does the grandmother live in?
9. Please look at the picture. How does the twister look?
10. Does your country have tornadoes?

Crossword Puzzle



Down

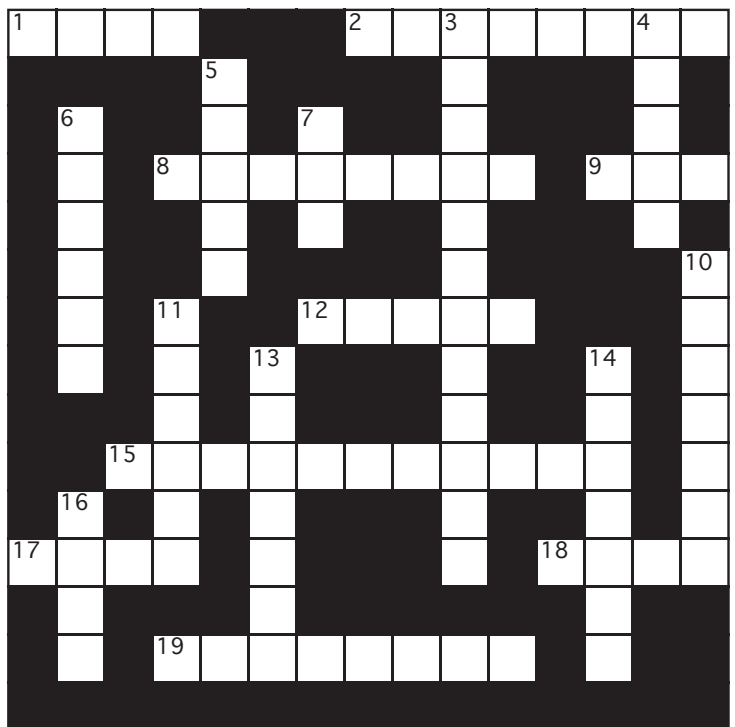


- 3 What was in the front yard?
- 4 She ___ in a small town.
- 5 What was in the back yard?
- 6 Fall, Winter, Spring, ___
- 7 Where is Missouri?
- 10 She ___ at something far away.
- 11 I was so ___!
- 13 A few ___ later, the wind blew.
- 14 a twister
- 16 Her grandmother lives in a small ___.

Across



- 1 What blew harder and harder?
- 2 What kind of visitor came?
- 8 What state does she live in?
- 9 2 to 4 minutes
- 12 opposite of loud
- 15 Who lives in Missouri?
- 17 What kind of crashes did they hear?
- 18 A swing was in the back ___.
- 19 Where did they run to?



Music: Part I

Many people, especially teenagers, enjoy pop music. It is very light music with a lot of energy. “Pop” means “popular.” Pop music began in the 1940’s. Elvis Presley and the Beatles made pop music more popular in the 50’s and 60’s.

Rock’n’roll began in the 1950’s. Young musicians put together white country music and black rhythm and blues. Early rock’n’roll musicians were Chuck Berry, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Bill Haley and the Comets. Rock music became famous all over the world.

Disco music was popular in the 1970’s. The word “disco” comes from the French word “discotheque.” A “discotheque” is a place where people dance to records. This music was very popular in large cities.

Punk music also started in the 1970’s. It started in the UK. Punk musicians were often angry, poor, young people. They saw no future for England. Their music was very simple, loud and hard.



Music: Part I Questions



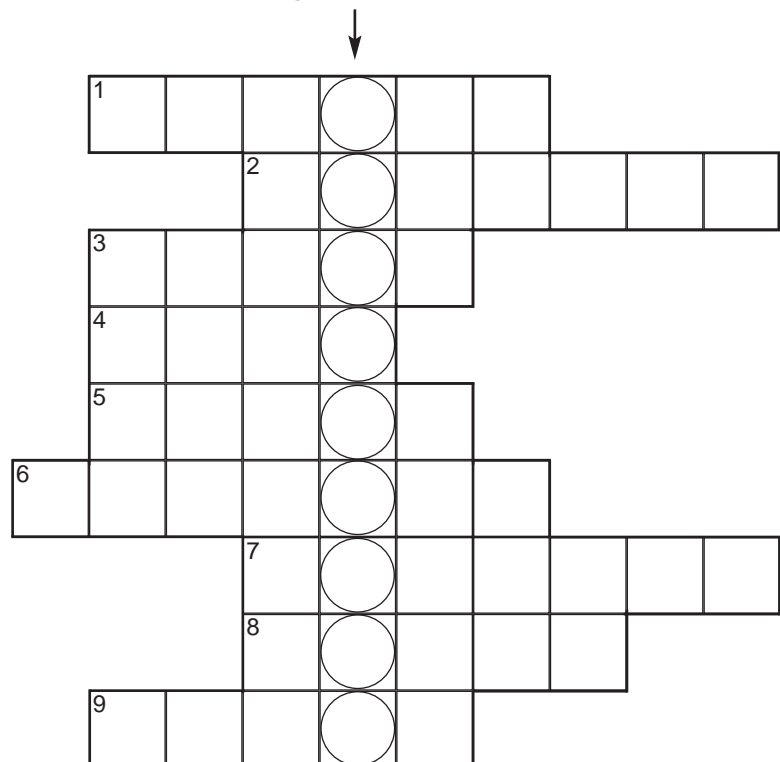
1. Who enjoys pop music?
2. When did pop music begin?
3. When did rock'n'roll begin?
4. What did young musicians put together to make rock'n'roll?
5. Where does the word "disco" come from?
6. What is a discotheque?
7. Who were the punk musicians?
8. Please look at the picture. What is the man on the left doing?
9. Please look at the picture. What is the man on the right doing?
10. What kind of music do you like?

Word Scramble



Hint! This music began in the 1950s.

1. ygeern
2. uoppral
3. csodi
4. kpnu
5. gynuo
6. roserc
7. nyucort
8. slebu
9. rwlod



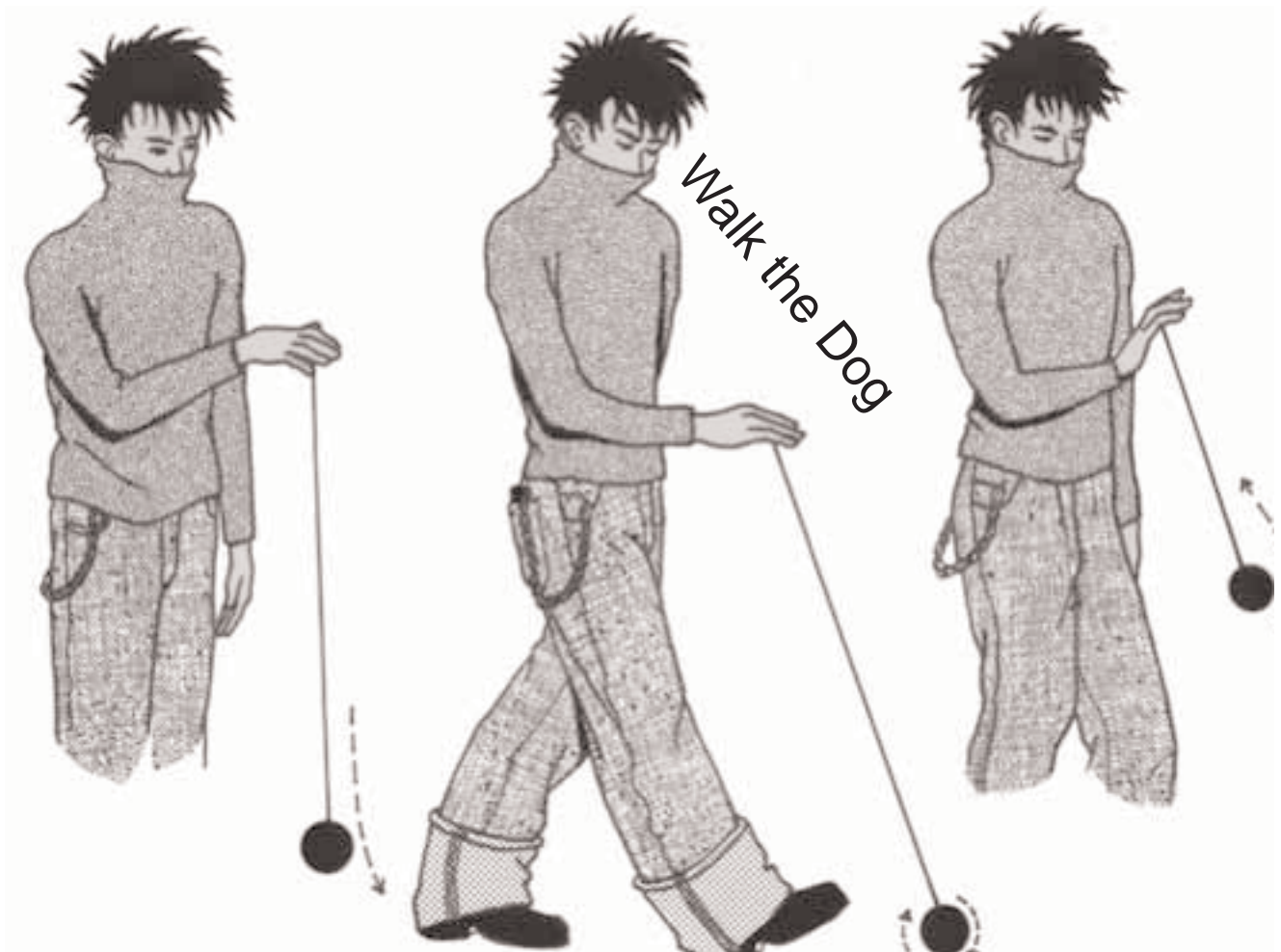
Yoyos

The first yoyos were found in China. From China, yoyos traveled to Greece and India. The yoyo became very popular in Europe, too. The first yoyos were made of clay.

In the Philippines, people used yoyos as weapons. The Filipinos used yoyos to hit animals in trees. The Filipinos were experts. Their yoyos were made of wood. They cut beautiful designs on their yoyos.

Filipino Pedro Flores introduced the yoyo to America in the 1920s. Donald F. Duncan saw the toy and started his own yoyo company. Duncan's yoyos quickly became one of the most popular toys in America. Today, collectors pay hundreds of dollars for antique yoyos.

Most modern yoyos are made of plastic. There are yoyo contests all over the world. On July 31, 1992, a yoyo traveled on the Atlantis Space Shuttle. Astronaut Jeffrey Hoffman used the yoyo in a video about space.



Yoyos Questions



1. Where were the first yoyos found?
2. Was the yoyo popular in Europe, too?
3. What were early yoyos made of?
4. In the 16th century, how did Filipinos use yoyos?
5. Did Duncan's yoyos slowly become popular?
6. Today, what are most yoyos made of?
7. When did a yoyo travel on the Atlantis Space Shuttle?
8. Please look at the picture. What is the boy doing?
9. Please look at the pictures. What is the name of the trick?
10. Do you have a yoyo?

True False

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| 1. Today, most yoyos are made of plastic. | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | F |
| 2. Donald F. Duncan's yoyos quickly became popular. | <input type="radio"/> | F |
| 3. The first yoyos were made of wood. | <input type="radio"/> | F |
| 4. The Filipinos used yoyos to hit animals in trees. | <input type="radio"/> | F |
| 5. Collectors pay a few dollars for old yoyos. | <input type="radio"/> | F |
| 6. Jeffrey Hoffman used a frisbee in a video. | <input type="radio"/> | F |
| 7. The yoyo became popular in Europe. | <input type="radio"/> | F |
| 8. A yoyo traveled on the space shuttle in 1992. | <input type="radio"/> | F |
| 9. From China, yoyos traveled to America. | <input type="radio"/> | F |
| 10. A Filipino introduced the yoyo to America. | <input type="radio"/> | F |