

a tight feeling in the chest, or shortness of breath. Serious breathing problems are called asthma attacks. They can be mild or very serious, requiring immediate medical attention.

Asthma can begin at any age. Childhood asthma, often beginning when a child is younger than ten years old, is one of the most common childhood diseases. Doctors report that the number of young people with asthma is increasing. Over four million children in the US have the disease and the number is growing. It is the number-one cause of absence from school. Asthma is often genetic. If a parent has asthma, the children are more likely to develop the disease. Children with asthma need to be under a doctor's care. They and their parents can learn to understand this disease and to control it.

It is important to find out what "triggers" asthma. In other words, what causes the attack? The most common triggers are exercise, viral infections, stress, and irritants like dust, pollen, or animals. Big cities present added triggers for both children and adults because of air pollution, exhaust from buses and cars, cockroaches, and mold.

There are two kinds of asthma medications—control drugs and quick-relief drugs. Children take control drugs once or twice a day to help prevent asthma attacks. If a child begins to have an asthma attack, he or she needs immediate help, so a quick-relief drug is necessary. This medication is often taken through an inhaler. School-aged children usually carry their inhalers with them. This medication works quickly and children begin to breathe more easily in a few minutes. If a child has a serious asthma attack, he may need emergency care at a hospital or doctor's office.

About half of all children outgrow asthma, and their asthma attacks stop when they are teenagers. However, many people live with the disease into adulthood.

### Track 32, Page 96

A: 911. What is your emergency?

B: My daughter ate some of my medication. She's lying on the floor of the bedroom.

A: What is your location?

B: 521 Chestnut Street. In Garfield.

A: Please stay calm. Repeat that address.

B: 521 Chestnut Street, Garfield.

A: Stay on the line. Help is on the way. How old is your daughter?

B: She's four. Oh, my baby.

A: Where is your daughter now?

B: She's on the floor, in my bedroom.

A: Is she breathing?

B: Yes, she's breathing, but she isn't moving.

A: What kind of medicine did she take?

B: It was medication for high blood pressure.

A: How many did she take?

B: I don't know. I don't know.

A: Ma'am, the ambulance is on the way. Is your door unlocked?

B: No, no it's locked.

A: Unlock the door. Do that right now, unlock the door.

B: Yes, I unlocked it.

A: When the medics arrive, give them the bottle of medication.

B: Yes, yes, I will. Oh, the police are here.

A: OK. The ambulance is right behind them. You can hang up now.

## UNIT 7

### Track 33, Page 99

1. busier than
2. taller than
3. larger than
4. noisier than
5. friendlier than
6. farther than
7. rainier than
8. higher than
9. sunnier than

### Track 34, Page 102

1. the busiest
2. the tallest
3. the largest
4. the noisiest

5. the friendliest
6. the farthest
7. the rainiest
8. the highest
9. the sunniest

### Track 35, Page 106

Chicago, Illinois; Los Angeles, California; and New York, New York are the three largest cities in the United States. New York is the largest of these three cities, with a population of 8,537,673 residents. New York includes the five boroughs: Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, the Bronx, and Staten Island. New York is one of the most diverse cities in the world. Approximately 29% of the residents are of Hispanic origin. Of the three cities, New York had the lowest unemployment in 2010, with an unemployment rate of 4.6%. Household income is the income of all the people living in the same house. The median household income in New York is \$55,191. Homes in New York are expensive. If you're looking for a home in New York, plan to spend about \$425,000.

Commuting to work takes more than thirty minutes in all three cities. Traveling to work takes the average person 39.9 minutes in New York. Approximately 56.9% of workers in New York drive to work. Although it is very expensive to drive into the city and parking is difficult, less than half of the workers in New York use public transportation.

There is always something to do in New York City. There are more than 115 museums. The Metropolitan Museum of Art is one of the most visited museums in the world. Another popular tourist destination is the Statue of Liberty. The weather in these three cities is very different. New York receives about 49.9 inches of rain a year and about 25.1 inches of snow. It has a lot fewer days of sunshine than Los Angeles. Los Angeles receives about 284 days of sun a year. New York receives about 224 days of sun.

**Track 36, Page 108**

**The Busiest Airports**

Three of the busiest airports in the world are in the United States. Los Angeles Airport (LAX) is located in Los Angeles, California. O'Hare Airport (ORD) is in Chicago, Illinois, and Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport (ATL) is in Atlanta, Georgia. These three are the busiest airports in the US because of the large number of passengers that pass through them every year. In addition, these airports move a great deal of cargo (packages, equipment, and so on).

LAX was established in 1928. It is now one of the busiest airports in the world, with 81 passenger and cargo airlines that use the airport. Each year, more than 59 million passengers travel through LAX. About 59,000 employees work at the airport. The employees work at a number of places throughout the airport, including airline counters, coffee shops, bakeries, and the 95 stores where passengers can shop. LAX is a pet-friendly airport with a small pet park where passengers can walk their dogs.

Each year, more than 77 million passengers use O'Hare, another one of the busiest airports in the world, with 70 airlines using its facilities. O'Hare was established in 1945. Today, many frequent fliers know O'Hare because flights often stop in Chicago on the way to other parts of the country or the world. Because so many passengers spend significant time in the airport, O'Hare offers a number of services, such as a hair salon, a children's museum, an athletic club, and a post office. About 52,000 employees operate the airport's 215 restaurants and stores.

Established in 1925, Hartsfield has become the busiest airport in the world. Over 104 million passengers pass through the airport each year. Forty-five passenger and cargo airlines use the airport. More than 63,000 employees work for the airlines and the 263 restaurants and shops. In fact, the airport is the largest employer in Georgia. To help people move from terminal to terminal, or from a terminal to one of the 30,000 parking spaces, the airport has an underground train, which connects all the airport terminals.

**UNIT 8**

**Track 37, Page 116**

1. changed
2. rented
3. looked
4. needed
5. liked
6. wanted
7. helped
8. called
9. lived
10. painted
11. signed
12. waited

**Track 38, Page 116**

1. He lived in a small apartment.
2. He looked at many apartments.
3. He filled out a rental application.
4. He signed a lease.
5. He packed all his things.
6. He borrowed a van.

**Track 39, Page 117**

Base Form	Past	Base Form	Past
be	was/were	grow	grew
become	became	have	had
begin	began	hear	heard
bite	bit	know	knew
break	broke	leave	left
bring	brought	lose	lost
buy	bought	make	made
come	came	meet	met
cost	cost	pay	paid
do	did	put	put
drink	drank	read	read
drive	drove	ring	rang
eat	ate	run	ran
fall	fell	say	said
feel	felt	see	saw
fight	fought	sell	sold
find	found	send	sent
fly	flew	sit	sat
forget	forgot	sleep	slept
get	got	speak	spoke
give	gave	spend	spent
go	went	steal	stole