UNIT 6

Track 28

A: Where are you planning to go on vacation this year?

B: My family and I are going to go to Washington, D.C.

A: That's nice! When are you going to go?

B: We may go at the end of March.

A: Are you going to fly?

B: No. That's too expensive. We might take a bus, or we may drive.

A: How long are you going to stay?

B: I don't have a lot of vacation time, so we might stay only a few days.

A: What are you going to do there?

B: Well, this will be our first trip to D.C. We might go to a couple of museums.

A: That's a good idea. Many of the museums are free.

B: We'll definitely go to the zoo. My children are excited because they want to see the pandas.

A: Where are you going to stay?

B: We may stay with my brother, but he and his wife just had a baby. They might not have space for us. We might stay with my aunt.

A: Are you going to see the cherry blossoms? I hear they're really beautiful.

B: Since we had such a hard winter, they may not be in bloom yet, but if they are, I'll take a lot of pictures.

Track 29

1. My husband had a car accident yesterday, but his injuries were minor.
2. We moved last month, and my son has never been away from his friends and grandparents before.
3. I had to get up at five a.m. every day this week.
4. Anna has an important job interview.
5. It doesn't snow in Lilia's native country. She doesn't have any winter clothes yet.
6. My friends are studying for exams, so they can't go out with me this weekend.
7. There was a hurricane in my cousin's area. We're waiting for him to call.
8. My son and his wife are going to have their first child.

Track 30

1.

A: My car broke down. I need to get to work.

B: You could take the bus.

2.

A: We want to take a vacation, but we can't afford to spend a lot of money.

B: You could go to the beach.

3.

A: We're going to visit New York City, but we're not sure what to do first.

B: You could go to a play, or you could go to a museum.

4.

A: My family wants to stay at my house, but I don't have enough beds.

B: They could bring sleeping bags.

5.

A: My children are coming home from college, but flights are too expensive.

B: They could take the train.

6.

A: My brother wants to study Spanish in another country.

B: He could go to Mexico.

Track 31

Gina: Let's plan our vacation. The kids will be out of school in a month.

Drew: Okay, Gina. Let's do something different to celebrate your birthday this year.

Gina: How about a trip to Montana? We all like to travel, and my sister told me that she really enjoyed her trip there last summer.

Drew: Montana? We've never been there before.

Gina: I know. I think she gave me a good website… Oh, here it is. Let's take a look.

Drew: This looks interesting. We could go to Flathead Lake.

Gina: Flathead Lake... Okay! It looks like a great family place. There's a lodge there, and it's in a beautiful location. Look at the view of the mountains!

Drew: Do you think both kids will like it? Leo likes everything, especially the outdoors, but Gabby is almost a teenager. She's a little harder to please.

Gina: I think she'll like it. She could swim every day, and there must be a lot of water sports like sailing and waterskiing.

Drew: It sounds like the lodge has lots of activities that might interest both kids, but I'd rather spend time by a pool than in a cold lake. Is there a pool?

Gina: Yes, here's a picture.

Drew: What happens when the weather's bad?

Gina: No problem. It says the lodge offers games and movies. They also have indoor basketball, volleyball, and tennis courts.

Drew: This place sounds perfect. How far is it from a major town?

Gina: It says it's only a ten-minute drive. There are shuttles from the lodge every hour.

Drew: Is there anything else to see in the area?

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Gina: Yes, Glacier National Park is nearby. We can tour the park, and if we're lucky, we might see some wild animals.

Drew: Both kids will really like that. Let's talk to them tonight.

Track 32

1. We'd rather go to Montana.
2. They'd prefer to stay in a lodge.
3. He'd rather go fishing.
4. She'd prefer to go sailing.
5. He'd prefer not to swim in a lake.
6. They'd rather not go into town.
7. She'd prefer not to stay in a tent.
8. I'd rather not stay inside all day.

Track 33

A Visit to Argentina

Argentina is located on the South American continent. It borders the South Atlantic Ocean, Chile, Uruguay, Paraguay, Bolivia, and Brazil. If you are looking for a place where you can experience both the life of vibrant cities and natural wonders, you might want to visit Argentina.

You could start your trip in the capital of Argentina, Buenos Aires. Buenos Aires is the largest city in Argentina and the second largest city in South America. It has one of the busiest ports in South America. After arriving at the international airport, it is an easy trip to a downtown hotel. The city has a variety of transportation, including trains, buses, and ferries. Visitors can spend time touring different neighborhoods, including Recoleta and La Boca, home to Boca Juniors, one of Argentina's famous soccer clubs. Also, it is easy to get to any of the museums, such as the Latin American Contemporary Art Museum or the National Museum of Fine Arts. If you'd prefer something different, you could go to the World Tango Museum, a museum devoted to Argentina's famous dance. In addition, there is a botanical garden, a zoo, and restaurants that serve delicious *asado*, Argentine barbecue. If you'd rather do some shopping, there are many stores and shopping malls where you can find leather items, such as handbags, wallets, or jackets. As you can see, visitors will not be bored in Buenos Aires.

If you would rather get away from the busy city, fly to El Calafate. This is the starting point for a visit to Patagonia, the region farthest south in Argentina and Chile. El Calafate is located on the southern shore of Lake Argentino, near Los Glaciares National Park. Here you can see one of the natural wonders of the world, the Perito Moreno Glacier, which was named after an Argentine explorer, Francisco Moreno. One of the best ways to see the glaciers is to take a boat ride on Lake Argentino. You will be able to sail among icebergs and may get closer to the Perito Moreno Glacier. Also, some lucky visitors might see the Upsala Glacier, the largest glacier in South America. It is a fantastic sight.

When you plan your next vacation, think about going to Argentina. It will satisfy your need for the action of a city and the beauty of nature.

Track 34

A: Good morning. May I see your passport, please?

B: Yes, here it is.

A: Where did you visit?

B: I went to Barcelona and Madrid.

A: Where did you stay?

B: I stayed at a hotel in Barcelona, and I stayed at my sister's apartment in Madrid.

A: Was your luggage always with you?

B: Yes, it was in the hotel in Barcelona and in my sister's apartment in Madrid.

A: Did you pack your luggage?

B: Yes, I did.

A: Did anyone ask you to carry anything in your bag?

B: My sister gave me some presents to bring back for Christmas.

A: Please put your bag here. Open your bag, please.

B: Oh, they're just presents for my family.

A: I'm sorry. These items were flagged during the screening process. We need to unwrap them to check if they are safe to bring on the plane.

B: Right now?

A: Yes, right now.

B: Okay.

A: Thank you. Here's your passport.

UNIT 7

Track 35

1. She's been taking tennis lessons.
2. He's been working hard.
3. She's been playing baseball.
4. They've been skateboarding.
5. We've been kicking soccer balls.
6. I've been training for a marathon.
7. You've been learning to ice skate.
8. They've been playing basketball.

Track 36

A: Hi! What've you been up to?

B: I've been taking dance lessons.

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