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Pam Gets a New Car

By Ron Wise

Skill Book 2 and *City Living*, page 22

New words: **new, old, me, cost, much, price**

Pam has a car.
But it is old.
It does not run well.
It is in the shop a lot.
Pam thinks that she must have a new car.

Pam tells her friend Carmen, "My car is getting old.
It does not run well.
I have it in the shop a lot.
I must have a new car.
You have a new car.
Will you come with me when I look for a new one?"

"Yes," says Carmen.
"I will go with you when you look for a new car."

"Thank you," Pam says.
"That will help me a lot."

Pam and Carmen go to a shop that sells cars.
Mr. Oliver works at the shop.
He is a friend of Carmen's father.
Carmen got her new car from him.
Carmen asks for Mr. Oliver.
She tells him, "This is my friend Pam.
Her car is old.
She must have a new one.
She asked me to come with her to look at cars."

Pam tells Mr. Oliver, "I must have a car that is pretty."
But it cannot cost very much."
Mr. Oliver says to Pam, "Look at that car.
It is pretty.
And it does not cost very much."

Pam looks at the car.

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She says, "Yes, this car is pretty.

But the car is black.

Do you have it in red?"

"Yes," Mr. Oliver tells her.

"A red car is on the lot."

Pam looks at the red car.

She says to Carmen and Mr. Oliver, "I must have this car."

Mr. Oliver tells Pam the price of the car.

Carmen says, "That car costs a lot.

Can you give us another price?"

Mr. Oliver gives Pam a new price.

Carmen says, "That price is better."

Pam says, "I will get this car."

Pam has her pretty new car.

She says to Carmen, "Thank you very much for helping me get this car.

Let's go to dinner.

I will get it for you."

Pam sells her old car to her friend Bob.

He works on old cars.

He will fix up Pam's old car and sell it.

Pam is happy.

Carmen is happy.

And Mr. Oliver is happy.

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So try writing something for *The Student Special*. Send it to the Editor, in care of the Literacy Council office. Happy writing!

Pumpkins

By Lynn O'Connell

Skill 3, Lesson 22

New words: **pumpkin** (pump kin), **grow**

Pumpkins grow in the world. Pumpkins grow well in America.

Indians lived in America. Indians ate pumpkins before the English came to America. When the English came, they began to grow pumpkins. Then the English ate pumpkins. The English learned to make pumpkin pie and pumpkin cake. The English and Indians liked apple pie and peach pie. The English liked pumpkin pie.

Pumpkins are fun. Pumpkins can be funny. You can make a face on a pumpkin. You can put a nose on a pumpkin. Families go to pick pumpkins. It is fun. Many children look for the biggest pumpkin. Then they put pumpkins in the windows of their homes.

Will you look for the biggest pumpkin?

My Friends

By Wei-Yang Tsai
Student

My wife and I are very lucky. We have many friends in this city, and they are very interesting people.

Our friend Tommy is a waiter. He works at Houston's Steak House in Rockville. When we go out with him, he always tells us about his life, and he always helps us when we need help. We like him very much.

Our friend William is a computer expert. He works for the U.S. Marshal. Sometimes if I

need information from the internet, I go to his house. He always explains things to me, and we play golf together sometimes. I like him very much.

Our friend Eric is a computer expert. He works for a private company. He always comes to my house to fix my computer.

Sometime, if my friends need help, I'll do my best.

A is for Apple

By Linda DeIBene

Skill Book 1, Lesson 9

A is for apple.

B is for box.

C is for Cal.

Cal puts an apple in the box.

D is for dish.

E is for Ed.

F is for fish.

Ed has a fish in the dish.

J is for jumping.

K is for kicking.

L is for Liz.

Liz is jumping and kicking.

M is for man.

N is for Ned.

O is for olive.

Ned gives the man an olive.

R is for runs.

S is for shop.

T is for Ted.

Ted runs to the shop.

U is for uncle.

V is for valley.

W is for Will.

Will has an uncle in the valley.

Thanksgiving Day

In the United States we have Thanksgiving Day on the fourth Thursday of November each year. People often do things with their families or friends on Thanksgiving Day. They may go to a home and eat. They may go eat in a restaurant. Or they may go to a football game.

Turkey is a favorite food on Thanksgiving Day. But not everyone eats turkey. What do you like to eat on Thanksgiving Day?

Canada also has a Thanksgiving Day. It comes on the second Monday of October.