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## Jake the Snake

By Joan Lange Keller

Skill Book 1 and *In the Valley*, page 16

New word: **Jake**

Jake the snake is not in his box.

Ted and Dan are looking for him.

“He is not under the tent,” Dan tells Ted.

“He is not at this bird's nest,” Ted yells to Dan.

Mr. Oliver, the pet man, is looking for Jake.

He is in the street.

He is going to a van.

He looks under the van.

He yells to the boys, “Jake is under this van.

I will get him.”

Mr. Oliver picks Jake up.

Jake is jumping and kicking in Mr. Oliver's hand.

“Jake is not hurt,” Mr. Oliver tells the boys.

Mr. Oliver puts Jake in his box.

Ted and Dan tell Mr. Oliver they will get an apple and an egg for Jake the snake.

The boys thank Mr. Oliver for looking for Jake.

## Having a Car Is a Big Financial Responsibility

By Meg Lee  
Student

Two years from now, Max will graduate from college. At that time we shall buy a second car.

There is something that should be taken into consideration before we purchase a car. Buying a car is never cheap for most families; it costs a fortune. The down payment may need to be paid first; then comes the loan interest, insurance premiums, registration fee, and taxes.

If you think that is all, you are absolutely wrong. You still need to figure out the maintenance cost on average per month such as oil changes, tire replacements, etc. What is more, the gas that cars consumes every day will definitely drag out more money from your pocket, especially in a high-cost energy era.

After reviewing all these factors, you have to admit that having a car does have a great impact on a family's finances. Nevertheless, Max is still dreaming of a fancy car because public transportation cannot totally substitute for it.

## Names

By Linda Del Bene

Skill Book 1, Lesson 13

The woman has a name.

Her name is Ann.

Her children have names.

Her girl is Liz.

Her boy is Sam.

The children have a pup and a bird.

The pup and the bird have names.

The pup is Ed.

The bird is Oliver.

I have a name.

Do you have a name?

## Sunny at Work

By Sung Ja Koo  
Student

*Sunny:* Hi, my name is Sunny. I am a groomer. What is his or her name?

*Customer:* She is a girl. Her name is Molly. She is very friendly and nice.

*Sunny:* Good. What do you want today?

*Customer:* I want this dog poodle cut.

*Sunny:* You mean clean face, clean feet, top knot, and pom pom tail?

*Customer:* Yes, that is exactly what I want.

*Sunny:* How long do you want to leave her coat?

*Customer:* I don't want you to shave her coat. Leave the hair at least a half inch.

*Sunny:* OK. How about the top knot? High or low?

*Customer:* Low and small top knot.

*Sunny:* OK. What time do you want to pick her up?

*Customer:* How long does it take?

*Sunny:* Approximately two hours. I'll call you when she is ready.

*Customer:* Sounds good.

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# The Visit

By Ron Wise

Skill Book 2 and *City Living*, page 29

New word: **happening**

Ted and his family are visiting Carmen and her family.

Ted is Carmen's brother.

Ted's children and Carmen's children go to a park.

They run and jump in the grass.

Carmen tells Ted what is happening with her family.

She tells him what is happening with her work.

Ted tells Carmen what is happening with his family.

He tells her what is happening with his work.

Carmen is in the kitchen.

She is getting lunch ready.

Her family and Ted's family have lunch.

They have fish, eggs, and apples.

They have bread and jelly.

Ted looks at the clock.

"Let's get going," he tells his family.

"I have work to do.

Thank you for the lunch and for letting us visit, Carmen."

"Thank you for visiting," Carmen says.