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Picking Strawberries

By Joan Lange Keller

Skill Book 2 and *City Living*, page 25

New word: **strawberries**

Carmen and her sister, Kim, lived in the city.

They were going to a farm to pick fresh strawberries.

“I heard it is fun to pick strawberries,” said Carmen.

When they got to the farm, the farmer said, “I will give you two boxes to start.

Put the strawberries you pick in the boxes.

When they get filled, I will give you other boxes.

A filled box is 50 cents.”

The girls started to pick.

The strawberries were big and red.

They quickly filled the two boxes.

But the sun was hot.

“It is very hot to fill a lot of boxes,” said Kim.

“Yes,” said Carmen.

“But let’s fill two other boxes.”

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The girls filled the other boxes quickly.

Then they stopped picking.

They were happy they did not get sick from the hot sun.

The girls filled four boxes with big, red, fresh strawberries.

“Thank you for letting us pick strawberries,” they said to the farmer.

“It was a lot of fun, but hot,” said Kim.

“This is two dollars for four filled boxes,” said Carmen.

The girls went back to the city.

“Let's visit Mother and Dad and give them two boxes of strawberries,” said Carmen.

Why I Am Going to Class

By Jamie Shin
Student

I was living in South Korea until I was 26 years old. I learned English in school, but I didn't use it. I couldn't speak English, and I couldn't understand English. I moved to America. It was another challenge in my life.

Because I had to learn another language, which was English, it was very difficult. Sometimes I wanted to give up, but I couldn't because America is my home ground right now. That is why I am learning English.

My teacher, Miss Peggy, is my best friend. She teaches every Wednesday at the library. It is a lot of help in increasing my English.

That is why I am going to class.

Florida and Canada

By Linda Del Bene

Skill Book 3 and *Changes*, page 29

New word: **beach**

Selma and Tony live in Florida. They live in Florida for most of the year. They work in Florida, and they have a home on the beach.

Selma is a teacher, and she teaches a class at the college. Tony is a salesperson. He sells cars and trucks. Both of them work hard every day. When they have free time, they go to the beach. They like to sit and read on the beach. They like to run on the beach. They love the beach.

Then when things get very hot, Selma and Tony like to visit Canada. They drive north and stay in Canada for a month. They rent an apartment in Canada for a month every year. Tony likes to fish and hunt in Canada. Selma likes to sleep late and ride her bicycle every day.

Selma and Tony have the best of both worlds!

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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!

The Broken Zipper

By Heather Pierce
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Skill Book 1, Lesson 12

New words: **broken, jacket, am, fix**

Robert Oliver puts on his jacket.

The jacket has a zipper.

The zipper is broken.

Robert says, "My jacket zipper is broken."

Mrs. Oliver says, "Yes, Robert.

I am going to fix the zipper."

Mrs. Oliver is going to Mrs. Hill's shop.

Mrs. Hill has zippers to sell.

Mrs. Oliver is looking at the zippers.

She gets a zipper for a quarter.

She says, "I am going to fix a jacket."

Mrs. Oliver has the zipper in her hand.

She says, "Get the jacket, Robert.

I am going to fix the zipper."

The Olivers are at the river.

Mr. Oliver is looking at his tent.

The tent has a zipper.

The zipper is broken.

Mr. Oliver is looking at Mrs. Oliver.

He has the tent in his hands.

He says, "The tent zipper is broken.

You fix the zipper."

Mrs. Oliver says, "No.

I am not going to fix the tent zipper.

You fix the zipper."

Mr. Oliver is going to Mrs. Hill's shop.

He has the tent in a box.

He is looking for a zipper for the tent.

Mrs. Hill is in the shop.

She has a zipper for the tent.

Mr. Oliver says, "The tent zipper is broken.

You fix the zipper, Mrs. Hill."

Mrs. Hill says, "I sell zippers for a quarter.

I fix zippers for five quarters."

Mr. Oliver gives the tent to her to fix.

He says "Thank you" to Mrs. Hill.