



# Upper intermediate 1 – Unit 2

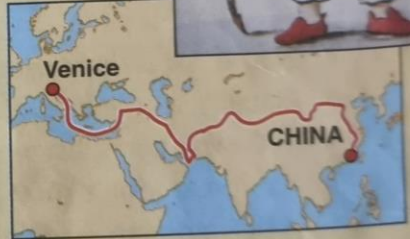
# Complete the following sentences using your own thoughts

- On weekends I often
- My parents have never
- I don't think I'll ever
- I was saying to a friend just the other day that
- I hate Mondays because
- I'd just returned home last night when
- I was getting ready to go out today when
- I've been told that our teacher
- In my very first English class I was taught
- The reason I'm studying English is because



# MARCO POLO 1254-1324

MARCO POLO was the first European to travel the entire 5,000-mile length of the Silk Route, the main trade link between Cathay (China) and the West for over two thousand years.



He wrote a book called *The Travels of Marco Polo*, which gave Europeans their first information about China and the Far East.



# TOMMY WILLIS backpacker in Asia

Tommy Willis is in Fiji. He's on a nine-month backpacking trip around Asia. He flew into Bangkok five months ago. Since then, he's been to Vietnam, Hong Kong, South Korea, and Japan.



He's looking forward to taking things easy for another week then setting off again for Australia. "Once you've got the travel bug it becomes very hard to stay in the same place for too long," he said.

What are some differences you can spot?

# Match the sentences with the correct person.

- \_\_\_\_\_ he was born in Venice, the son a merchant. When he was 17, he set off for China. The journey took four years.
- \_\_\_\_\_ He's visited royal palaces and national parks in South Korea and climbed to the summit of Mount Fuji in Japan.
- \_\_\_\_\_ He's been staying in cheap hostels along with a lot of other young people.
- \_\_\_\_\_ his route led him through Persia and Afghanistan.
- \_\_\_\_\_ He was met by the emperor Kublai Khan. He was one of the first Europeans to visit the territory, and he traveled extensively.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I've had diarrhea a few times. Apart from that, his only worry is the insects. He's been stung all over his body.
- \_\_\_\_\_ He stayed in China for 17 years. When he left, he took back a fortune in gold and jewelry.
- \_\_\_\_\_ He's been traveling mainly by public transportation.

## About Marco Polo

- 1. In 1254 in Venice
- 2. Four years.
- 3. For 17 years.
- 4. Gold and Jewelry
- 5. The Travels of Marco Polo.

## About Tommy Willis

- 6. For five months. ( how long... away from home?)
- 7. Thailand, Vietnam, Hong Kong, South Korea and Japan. ( What ...?)
- 8. In cheap hostels.
- 9. A few times ( How many...?)
- 10. Yes, once ( has ....?)

## Let's discuss

- What are some interesting headlines you have seen in the newspaper lately?
- What are some topics that usually interest you?
- What news do you search online for?





# Questions 😊

- How long would it take us to reach Mars? What does it depend on?
- What is “moxie”?
- Since Mars has thin dry land, then harvesting will be an issue. What are some solutions and obstacles mentioned?
- What are some housing features needed to survive on Mars?
- The coldest weather on Earth is paradise. Explain
- Is time faster or slower on Mars? Why?
- What happens if you live on the Northern Hemisphere?
- Since Dust storms aren't harmful to us, how would they effect us?
- How can we make water on Mars?



# Answers

- Anywhere between 40 days to nine and half months, it depends on the position of the planets.
- It is a machine used by NASA to extract oxygen from carbon dioxide, it could also provide us with liquid oxygen propellant.
- We'd use hydroponics cultivating your crops in a mineral and nutrient soil, where no soil is required. A major obstacle would be no running water which would only allow us to produce 20% of food we'll need.
- We would probably live underground, inflatable pressurized buildings.
- Temperatures on Mars are very low as low as 55 degrees below zero or even colder at the poles it could drop to -153 degrees.
- Time is slower on Mars, Mars is just 40 minutes longer than a day on Earth.
- You would have 7 months of Spring , 6 months of summer, 5 months of autumn, and 4 months of winter.
- They would clog up all your electronics.
- They would extract the water ice caps, which would lead to water vapor causing rain and perhaps snow.

# Role play:

## Change these headlines into a conversation.

- For example: you are two friends chatting about today's news:
  - Headline : Ancient Tomb Discovery In Egypt
  - A: Hey ! How are you?
  - B: I'm good, How are you?
  - A: Great, Have you heard the news today?
  - B: No, what's going on?
  - A: Well I heard that Ancient tombs have been discovered in Egypt.
  - B: No way! I can't wait till they go on display.
  - A: Me too!
- 1. Rat Alert at a Five-Star Hotel
  - 2. Theft of Valuable Jewels from Museum.
  - 3. Ferrari Shock – 2,000 Laid off.

# Informal vs. Formal letter writing

<u>Formal writing</u>	<u>Informal Writing</u>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Formal language</li><li>2. No abbreviations/contractions</li><li>3. Third person</li><li>4. No imperative voice</li><li>5. Passive voice</li><li>6. No use of phrasal verbs</li><li>7. Crisp, brief, to the point</li><li>8. Structured pattern</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Colloquial language</li><li>2. Use of abbreviations/ contractions</li><li>3. Any person</li><li>4. Use of imperative voice</li><li>5. Any voice</li><li>6. Use of phrasal verbs</li><li>7. Long, elaborate and emotional</li><li>8. Easy to read</li></ol>

## Formal letter VS. Informal letter

- **Greeting:**

Dear Sir or Madam  
I'm writing in response to  
your advertisement.

- **Closing:**

I look forward to hearing  
from you.  
Yours faithfully,

- **Greeting:**

Hi  
Thanks for your letter. It was  
nice to hear from you.

- **Closing:**

I've got to go now. Write  
soon!  
Love,

## Correct the mistakes in these sentences

- I born in 1971 in one small town in Mexico.
- My father is diplomat, so my all life I live in differents countries
- After the school, I went for four years in a busyness college.
- I'm married since five years. I knew my wife while I was student.
- My town isn't as exciting than Miami. Is very quite at the evening.
- I study English for five years. I start when I had eleven years.
- My father wants that I work in a bank becaus is a good work.
- I do a evening course in English. I enjoy very much to learn languages.

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MISTAKES

## Assignment: Write an informal letter

- Write an informal letter to a friend talking about an experience you once had travelling abroad.