Dictations: Read each sentence slowly, and ask students to write the sentences on a separate sheet of paper or in their journals. Say each sentence at least twice depending on the level of your students.

Cloze Exercises: There are several paragraphs for each Part of the book. When you complete each part in the book, print the page of cloze exercises and make copies for students.

Vocabulary Review Game: There is one game for each Part of the book. Put the students in groups, and then review the directions with them. **NOTE: You will need to have dice for this game!**

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Dictation for Chapter 1—Veronica Finds Her Story

1. Veronica Lopez teaches English.
2. She has a writing class.
3. She put her students in writing groups.
4. Each group has six students.
5. Students read the journals of everyone in their group.
6. They write to each other.
7. Veronica tells a story about her life.
8. Veronica thinks everyone has a story.
9. Veronica wants the students to write their stories.
10. She looks forward to reading them.
Dictation for Chapter 2—Lydia and Ernesto Have a Fight

1. Lydia is from Mexico.
2. Ernesto was her neighbor.
3. Ernesto is two years older than Lydia.
4. Ernesto and Lydia were boyfriend and girlfriend.
5. They are living in the United States.
6. Lydia thought Ernesto was different.
7. He was not friendly.
8. Now he is living in Yuma.
9. Lydia is not with him.
10. Ernesto is happy in Yuma.

Dictation for Chapter 3—Ernesto Moves to Yuma, Arizona

1. Ernesto and Lydia were neighbors in San Diego.
2. Ernesto was jealous.
3. A lot of boys liked Lydia.
4. Ernesto thought Lydia had many boyfriends.
5. He thought she was different.
6. Ernesto went to a bus station.
7. He had $40.00 with him.
8. He took a bus to Yuma.
9. He met Fouad at a restaurant.
10. He wrote a letter to his sister.

Dictation for Chapter 4—Fouad Makes a Friend

1. The soldiers attacked Fouad's village.
2. Fouad and his uncle ran away.
3. They ran for many days.
4. They got to Ethiopia.
5. Fouad came to the USA.
6. He started school in Atlanta.
7. Fouad went to the library.
8. He met Wendy.
9. She showed Fouad pictures of her family.
10. A man in the picture looked like his uncle.
Dictation for Chapter 5—Christina Makes a Change

1. Christina was born in Paris.
2. She is Bosnian.
3. She didn’t know her parents.
4. She grew up with her grandmother.
5. She met a woman named Ellen.
6. Ellen had the same last name as Christina.
7. Ellen and Christina became friends.
8. They wrote a lot of letters.
9. Christina moved to the United States.
10. Now she misses her grandmother very much.

Dictation for Chapter 6—Tadeo’s Grandfather

1. Tadeo’s grandfather lived in Japan.
2. Americans dropped the bomb on his city.
3. He lived, but he was sick all of his life.
4. He fought for peace.
5. He wanted love and peace for all people.
6. Tadeo’s grandfather died.
7. He left Tadeo all his money.
8. Tadeo had to travel to America.
9. He had to meet many people.
10. He had to learn that people are all the same.
11. Tadeo thinks his grandfather is happy now.

Dictation for Chapter 7—Hamad Gets an Offer

1. Hamad was a gardener.
2. His wife died five years ago.
3. She loved camellias.
4. Camellias helped Hamad remember his wife.
5. Hamad worked at a landscaping company.
6. He wanted his own business.
7. Hamad wrote a letter and included pictures of his camellias.
8. He received an e-mail from Mr. Brooks.
9. Hamad and his sons moved to the U.S.A.
10. Hamad’s sister was sad.
Dictation for Chapter 8—Ernesto Changes His Life

1. Lydia didn’t have another boyfriend.
2. Ernesto didn’t want to talk to her.
3. He didn’t want to listen to his friends.
4. Lydia said she didn’t care about the other boys.
5. Ernesto called her and apologized.
6. He said he didn’t have a girlfriend.
7. Lydia and Adriana moved to Yuma.
8. They live with Aunt Teresa.
9. Aunt Teresa was lonely.
10. Everyone is happy now.

Dictation for Chapter 9—Lydia Moves Out

1. Lydia missed Ernesto.
2. She didn’t like her job.
3. She wasn’t happy at home.
4. Lydia’s mother needed help.
5. Ernesto called Lydia.
6. Lydia was happy again.
7. Lydia and Adriana decided to move to Yuma.
8. They talked to Lydia’s parents.
9. Her parents finally agreed to their plan.
10. Now they are living with Aunt Teresa.

Dictation for Chapter 10—Fouad Feels Lucky

1. Fouad took Wendy to his favorite coffee shop.
2. He loves to go there.
3. Wendy likes black coffee.
4. Fouad likes coffee with milk and sugar.
5. He and Wendy talk about his life.
6. He feels lucky to have a new friend.
7. Wendy feels bad about Fouad’s life.
8. She feels angry.
9. Fouad lost his family, but he has friends.
10. We all need friends to be happy.
Dictation for Chapter 11—Christina Gets a Surprise

1. Christina found a new job.
2. She is a waitress.
3. She got two letters last week.
4. Her grandmother is not well.
5. Her grandmother wants to come to the US.
6. Christina wants to bring her.
7. She needs to save money to get plane tickets.
8. She got a letter from a woman.
9. The woman's name is Ellen.
10. She thinks she is related to Christina.

Dictation for Chapter 12—Tadeo Volunteers

1. Tadeo was lonely.
2. He decided to make a change.
3. He started to do volunteer work.
4. He works at a hospital.
5. He meets interesting people.
6. He can practice his English.
7. He likes the maternity ward best.
8. He likes to look at the babies.
10. Tadeo often eats with his new friends.

Dictation for Chapter 13—Hamad Sees the School Principal

1. Hamad had a strange week.
2. In Jordan, Ali was not a good student.
3. His teacher’s said he was lazy.
4. Hamad talked to his son’s American teacher.
5. Ali is a gifted student.
6. Ali’s teacher wants him to go to a special school.
7. Hamad talked to the principal.
8. He talked to his boss.
9. Ali was happy.
10. He likes school in America.
Dictation for Chapter 14—Lydia Has a Problem

1. Veronica made a suggestion.
2. She wanted to have a bake sale.
3. Aunt Teresa said they could use her kitchen.
4. Fouad and Ernesto came to dinner.
5. Fouad and Ernesto did the dishes.
6. Lydia likes her school.
7. She is learning to color hair.
8. A guy at her school makes jokes.
9. He makes Lydia uncomfortable.
10. She doesn’t know what to do.

Dictation for Chapter 15—Ernesto Gets Angry

1. Ernesto got a new job.
2. He works in a garage.
3. He likes his job.
4. His boss likes Ernesto’s work.
5. Ernesto is worried.
6. He doesn’t know how to help Lydia.
7. A guy at her school upsets her.
8. Lydia doesn’t want Ernesto to do anything.
9. She says it will be OK.
10. Ernesto wants to beat him up.

Dictation for Chapter 16—Fouad Feels Homesick

1. Fouad enjoyed cooking.
2. He made a dish from his country.
3. His mother made this dish in his country.
4. He misses his family.
5. He is homesick.
6. Fouad looked at Wendy’s pictures again.
7. The man in the picture is not his uncle.
8. He misses his uncle.
9. He misses his parents.
10. He wonders if they are alive.
Dictation for Chapter 17—Christina Has Big News

1. Christina has some big news.
2. Ruth Evans is her grandmother.
3. They met downtown.
4. They hugged and kissed.
5. Ruth showed Christina pictures of her family.
6. She had pictures of Christina’s parents.
7. Ruth offered to help Christina.
8. She will give her money to go to Bosnia.
9. Christina can get her other grandmother.
10. Her two grandmothers can meet.

Dictation for Chapter 18—Tadeo Finds a New Home

1. Tadeo has advice for Ernesto.
2. He tells Ernesto to complain to the director.
3. Tadeo talked to a counselor.
4. The counselor helped him.
5. Tadeo now lives with Eric.
6. He feels like he has a family.
7. They clean the house together.
8. Eric cooks dinner.
9. Tadeo and Carol help clean.
10. Tadeo loves Eric and Carol.

Dictation for Chapter 19—Hamad, the Proud Father

1. Hamad talked to Howard about Ali.
2. Howard knows about gifted schools.
3. Ali wants to study math.
4. Ali doesn’t miss his friends in Jordan now.
5. Saleh has a girlfriend.
6. He doesn’t want to be a gardener.
7. He wants to study computers.
8. He helps his father find things on his computer.
10. He is a happy father.
Dictation for Chapter 20—Lydia Solves Her Problem

1. Lydia enjoyed the bake sale.
2. She met Grandma Ruth.
3. Grandma Ruth’s clothes are in style.
4. Aunt Teresa and Grandma Ruth got along well.
5. They are planning a dinner.
6. Grandma Ruth is a vegetarian.
7. Lydia will make a dish for the dinner.
8. Lydia talked to the director at her school.
9. She told her about Scott.
10. Now Scott doesn’t bother her.

Dictation for Chapter 21—Ernesto’s New Car

1. Ernesto spoke to a counselor with Lydia.
2. He was very helpful.
3. Ernesto learned how to solve problems.
4. Ernesto bought a car.
5. He bought it from a customer.
6. He got a good price.
7. He pays a little every month.
8. He loves his car.
9. He is going to marry Lydia.
10. They will name their daughter Veronica.

Dictation for Chapter 22—Fouad Finds Family

1. Fouad likes the library.
2. He does his homework and waits for Wendy.
3. He spends time with Wendy.
4. Fouad works at the library part-time.
5. He helps people find information.
6. Fouad met a man from Sudan.
7. He is not his uncle.
8. They became friends.
9. The man is also from Sudan.
10. Fouad has a new family.
Dictation for Chapter 23—Christina’s Big Family

1. Christina is going back to Bosnia.
2. Her grandmother will meet her.
3. A lady from church is going to help.
4. They got a visa for her grandmother.
5. Everyone is excited.
6. Christina can’t wait to see her.
7. Grandma Ruth wants to have a party.
8. She invited Christina and her grandmother to live with her.
9. Christina has many relatives.
10. She has a big family now.

Dictation for Chapter 24—Tadeo’s New Family

1. Tadeo passed his driver’s test.
2. He can drive Carol to school.
3. He hopes to get his own car.
4. Carol and Tadeo got a dog.
5. They called him Sandy.
6. They take him for walks.
7. Tadeo gave him a bath.
8. Tadeo thinks about his grandfather.
9. He thinks his grandfather is watching him.
10. He thinks his grandfather approves of his life.

Dictation for Chapter 25—Hamad Gets a Surprise Phone Call

1. Hamad sold some plants at the bake sale.
2. He is proud of his sons.
3. They are good boys.
5. He wrote about gardens.
6. Saleh made a website for his father.
7. It has pictures of his flowers.
8. Hamad got a message.
10. He wants to work with Hamad.
Part 1: All of Us Have Good Stories

Cloze Exercise. Complete the paragraphs with words from the boxes.

Veronica Garcia teaches English language learners. She is an 1 ________ just like her students. When she was a little 2 ________, she envied other children who she thought lived in more “normal” American homes. One of Veronica’s students is Lydia Gonzales. Lydia 3 ________ to the U.S. when she was 17 years old. Lydia 4 ________ Ernesto, who is also from Mexico. Ernesto was 5 ________ when other boys admired Lydia, so he 6 ________ to another town.

Lydia was 7 ________ when Ernesto moved away. 8 ________ wrote him a letter telling him that she loves him. Ernesto was 9 ________ to get the letter.

Fouad is 10 ________ roommate. He is from Sudan. He loves to 11 ________, and he made friends with Wendy, a librarian. Another student in Veronica’s class is Christina from Bosnia. She was raised by 12 ________ grandmother and never knew her parents.

Tadeo, from Japan, is another 13 ________ who was very close to a grandparent. He was close to 14 ________ grandfather. Tadeo’s grandfather is no longer 15 ________. He left his grandson some 16 ________. An older student is Hamad Al-Thani, a gardener from Jordan, who came to the United States 17 ________ his two sons. They all need and want to 18 ________ English.
Part 2: Getting Away

Cloze Exercise. Complete the paragraphs with words from the boxes.

Ernesto was very happy when he got Lydia's letter, ① ___________ he was even happier when Lydia and his sister Adriana ② ___________ to Yuma to live with Aunt Teresa. Adriana and Lydia ③ ___________ work in a beauty salon. Christina also found a ④ ___________. She is a waitress in a restaurant. She ⑤ ___________ an interesting letter from an American lady, who thinks that she is Christina’s other ⑥ ___________.

Tadeo has some money and doesn’t ⑦ ___________ a job. He volunteers in a ⑧ ___________, where he met Eric, who is a nurse. Fouad and Wendy are becoming very close ⑨ ___________. Fouad feels ⑩ ___________ because he met Wendy. Hamad, the gardener, learned that ⑪ ___________ son Ali is very smart and will be in a special class for gifted students. Everyone’s life is ⑫ ___________.

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changing    friends    his    hospital    lucky    need
**Part 3: Twists and Turns**

Cloze Exercise. Complete the paragraphs with words from the boxes.

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Lydia and Adriana are ①_____________ a lot in the beauty school. Ernesto found work in a ②_____________. He was ③_____________ because Scott Andrews bothers Lydia at her school. The ④_____________ decided to have a bake sale to ⑤_____________ some money to help Christina bring her grandmother ⑥_____________ Bosnia to the United States. Christina met her new American grandmother, “Grandma Ruth,” and saw pictures of her father.

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Tadeo ⑦_____________ with Eric and Eric’s ⑧_____________, Carol. Hamad’s son, Ali, likes his new program in school. Hamad’s other ⑨_____________, Saleh, has an American ⑩_____________. Hamad ⑪_____________ like a “landscape artist.” He is learning and ⑫_____________ new things.
Part 4: Finding the Way Home

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The class baked cakes and cookies at ① ____________ house. Later they sold the cakes. Lydia had a talk with the ② ____________ of the beauty school, and Scott Andrews doesn’t ③ ____________ her anymore. Ernesto bought his first American car. ④ ____________ and Lydia plan to be married. Fouad got a part-time job in the ⑤ ____________. He met Zubair, a nice man from Sudan, at ⑥ ____________ house.

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Veronica is moving to Tucson. Christina is going ⑦ ____________ to Bosnia to bring her grandmother to the USA. Grandma Ruth ⑧ ____________ Christina and her grandmother to move to Minneapolis, where Ruth has a large house. Tadeo is happy in his new home, especially after he and Carol ⑨ ____________ a new dog. Everyone ⑩ ____________ to the airport to ⑪ ____________ Christina’s grandmother. Hamad made beautiful corsages for ⑫ ____________ grandmothers.
## Vocabulary Review Game: Part 1:
### All of Us Have Good Stories

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**Names:**

1. Write the names of the people in your group.
2. Place markers for all players on START.
3. Decide who is first, second, third, etc.
4. Roll the dice. When you land on a word, give a definition, or use it in a sentence.
5. If you are correct, you get one point!