

Teacher's Guide for the New English Curriculum

Eighth Grade

Unit 5 Dialogs 2018

A Day I'll Never Forget: In My Personal Life

Friend 1: Remember this exact day last year? Do you remember what we were doing?

Friend 2: Yes! This day last year we were graduating from high school. That was an awesome day.

Friend 1: It's a day I'll never forget! I remember that we all got together to eat breakfast before the crazy day started. I was wearing my new outfit so that I would look good in all the pictures!

Friend 2: Right! I remember seeing your parents cry because they were so proud of you.

Friend 1: Oh, yeah! They gave me flowers and we took a million pictures together as a family. I felt so proud of myself that day because it felt like I had accomplished something important.

Friend 2: Yeah, you should be very proud!

Friend 1: And I will never forget that day because of another reason... my parents bought me a kitty as a graduation gift!

Friend 2: Oh, right! That's the day you got Fluffy. What a great day!

Friend 1: It was a great day. I love reminiscing about it.

An Event I'll Never Forget: with My Family

Teacher: What is your favorite memory of a special time with your families?

Student: I have one!

Teacher: Ok, go ahead.

Student: My vacation to Manuel Antonio is my favorite memory with my family.

Teacher: That's great! What did you do there?

Student: The weather was perfect at the beach the whole week. We swam in the ocean, surfed, sunbathed, and drank out of coconuts.

Teacher: Sounds wonderful. What else did you do? Why was it so special to you?

Student: My family doesn't get to go on many vacations, so that was our first big family vacation. Something else that made it special was all the monkeys we saw. When I was 10, I had never seen a monkey before. It was so cool!

Teacher: That sounds like a great trip. I hope you cherish that memory forever.

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An Event I'll Never Forget: in Costa Rica

Interviewer: I would like to write an article about an important cultural event in Costa Rica. In your opinion, what is an event you'll never forget in Costa Rica?

Interviewee: Well, last year, the International Art Festival was amazing. It lasted for almost two weeks and countries from all over the world brought their artistic work to Costa Rica.

Interviewer: That sounds incredible. Does this occur every year?

Interviewee: Yes, we have the FIA every year.

Interviewer: What was your favorite work of art that you saw?

Interviewee: I listened to a writer from Australia read interesting stories that she wrote about her life. That was my favorite expression of art at FIA last year. However, everything I saw was incredible.

Interviewer: Are you going to FIA this year?

Interviewee: Yes, of course! The country of honor this year is Colombia, and I can't wait to see the different types of arts from that country and all countries that will be represented there!

Interviewer: Wow, that sounds wonderful. I hope you have a fantastic time there, I hope I can go too!

An Event I'll Never Forget: in the World

Parent: Many big events are happening in the world these days. That's why we are always watching the news at home.

Son/daughter: What kind of big events?

Parent: Well, for example, in 2017, some important things happened in the country of Saudi Arabia.

Son/daughter: Where's Saudi Arabia?

Parent: It's a country in the Middle East, near Africa.

Son/daughter: What happened there?

Parent: Well, that country is different from our country. They have unique customs, religious practices, values, and they speak a different language there: Arabic. There, they have kings instead of presidents. For many years, the kings of Saudi Arabia have been very conservative and have even created laws against women being allowed to drive.

Son/daughter: Women can't drive in Saudi Arabia??

Parent: Just wait, and I'll tell you! Another conservative law they created was a ban on movie theatres.

Son/daughter: Wait... there are no movie theatres in Saudi Arabia? What do people do for fun if there are no movies?

Parent: Well, the big events that happened in 2017 were that the king lifted the bans on women driving and on cinemas. Saudi Arabian leaders say they want to make the country more modernized and less conservative. That is a big change for the people of that country, and it's important that we learn about other cultures and how their societies develop.

Son/daughter: Wow, that's really interesting. I would like to learn more!

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