units 7-12 Test Audio Script

Listening A [Track 16]

Josh: Have you ever been to Italy, Claire?

Claire: No, I haven't, Josh. This is going to be my first time. What should I see there?

Josh: Well, I loved the art museums in Rome and Florence. You can't see all of them, of course, but you should try to see some. And take a walking tour! It's the best way to see these cities.

Claire: What else should I do?

Josh: Well, you can go shopping for souvenirs and for clothing, shoes, and belts, of course. But for me the best thing about Italy is the food.

Claire: Oh, yes! I really want to try the pizza there. I'm sure it's better than the pizza here in the United States.

Josh: Well, *I* think so. I've eaten pizza in many countries, and I think the pizza in Italy is the best. And Italian ice cream is delicious, too.

Claire: Oh, I can't wait! It's going to be very exciting!

Josh: I'm positive you'll have a good time. I went to Italy a few years ago, and it was one of the best vacations I've ever had.

Listening B [Track 17]

Eddie: Hey, Jill. Guess what! I got an A on my history report!

Jill: That's wonderful, Eddie. I'm happy to hear that. What was it about?

Eddie: I wrote about Leonardo da Vinci.

Jill: Why did you choose him? I know he was creative and extremely intelligent . . .

Eddie: He certainly was. And that's what makes him interesting. I think he's the most interesting person in history! Most people think he was just an artist and painted pictures like the *Mona Lisa*. His art is great, but I admire da Vinci because he was a scientist. Can you imagine? In his notebooks, he wrote about cars and planes . . . and he drew amazing pictures of them. Five hundred years ago those things were science fiction!

Jill: Five hundred years ago? Uh . . . are you sure? I thought da Vinci was born in the 17th century.

Eddie: No, he was born in the15th century, in 1452, and he died in the 16th century.

Jill: Oh, right.

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