

Video Scripts

Unit 1

My Name

What's your name?

Person 1: My name is Ousseini Namadou.

Person 2: My name is Crispin Zavala.

Person 3: My name is Inês Correia Duarte Fontoura. My last name is Correia Duarte Fontoura. My mom's name is very, very, very big. It's Amélia da Conceição Amália Correia Duarte Fontoura. And then my father's name is Manuel Jose Ferreira Fontoura.

Person 4: My name is Herman van der Muelen.

Person 5: My name is Maria Isabel Garcia Martinez.

Person 6: My name is Adria Sogues.

Do you have a nickname?

Person 1: Yes, Chaz.

Person 2: I don't. Actually, I don't.

Person 3: The Hermanator.

Person 4: My nickname is Maribel.

Taiye Selasi: My name is Taiye Selasi. Now, when I was born, my parents named me Eyi Taiye Selasi Tuakli Wosornu. *Eyi* means *first twin* in my father's language, Ewe from Ghana. *Taiye* means *first twin* in my mother's language, Yoruba from Nigeria. Selasi, my middle name, is an Ewe name. Tuakli is my mother's surname, or last name. Wosornu is my father's surname. In West Africa, it is common for children to have many names. One of my cousins has ten names. In Portugal, where I live, it is also common for people to have four or five names.

I was born in London as Eyi Taiye Selasi Tuakli Wosornu. But my parents separate when I am one. When I am three years old, my mother marries a man named Doctor Williams. And so, for a time, my name is Eyi Williams. Years later, my mother and my stepfather Doctor Williams separate and my name changes again. Eyi Wosornu.

But I always loved my names in my mother's language. Taiye and Tuakli. My mother's name is Juliet Tuakli. My father's name is Lade Wosornu. My sister's name is Yetsa Tuakli-Wosornu.

My sister and I have the same surname—Tuakli Wosornu. Our mother's surname, Tuakli, and our father's surname, Wosornu, together. It is lovely, but it is very long.

Now I am a writer and I have a new name, a shorter one. My first name, Taiye, and my middle name, Selasi. That is how I became Taiye Selasi. My name is Taiye Selasi.

Unit 2

A Contact Job

Narrator: This is the city of Tokyo, Japan. There are more than 13 million people here. It's a big city, and people are very busy. But they always stop in the street for this man! His name is Okotanpe and he's a contact juggler.

In contact juggling, the ball is always on your body. You move it in your hands, along your arms, back to your hands, and around your body. It's amazing!

Is the ball soft? No, it isn't. It's hard plastic.

It's fascinating to me. It's part magic act, part mime, and part standard juggling. Is it easy? No, it isn't! It's very difficult and Okotanpe works many hours every day.

Okotanpe works all over Tokyo. It's interesting for the people on the street, and Okotanpe is very popular.

How many balls are there? One? Two? Three? Four?

When you are in Tokyo, look out for Okotanpe!

Unit 3

A Day in the Life of a Lighthouse Keeper

Unit 4

Tyler Bikes Across America

Narrator: So, Tyler Metcalfe is on his American Bike Project. It's a long trip, so what does he have with him? Well, first of all, a bicycle, obviously. And a helmet—that's very important.

He also has 4 bicycle bags—two in the front of his bike and two in the back. Then, all his other possessions are in the bags.

He has a lot of things, like a sleeping bag and a small tent.

Sometimes he's in a hotel, but sometimes there aren't hotels on the trip.

Some clothes, like socks and pants, and bike shirts and shorts, and a raincoat—for when it rains!

... a camping stove for cooking food. He doesn't have much food with him because there are stores on the road. He can buy food and cook it.

... a good camera—Tyler's a photographer. And, finally, maps for all the places he'll go! Now, let's watch him pack!

Unit 5

Around the World in 24 Hours

Narrator: It's time to get up and look at the volcanoes in Hawaii. What a beautiful way to start the day!

Paris: Is it breakfast time? On Thursdays and Sundays, there's a big food market in Paris. Let's buy some coffee and bread!

San Francisco: San Francisco has more than 670 outdoor stairways! It's a great place for exercise.

Melbourne: Melbourne is a busy city with lots of commuters. Luckily, there are quiet parks to relax in.

Namibia: It's noon in a National Park in Namibia. The sun is very hot. Take a bottle of water!

Portland: I'm hungry. Let's have lunch in Portland.

Croatia: Time to relax after lunch. Croatia has perfect beaches and the ocean is blue.

Kerala: It's a beautiful sunset in Kerala in India. This fisherman goes home.

Monaco: Expensive cars are outside the Monte Carlo casino in Monaco. It's easy to spend time—and money—here.

Norway: It's midnight in Norway, but it isn't dark. Go outside and look at the green northern lights.

Bogotá: It's the middle of the night, but not everyone sleeps. Go to an exciting nightclub in Bogotá until the morning!

Unit 6

Star Wars Subway Car

Narrator: This is Charlie Todd. He runs Improv Everywhere in New York City. Improv Everywhere is a group of people who perform in public places. They also record their performances and you can watch them online. They have over 500 million views! Improv Everywhere wants to make people laugh and think about their daily lives.

One of their most popular videos is when they perform part of the movie *Star Wars* on a subway train. The video is short, but Improv Everywhere need a lot of time to prepare. Let's take a look. First of all, the actors put on their costumes. Next, they have to wait at different stations. And while they wait, there is also time to listen to music and watch another performer! Until finally, Improv Everywhere is ready to perform *Star Wars* on a subway.

Unit 7

Danny's Challenge

Narrator: This is Danny MacAskill. He comes from Edinburgh, in Scotland. Today, he's riding his bicycle around Edinburgh. But he isn't riding his bicycle on the streets! Danny is riding on walls, stairs—in fact, he's riding anywhere he wants!

Now, he's riding on one wheel—and he's riding backwards! And up and down walls.

Danny was a mechanic, but he's so good on a bicycle that he's now a professional stunt rider.

People come to watch Danny do tricks on his bicycle.

Man: He's really impressive.

Narrator: People like watching Danny—he's very good. Can you jump from the wall to the mailbox? No, but Danny can. Even on his bicycle.

Danny says that he's looking for more difficult places to ride his bicycle. And today he plans to ride over this bridge. Not on the road, but on the bridge itself. It's a challenge. A difficult challenge. He tries many times, and at last he gets onto the bridge. Now he's riding up the bridge, but Danny has a problem. Riding up the bridge is easy, but it's difficult to ride down the other side. Slowly, slowly, and at last he is safe on the other side of the bridge.

Now, he's looking for his next challenge.

Unit 8

A Dress with a Story

Narrator: Sardinia is an island in the Mediterranean Sea. It is part of the country of Italy. It's a beautiful place and the coastal towns are busy with people and tourists. But in the middle of the island, it's very quiet. There are mountains with small villages. Desulo is one of these villages.

Desulo is a very traditional place and sometimes you can see the older women in a special dress. In the past, all of the women only had one dress. They got it when they were a teenager and over the years, they changed the dress and added new colors. Only a few women still wear these dresses today.

Every piece of the dress, and all of the different colors, are about the women's lives. When they get married, the dress is red and beautiful. And some of these women, when they are a widow, make the dress black.

This woman has photos of her parents. In the photos, her mother and other women are also wearing the same type of dress. When she looks at their dresses, she says she can see the story of their lives. And so, she knows that after she dies, people can look at her dress and remember the story of her life.

Unit 9

Berry Road Trip

Narrator: Where does your food come from? The other side of town? The other side of the country? From another country?

In the United States, there are more than 2.6 million trucks on the road every day. And we transport 70% of our food on trucks. Food can travel an average 5,120 miles before it's in a supermarket.

Let's take a trip on a truck transporting strawberries. We begin at some strawberry fields in Watsonville, California. There are 590 trucks—all with strawberries. There is one pound of strawberries per box. 8 boxes per case. 108 cases per pallet. And 26 pallets per truck. The berries on one truck are worth \$90,000!

The truck drives across the US. It has to stop for fuel—that costs \$900 each stop. It's 3,200 miles to Washington, DC. The trip takes three days with two drivers. Each driver can drive and then sleep. Each person can drive 11 hours a day. This happens every day.

So, the next time you go to your local store and buy strawberries, think about the distance they traveled to be there!

Unit 10

What Makes You Happy?

Narrator: Can you measure happiness? Is it possible?

In a global poll about happiness, people from 140 countries answered questions about their happiness. How do you measure this? Smiley face emojis? Hugs?

Here's the first question: How happy are you?

You answer with a number from 0 to 10. 0 is not happy. 10 is very happy. If you choose 7 or above... You're thriving! Way to go!

But different people from different countries can answer this question in different ways. For example, for people from Latin American countries—being happy is very important. So, they often answer the questions with high scores, every day!

And why are they happy? In Costa Rica, being healthy and having a green environment equals happiness. People also think education is important. Costa Rica also has a beautiful, natural landscape—so people are relaxed.

Let's go across the ocean to Europe. Denmark is one of the happiest countries. Why? Well, people in Denmark are happy because they have good hospitals and good schools as well as a good economy—so people have money.

Now let's go to Asia and visit Singapore. Singapore has values like harmony, respect, and hard work. People here think being with family and friends is important.

How can we increase happiness? Well, this is more difficult to answer. In most countries, people think physical health is very important for happiness. So, maybe the answer is to go to your local park. Go there and get more exercise, ride a bike, or go running...

How do you measure happiness? What makes you happy?

Unit 11

Catching a Hummingbird

Narrator: How did photographer Anand Varma capture this incredible footage?

Anand is a science photographer, and he loves taking photographs of animals. But this is very difficult, so he needs to plan very carefully.

For this project, Anand would like to film a hummingbird. Hummingbirds are very small and fast, so he uses special equipment. First, he's going to prepare his studio. And he's going to use a special camera. Fortunately for Anand, modern cameras are much better than in the past.

Caption: This hummingbird was filmed in 1941 on a 16MM camera.

Narrator: This film of a hummingbird is from 1941.

Caption: DSLR Camera filmed in 2015

Narrator: This is with a more modern camera.

Caption: 4K Camera, 2,000 frames per second

Narrator: And this is with Anand's camera.

Caption: But getting the shot wasn't easy.

Caption: This shot of the forked tongue required special miniature glass dishes to be hand-made.

Narrator: To photograph the long tongue of the hummingbird, Anand needs to use small glass dishes.

Caption: A fog machine was custom built to visualize the bird's aerodynamics.

Narrator: To photograph how hummingbirds move, Anand needs a special fog machine.

And to photograph how hummingbirds fly in the rain, he's going to use this plastic box. The hummingbird is inside the box and water falls on it. When Anand watches the hummingbird in slow motion, he can see what the bird does.

Now, we can see, too.

Unit 12

Leaving Antarctica

Narrator: This is Antarctica. It's a cold and beautiful place. And famous for its wildlife.

Dion Poncett is the captain of a ship called the *Hans Hansson*. Dion was born in Antarctica.

This is Dion when he was 11 years old. His father was French and sailed his boat around the world. Dion's mother was from Australia and for years, the family sailed around Antarctica.

They had three children—all sons—and Dion was the first. The boys grew up in Antarctica.

Dion didn't go to school, but his mother knew all about the different animals in the region and she taught her children about them.

Sally Poncett was a scientist and an explorer. In particular, she studied birds.

All his life, Dion loved his home in Antarctica, but now the continent is changing. There is less water on the land. It is dry in many places. There is less snow and ice.

The animals on the land are safe from humans. But there is a lot of fishing in the sea. So, the animals on land don't have enough food.

After this video, in 2018, Dion sold his boat and moved away because his home—Antarctica—is changing.