

when students listen to a lecture, there is no special reason why they need to be physically present to hear and get it. There is certainly no reason why they need to be physically present to get the readings and to think about these things.” Mr. Anderson also adds that increased numbers of students in MOOCs can mean less communication between them and teachers. He says two ways to deal with this are by adding more teachers and setting up online discussion groups.

1. What do you need to attend MOOCs?
2. What is the bad side of MOOCs?
3. What is the news report mainly about?

### News item 6

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The 17-year-old, girls’ rights activist, Malala Yousafzai has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for 2014. She was one of the two Nobel laureates this year. The other is Kailash Satyarthi, who campaigns for children’s rights. Malala was given the accolade exactly two years and a day after a Taliban gunman shot her in the head on her school bus. Following her recovery in a British hospital, Malala has toured the world speaking up for the right for girls to receive an education. She once told reporters that going to school “is like walking through a magic door to your dreams.” Malala becomes the youngest ever recipient of the prize and the second Pakistani to scoop the award.

The Nobel Committee said Ms. Yousafzai and Mr. Satyarthi won the prize “for their struggle against the suppression of children and young people, and for the right of all children to education.” Pakistan’s Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif congratulated Malala, calling her the “pride of Pakistan.” He said, “She has made her countrymen proud. Her achievement is unparalleled and unequalled.” He urged all children to follow her lead.

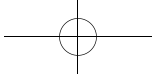
1. What did Malala compare to walking through a magic door to your dreams?
2. Who called Malala the “pride of Pakistan”?
3. What did Pakistan’s Prime Minister ask children to follow?

## Part III Test yourself

**Questions 1 and 2 will be based on the following news item.**

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In the New York City public schools, 176 different languages are spoken among the more than one million students. For 160,000 children, English is not their first language. New York’s



Department of Education makes learning better for these students by providing dual-language programs.

Students are taught in two languages, English and another one, like Russian or Chinese. Math, Social Studies, Science and all other regular courses are taught in both languages. And they learn about the culture of the other country. Milady Baez is Deputy Chancellor of English Language Learners and Student Support. She said these dual-language programs will help children succeed in the future. “The jobs of the future require that our students know more than one language. They are going to be traveling abroad. They are going to be communicating with people from all over the world. This will open doors for them,” she said.

1. What do we learn about the New York City public schools?
2. What does the deputy chancellor think about these language programs?

**Questions 3 and 4 will be based on the following news item.**

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Have you ever heard an English teacher say, “Teaching grammar is boring!” Betty Azar has and she strongly disagrees. “For me teaching grammar is the most fun class of all. I think it is a misconception that teaching grammar is a boring thing to do. Teaching grammar, for me, always was the class I looked forward to the most because grammar was just the foundation. It was where you started. Grammar is just the starting point,” she says. Betty Azar is a world famous expert on teaching English grammar. She talked about how teachers can move from grammar to communication experiences. “From there you do conversations, you do games, you do communicative interaction, and you do all of the wonderful things you do in a second language classroom, but you do it in combination with having a solid foundation of the structures that they are using,” she says.

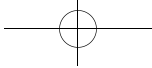
3. What does Betty Azar think about teaching grammar?
4. What does Betty Azar suggest the teachers do when moving from grammar to communication experiences?

**Questions 5 to 7 will be based on the following news item.**

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The UN Children’s Fund says global education is in crisis. In a new report, UNICEF warns millions of children are not learning the very basics. The report was released at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

UNICEF Deputy Executive Director Yoka Brandt describes education as a human right,



saying there's a moral obligation to invest in it. "Education can put people on a path toward good health, empowerment and employment and it helps to rebuild more peaceful societies. It gives children in emergencies a future, a place of safety and a sense of normalcy. And we all know that the benefits of girls' education go well beyond their own education, but extend to their children."

Brandt says that despite the benefits education offers, there is an education crisis. "Fifty-eight million children and 63 million adolescents are out of school. And worse, we're also facing a learning crisis because an estimated 130 million children cannot read or write, despite reaching grade four," she says. "And it's these two twin crises that are being addressed in this new UNICEF report — The Investment Case for Education and Equity — which we are very pleased to launch here," she says.

5. What do we learn about the benefits of education?
6. According to this report, how many children cannot read or write, despite reaching grade four?
7. What is the news report mainly about?

## UNIT 6

### Part II Listen to the news

#### News item 1

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Football is the most popular professional sport in the United States. The National Football League (NFL) championship is called the Super Bowl.

The game is always played on a Sunday, and that day is called "Super Bowl Sunday."

It is such a big day. It is almost like a holiday for some people. People throw big parties to celebrate and then gather around large televisions to watch the game.

This year, the Denver Broncos football team defeated the Carolina Panthers 24-10 to win the championship. Before the game, most people thought Carolina Panthers, the team based in the North Carolina city of Charlotte, would win.

About 70,000 people watched the game in person at Levi's Stadium in California. And over 100 million people in the US alone watched the game on television.

1. What is the Super Bowl?
2. Which team won the Super Bowl this year?