

## Teacher's notes

### Presidents' Day weekend – Summary

In this unit we learn about Presidents' Day and the friends decide to go skiing together during the holiday. In scene 8A, we find out what Presidents' Day is and how Americans often celebrate it. In scene 8B, a TV commercial for Eagle Mountain makes Mariana think about going skiing and the others persuade her to go with them for Presidents' Day weekend. In scene 8C, Josh and Jennifer come in and Josh is very keen on the idea of going, especially when he sees that Mariana is interested in him, but he has to beg Jennifer to let him go, because they're supposed to visit their uncle Bob to celebrate his birthday and the holiday with their family.

#### 1 Before you watch

##### ▶▶ Cultural note

- a ● Have the students read the cultural note.
  - Help them with the vocabulary if necessary. Give examples of holidays in your country that "honor" historical figures.
  - Discuss the questions as a class. Does the students' country have more or fewer national holidays than the U.S?
  - If you or your students wish to have more information on American national holidays, try the website: <http://usinfo.state.gov/usa/infousa/facts/factover/holidays.htm>
- b ● This exercise will help the students with the ski-related vocabulary that they will encounter in this unit.
  - Have the students write the correct words under the pictures.
  - Help the students with the pronunciation of the new vocabulary.

**Answers:** 1 snowboarding 2 skiing 3 skis 4 a trail 5 a lodge  
6 gloves 7 goggles

- Make sure the students are clear about the meanings of each of the words: *snowboarding* is like surfing on snow. In fact, the original snowboarders used adapted surfboards! A *trail* is a mountainside that has been specially prepared for skiing and a *lodge* is a small hotel in a ski resort.
- c ● Pre-teach any new vocabulary as necessary, e.g. *tiring* (something that makes you tired).
  - Have the students talk in pairs or small groups.
  - The students can either use their own experience or their imagination.
  - Ask the students who have been skiing to tell the class about their experiences.

#### 2 Watch for main ideas

41:01 – 45:10

- Have the students read the statements before they watch and make sure they understand them.
- Play the unit through once.
- Then have them check their answers in pairs.
- Check their answers and ask the students if they can correct the false statements.

**Answers:** 1F (It honors Presidents Washington and Lincoln.)  
2F (People often go skiing.) 3T 4T 5F (They decide to spend a weekend skiing.) 6T 7F (He doesn't want to visit his cousins.)  
8F (She decides to visit their cousins.)

◀◀ Rewind the video to 8A 41:17 in preparation for **Watch for details**.

#### 3 Watch for details

Scene 8A: 41:17 – 42:16

- a ● Have the students match the sentences. They should be able to match most of them before watching the video by using their common sense and grammatical clues.
  - They can then watch the scene again and check their answers.
- b ● Allow them to check in pairs before you check the answers with the whole class.

**Answers:** 1d 2c 3a 4f 5e 6b

##### ▶▶ Scene 8B: 42:16 – 43:03

- The scene is short and the characters speak fast so the students will have to pay close attention.
- If necessary, remind them who Mariana, Cal and Jin are.
- Pre-teach any new vocabulary as necessary, e.g. *take ... off*, as in *take Friday off* (take a day's vacation from work).
- Have them check (✓) the correct column as they watch.
- When you've checked their answers, have the students practice saying some of the expressions.

**Answers:** 1 Mariana 2 Cal 3 Mariana 4 Jin 5 Mariana 6 Jin  
7 Cal 8 Mariana

##### ▶▶ Scene 8C: 43:05 – 45:10

- Have the students read the questions. Pre-teach any new vocabulary as necessary, e.g. *Have a seat* (sit down). Tell the students that Connecticut is a state in the northeastern United States, south of Boston.
- The students watch the scene again and mark the correct answer.
- If you wish, you could explain that *pretty please* is a childish way of saying *please*. Josh is probably being a little bit ironic – but it works!

**Answers:** 1b 2a 3c 4a 5b

#### 4 After you watch

##### Language focus: *too* and *either*

- This exercise gives provides extra practice of page 73 of the Student's Book.
- Look at the examples together with the students.
- Have them do the exercise then compare their answers with their partners before you check them as a class.

**Answers:** 1 ... do too. 2 ... doesn't either. 3 ... does too.  
4 ... can too. 5 ... are too.

##### Discussion

- Read through the questions with the students and ask them to discuss the first two questions in pairs.
- Monitor and find out their opinions, and their reasons.
- Discuss the third question as a class – the answers to the first two will have prepared the students for this. Encourage debate about the importance of family in general.

#### 5 Communication activity

Turn to page 60 for the *Agreement* activity.

## SKYLINE 2 UNIT 8

### Video Script

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41:01-45:10

#### Scene 8A: 41:17 - 42:16

**Narrator:** What is Presidents' Day anyway? Presidents' Day is always on the 3rd Monday of February. It's a national holiday. Presidents' Day is a combined holiday that honors two American presidents: George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Both men were born in February. Abraham Lincoln was born on February 12th, George Washington born on February 22nd. Today, many people celebrate the holiday by going skiing; many other people go shopping. Presidents' Day is a time for buying a car or going to big sales in stores. Presidents' Day weekend is coming and it's a great time to get away to Eagle Mountain and the Eagle Mountain Lodge. Ski Eagle Mountain's beautiful trails all day ... Enjoy the beautiful winter wonderland of Eagle Mountain. Make your reservations today for Presidents' Day weekend at the Eagle Mountain Lodge.

#### Scene 8B: 42:16 - 43:03

**Mariana:** Wow! Skiing! It looks like fun. I'd like to try it ...  
**Cal:** I'd like to go skiing, too. Let's go. Let's do it. Look, Monday's a holiday. We could take Friday off, that's four days ...  
**Shawna:** Yeah, we can leave Thursday night after work ... ski all day Friday ... all day Saturday ...  
**Mariana:** Wait, wait. I didn't really mean we should go. I can't ski. I've never skied ...  
**Jin:** Oh, that's no problem, Mariana. You can learn to ski - one lesson. Really.  
**Mariana:** Oh, Jin. I don't think so. One lesson?  
**Shawna:** Oh, no. It's true. You can learn to ski really fast. Skiing is the easiest sport to learn.  
**Jin:** It's true. You take one class in the morning. Then by the afternoon you'll be skiing some of the easier trails. It's so much fun.  
**Shawna:** Yeah, it's really fun.  
**Cal:** So what do you think? Do you want to try it?  
**Mariana:** Sure. Why not? If it's really easy to learn.

#### Scene 8C: 43:05 - 45:10

**Josh:** Hi, you guys.  
**Mariana:** Hi, Josh. Hi, Jennifer.  
**Shawna:** OK. Have a seat.  
**Cal:** We're going skiing for Presidents' Day Weekend.  
**Josh:** You are? Where are you going?  
**Jin:** Well, we were thinking about Eagle Mountain. It's the closest place.  
**Mariana:** Do you want to come?  
**Josh:** Yeah, sure! Skiing and snowboarding! I'd *love* to go.  
**Mariana:** You should come! You can help me practice skiing ... if you don't mind.  
**Josh:** Sure. I'll help you. You're pretty athletic. I'd ... you'll learn fast.  
**Jennifer:** Uh, Josh, wait a minute. I think you're forgetting something.  
**Josh:** What, what ...  
**Jennifer:** Uncle Bob?  
**Josh:** Uncle Bob?  
**Jennifer:** Yeah, remember. It's Uncle Bob's birthday. We're supposed to go to Connecticut that weekend.  
**Josh:** Connecticut ... no, I, I don't want to go ...  
**Jennifer:** Grandma and all of the cousins are going to be there ...  
**Josh:** The cousins! Cammie and Derek? Those cousins? Oh ... No thanks.  
**Jennifer:** Cammie and Derek are not that bad.  
**Josh:** Yes, they are. You know they are.  
**Jennifer:** No, they aren't.  
**Josh:** Oh, you lie! You don't like them either. You know how Derek makes you crazy - talking about how much money he has. Money, money, money. And he has no sense of humor ... and Cammie ... I mean Cammie, I just want ...  
**Jennifer:** Hey, OK, OK, all right, all right. They're terrible. But still it's a family obligation ... and if you don't go, then I have to be with them alone.  
**Josh:** You don't have to go, either.  
**Jennifer:** Yes, I do.  
**Josh:** No, you don't, sis. Come with us.  
**Jennifer:** No, because if you don't go, then I really *have* to go.  
**Josh:** Jen, come on. Please. I want to go skiing. And look, Mariana is *finally* starting to like me. She smiled at me! Please.  
**Jennifer:** Oh ...  
**Josh:** Pretty please ...  
**Jennifer:** Josh ...  
**Josh:** Pretty please with sugar on top?  
**Jennifer:** Oh, all right, go ahead, have fun. I'll tell Cammie that you miss her ...

## Presidents' Day weekend

### 1 Before you watch

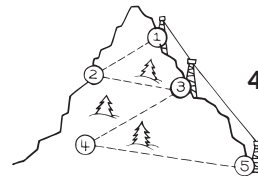
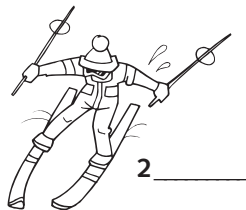
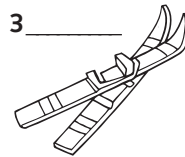
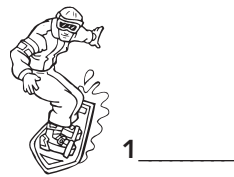
#### ▶▶ Cultural note

#### a Read the text and then discuss the questions.

The United States has eleven national holidays. Two very famous American holidays are Independence Day on July 4th and Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday in November. Thanksgiving is a time to spend with your family and remember good times, so many people take vacation time on the Friday too. Most of the other holidays are on Mondays. Three of them honor famous people from history: Martin Luther King Day – the third Monday of January; Presidents' Day – the third Monday in February and Columbus Day – the second Monday in October.

- 1 How many national holidays are there in your country?
- 2 What is your favorite holiday? Why?

#### b Find the correct word in the box below and write it next to the picture.



gloves a lodge skiing a trail snowboarding goggles skis

#### c In this unit, the friends are talking about going skiing. Tell your partner if you think skiing is: easy expensive fun dangerous tiring boring

### 2 Watch for main ideas

Read the statements. Watch Unit 8 and mark each one T (True) or F (False).

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|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Presidents' Day honors President Kennedy and President Roosevelt. | T <input type="checkbox"/> | F <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 People often go to the beach on Presidents' Day weekend.          | T <input type="checkbox"/> | F <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Mariana can't ski.  | T <input type="checkbox"/> | F <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Jin and Shawna think skiing is very easy.                         | T <input type="checkbox"/> | F <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 They decide to spend a week skiing.                               | T <input type="checkbox"/> | F <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 Mariana wants Josh to come with them.                             | T <input type="checkbox"/> | F <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 Josh wants to visit his cousins.                                  | T <input type="checkbox"/> | F <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 Jennifer decides to go skiing with them.                          | T <input type="checkbox"/> | F <input type="checkbox"/> |

## SKYLINE 2 UNIT 8



### Worksheet Presidents' Day weekend

#### 3 Watch for details

##### ▶▶ Scene 8A

##### a Match the beginnings and endings of the sentences.

- |                                 |                                       |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 Presidents' Day is always on  | a February 12th.                      |
| 2 Presidents' Day is a          | b get away to Eagle Mountain.         |
| 3 Abraham Lincoln was born on   | c holiday that honors two presidents. |
| 4 George Washington was born on | d the third Monday of February.       |
| 5 Presidents' Day is a time for | e buying a car.                       |
| 6 It's a great time to          | f February 22nd.                      |

##### b Now watch scene 8A again and check your answers.

##### ▶▶ Scene 8B

Who says what? Watch scene 8B again and check (✓) the correct person.

|                          | Mariana | Cal | Jin |
|--------------------------|---------|-----|-----|
| 1 I'd like to try it.    | ✓       |     |     |
| 2 Let's do it.           |         |     |     |
| 3 Wait. Wait.            |         |     |     |
| 4 Oh, that's no problem. |         |     |     |
| 5 I don't think so.      |         |     |     |
| 6 It's so much fun.      |         |     |     |
| 7 So what do you think?  |         |     |     |
| 8 Why not?               |         |     |     |

##### ▶▶ Scene 8C

Watch scene 8C again and choose the correct answer (a, b or c).

- They choose Eagle Mountain because it's a) the cheapest. b) the closest. c) the coldest.
- Whose birthday is it? a) Uncle Bob's b) Cousin Derek's c) Grandma's
- Who does Josh dislike? a) Cammie b) Derek c) Cammie and Derek
- Josh thinks that Mariana a) likes him. b) is crazy about him. c) needs him.
- How many times does Josh say "Please?" a) twice b) four times c) six times

#### 4 After you watch

Language focus: *too* and *either*

Complete the second sentence in each pair, using *too* or *either* to show agreement.

Example: *Cal is going to Eagle Mountain. Josh is going too.*  
*Josh doesn't want to go to Connecticut. Jennifer doesn't either.*

- Mariana wants to go skiing. The others \_\_\_\_\_.
- Shawna doesn't think skiing is difficult. Jin \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jin thinks skiing is fun. Shawna \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jin can ski. Josh \_\_\_\_\_.
- Grandma is going to be there. The cousins \_\_\_\_\_.

##### Discussion

Josh and Jennifer had different ideas about the importance of a family celebration. Discuss these questions:

- Do you think Josh is selfish because he puts his own wishes first?
- Do you think Jennifer is right to go to a celebration that she knows she won't enjoy?
- Do you think family celebrations are important? Why? / Why not?