

LESSON EIGHT

STRUCTURES

Guanajuato is more interesting than Querétaro.  
Is a big car more expensive than a small one?

AT THE RESTAURANT



Susana and Roberto are at the restaurant "La Ciénaga" in Querétaro. It is a pretty restaurant. There is always a good group there.

This week the Kings are playing. Susana has heard a lot about them and she has got their first two records.



The group has a unique style and experiments with different instruments.

You cannot dance in this restaurant. People go there to drink coffee and listen to the music. The coffee is more expensive here than in the other restaurants, but the music is very good.

Susana and Roberto are trying to talk but it is very difficult. The music is very loud. Roberto wants to tell Susana about Guanajuato. He thinks Guanajuato is more interesting than Querétaro. Susana cannot compare the two cities; she has never been to Guanajuato. She likes Querétaro. Roberto wants to go to a small Mexican restaurant. They passed it on the way to "La Ciénaga". It is quieter and more comfortable than this restaurant, so they can talk to each other and have something to eat. Susana wants to stay a little while more, because the Kings are going to play a popular tune in a few minutes. It is a beautiful song. Susana sang it for her audition in Acapulco last month.

#### Answer Orally

- Where are Roberto and Susana?
- Is there always a good group in there?
- What's the name of the group in the restaurant?
- Who's heard a lot about them?
- Has Roberto got two of the group's records?
- Can you dance in this restaurant?
- Who goes to the restaurant?
- Why do they go there?
- Is the food cheaper than the food in other restaurants?
- What's the music like?
- Is it easy to talk in the restaurant?
- What are Roberto and Susana trying to talk about?
- Has Susana been to Guanajuato?
- Where does Roberto want to go?
- Why doesn't Susana want to leave the restaurant?

#### PRONUNCIATION

Repeat the words:

play	closes	along	angry
cage	dances	bang	bank
today	finishes	song	hungry
place	teaches	wrong	sunk
weigh	uses	young	thanked

Repeat these phrases and sentences:

- Popular music. He teaches musicians.
- Their conversation is more interesting than their singing.
- Is the theatre more exciting than television?

Oral Practice:

1. Repeat after the teacher, then ask and answer:

Modern life is more comfortable than the old one.

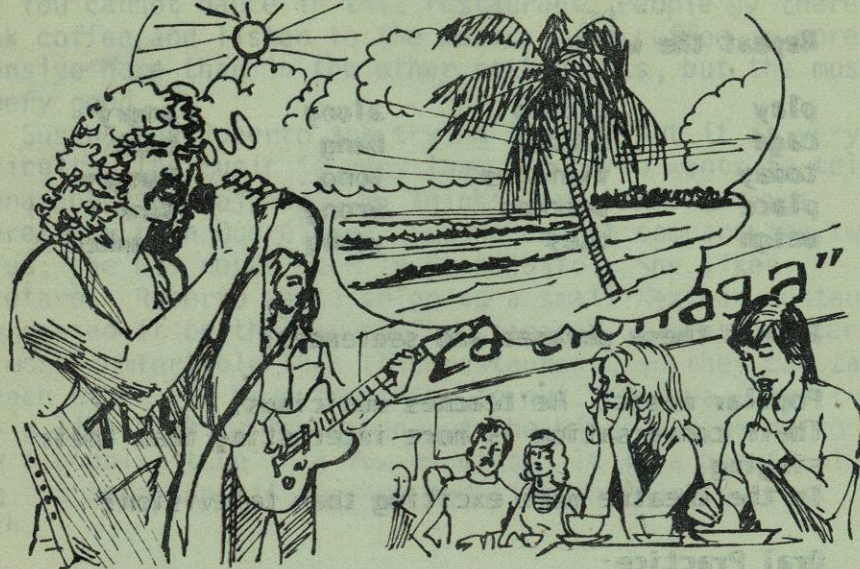
Is "World News" more important than "Love Stories"?  
Yes, it is.

Practise with:

car		beautiful
plane		comfortable
supermarkets	more	interesting
University		old-fashioned
(names of cities, magazines, etc.)		expensive
		modern
		important
		exciting



## THE COUNTRY BOYS



Roberto: Good. the music's stopped. Let's go to that Mexican restaurant. I'm hungry.

Susana: No. They're going to play "New Home" in a few minutes. I sang it for my audition, and I want to talk to César Romero. He writes the words. I want his autograph.

Roberto: When are they going to. . .

Susana: Ssh! Be quiet, Roberto. They're going to sing.

The Kings: Hear the sea,  
The moving sea,  
Clean and strong.

See the sky,  
The windy sky,  
Vast and clear.

Touch this tree,  
This living tree,  
Tall and green.

Susana: Let's stay here, Roberto. This is more exciting than a meal in a restaurant.

Roberto: Yes, the music's very good ... but I'm very hungry!

Susana: We can have a hamburger here.

Roberto: O. K. I want two or three. Tell me Susy, do you think the Kings are better than the Country Boys?

Susana: The Country Boys are better musicians, but the Kings' words are more intelligent.

Roberto: The words of that song weren't very intelligent.

Susana: They're more intelligent than your conversation about food!

## Answer Orally

Where does Roberto want to go?  
Why does he want to go there?  
Has Susana heard "New Home" before?  
What does Susana want to get from César Romero?  
Does César Romero like cities?  
Is the music very exciting?  
Do they sell hamburgers in the restaurant?  
How many hamburgers does Roberto want?  
Are the Kings better musicians than the Country Boys?  
Does Susana like the Kings' songs?  
Do you like the words of the song?



Oral Practice:

2. Repeat after the teacher and then practise:

José is intelligent, but Lina is more intelligent than José.

Ricardo is tall, but Pedro is taller than Ricardo.

Alicia's work is good, but Sonia's work is better than Alicia's.

Practise with your classmates:

more	intelligent	popular
	beautiful	comfortable
taller		
thinner	better	
prettier	worse	

3. Ask and answer:

Our teacher often tells us not to waste time in the classroom.

Do you waste your time in the classroom?  
Sometimes.

Practise with:

talk	laugh	eat
shout	hit	drink
drink	climb	walk
kick	play	run

4. Ask and answer:

Is that school as noisy as this one?  
Yes, it is.

Are Lessons 18 and 19 as easy as Lessons 3 and 4?  
No, they aren't. They're more difficult.

Practise with:

Mexico city ..... Guadalajara  
 small cars ..... big cars  
 this lesson ..... last one  
 restaurants with music.... other restaurants  
 big houses ..... apartments  
 cats ..... dogs

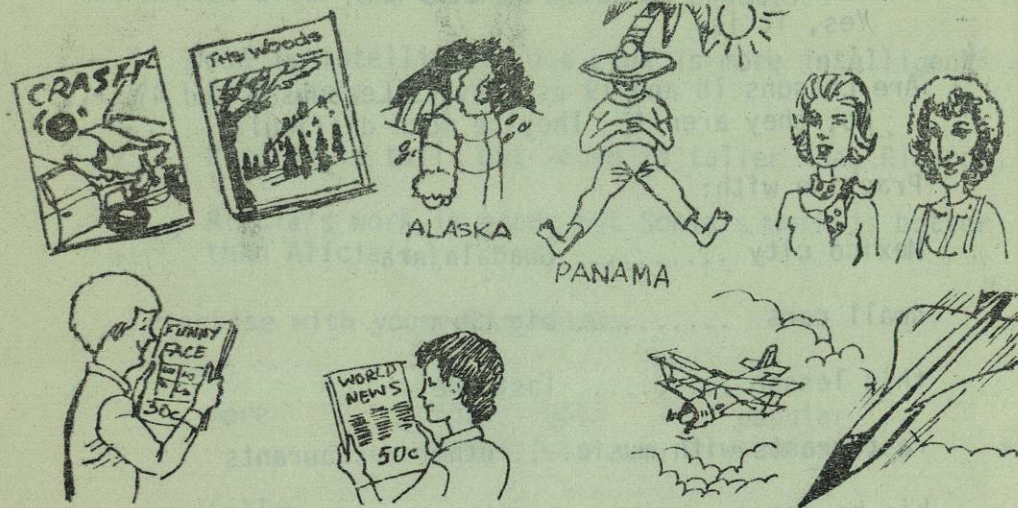
(and so on)

important	beautiful
expensive	old
popular	difficult
exciting	intelligent
big	cheap
tall	pretty
easy	comfortable
important	small
thin	interesting

(and so on)



"La Ciénaga" is more exciting than the Mexican restaurant.



5. Look at the pictures and fill in.

- a) "Crash" is ..... "The Woods".
- b) Panama is ..... Alaska.
- c) The plane on the left is .....
- d) "Funny Face" is .....
- e) The lady on the left is .....

Use the words: FUNNY, EXCITING, WARM, SLOW, BEAUTIFUL, and some others you want. Make your own variations.

6. Read the text and dialogue in this Lesson; then complete the questions.

- a) Who ..... ?  
The Country Boys are.
- b) When ..... ?  
She sang it for her audition.
- c) Why ..... Roberto ..... ?  
It's quieter and more comfortable. He's hungry, too.
- d) What ..... ?  
He's going to have some hamburgers.
- e) Why ..... Susana ..... ?  
"La Ciénaga" is more exciting than the Mexican restaurant.

7. Ask and answer:

- a) How much is the soup?  
It's \$ 16.50.
- b) How much are the potatoes?  
They're \$ 6.00.

Menu - Dinner

Soup .....	16.50
Fish .....	25.00
Meat .....	40.00
Potatoes .....	6.00
Peas .....	6.00
Carrots .....	6.00
Dessert .....	12.00
Coffee or tea ...	10.00
Ice Cream .....	10.00

Practise with the Menu:



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8. Ask and answer:

Where were you at ten o'clock last night?  
At home.

What were you doing?  
I was studying my English lesson.

Where was Willie at seven o'clock this morning?  
At school.

What was he doing?  
He was practising in the choir.

Practise with hours and

this morning  
yesterday afternoon  
Sunday evening  
last year  
etc.

and with names, too.

LESSON NINE

STRUCTURES

Their show is going to start half an hour  
after his.  
How often does the circus come?  
Is this circus as big as last year's?

AT THE CIRCUS AGAIN



Pablo and Angel are at the circus again, but they aren't spectators now. They are going to perform a great show in the middle of the big tent.