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"Hello, everyone. I'm Dave Baker.  
Welcome to *A Home Away from Home*,  
the TV show that shows you the world!  
This week we have stories from  
home stays as far away as Mexico,  
Thailand, Vietnam, Italy, and Brazil.  
Let's begin with Charles.  
Charles is a thirteen-year-old American  
boy living with a family in Mexico.  
Hello, Charles..."







"Hi, Dave!"

"Tell us, Charles, how long have you been in Mexico?"

"I've been here for six months."

"And are you enjoying your home stay?"

"Very much. I'm living with the Gonzales family. They're really nice. Mr. Gonzales is a **businessman**, and Mrs. Gonzales is a teacher. I have two Mexican brothers, Paco and Rafael. They're really friendly. And the food here is great!"



"What foods are eaten in Mexico, Charles?"

"Things like tacos and burritos are eaten here.

Mexican food is spicy, but that's OK. I like spicy food."

"What language is spoken in Mexico, Charles?"

"Spanish is spoken by most people in Mexico."

"Do you speak Spanish, Charles?"

"Yes, I speak a little Spanish, and I'm learning more each day."

"Excellent, Charles. Thank you."

"You're welcome, Dave."

"Now, let's go to Marie in Thailand..."







"Hello, Marie!"

"Hi, Dave."

"Tell us, Marie, where are you from?"

"I'm from France."

"So you speak French, don't you?"

"Yes, I do."

"And what language is spoken in Thailand?"

"Thai is spoken here. Thai is very different from French. It's a difficult language, but it's interesting."

"How long have you been in Thailand?"

"I've been here for two months."



"And are you enjoying your home stay?"

"Yes, I am, Dave. The Rattanapan family is wonderful."

"What is the food like in Thailand?"

"Thai food is very different from French food.

In France, we eat a lot of cheese and bread.

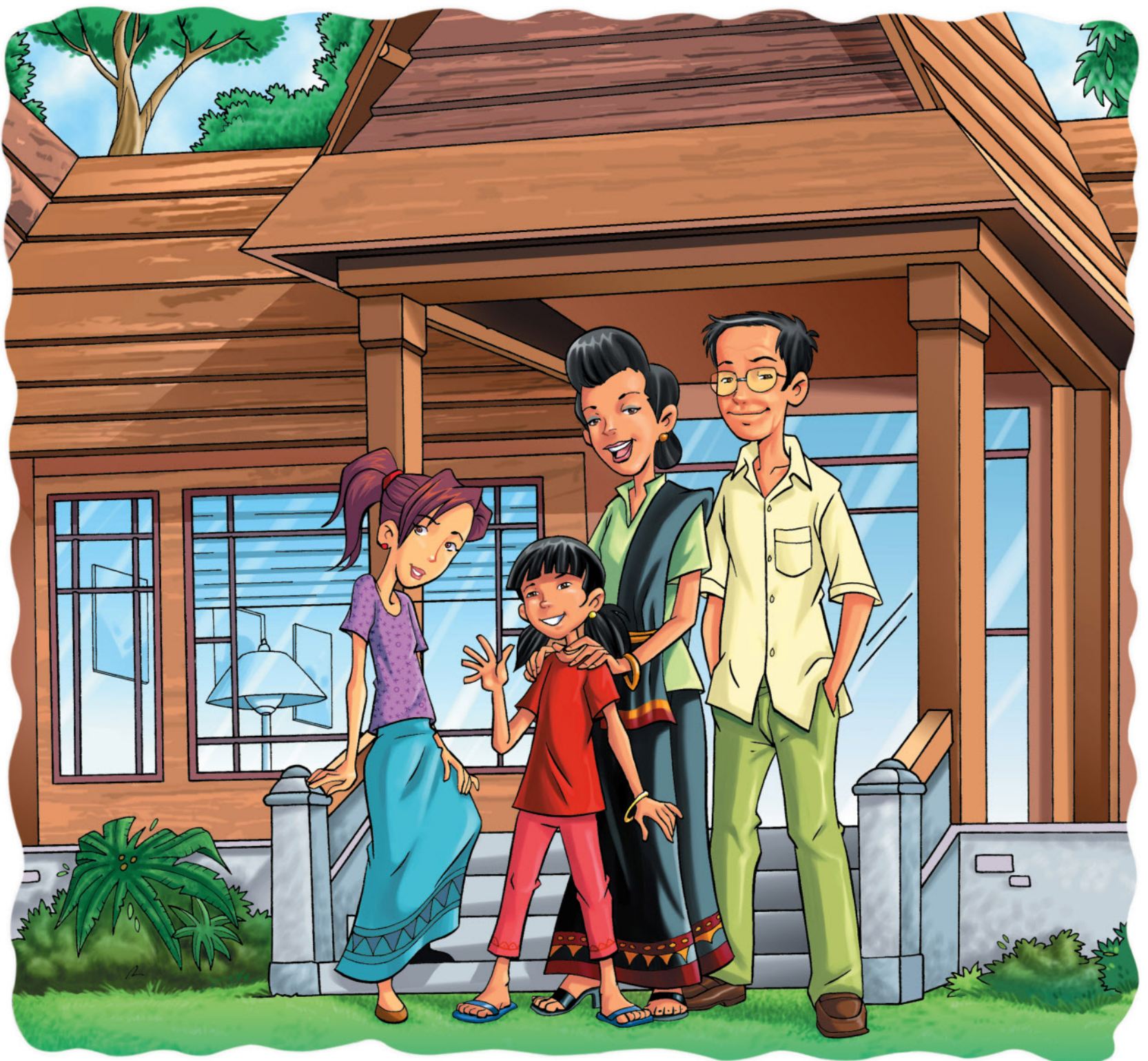
Here, almost no bread or cheese is eaten.

People eat a lot of rice and vegetables."

"Thanks for your report, Marie."

"You're welcome."

"Next, let's go to Ken in Vietnam..."







"Hi, Ken."

"Hello, Dave."

"Ken, you're from Australia, aren't you?"

"Yes, I am."

"How long have you been in Vietnam?"

"I've been here for eight months."

"How are you enjoying your home stay?"

"Oh, it's great, Dave. The Tran family is so kind.

Mr. and Mrs. Tran are excellent cooks.

I've eaten so much delicious food here!"

"What foods are eaten in Vietnam?"



"A lot of rice and noodles are eaten here, and a lot of fish and vegetables, too. It's very healthy."

"What language is spoken in Vietnam, Ken?"

"Vietnamese is spoken here. It's a difficult language. But it looks almost like English when it's written. I can read the signs and look words up in my Vietnamese – English dictionary."

"Thanks for talking with us today, Ken!"

"You're welcome."

"Next, let's go to Ming in Italy..."







"Hello, Ming!"

"Hi, Dave."

"Tell us, Ming, where are you from?"

"I'm from China."

"How long have you been in Italy?"

"I've been here for eleven months, and I've loved every minute of it!"

"Why is that?"

"Well, my home stay family is a lot of fun.

They take me **sightseeing** every weekend.

Italy is a beautiful country. If you go on vacation, you should visit Italy, Dave."



"I'll try. What's the food like there?"

"Italian food is delicious. And some of the food eaten here is **similar** to the food eaten in China."

"Really, Ming? How?"

"Well, spaghetti is a lot like noodles. And ravioli is a lot like Chinese **dumplings**!"

"Wow! And do you speak Italian now?"

"Yes, a little."

"That's great, Ming. Thanks!"

"You're welcome."

"Finally, let's visit Yoon Goo in Brazil..."







"Hi, Yoon Goo!"

"Hey, Dave."

"Yoon Goo, you're from Korea, aren't you?"

"Yes, I am."

"Tell us, how long have you been in Brazil?"

"I've been here for four months."

"And what foods are eaten in Brazil?"

"A lot of different foods are eaten here. Black beans with rice is a popular **dish**, but I'd like some spicier food."

"Why?"





"Because Korean food is very spicy. I miss Korean food, especially my mom's kimchi!"

"Tell us, Yoon Goo, are you learning lots of Spanish?"

"No, Dave. Spanish isn't spoken in Brazil. Portuguese is spoken here."

"Oh, right! So, are you learning Portuguese?"

"Yes, I am. My home stay family is helping me a lot. I'm really enjoying it."

"That's great, Yoon Goo! Thanks a lot."

"You're welcome, Dave."



"Well, that's all for *A Home Away from Home* this week, everyone. I hope you enjoyed the program. Many thanks to Charles, Marie, Ken, Ming, and Yoon Goo for their reports. Join us next week when we visit home stays in Iceland, Greece, Peru, Malaysia, and Egypt. It should be lots of fun! Until then, I'm Dave Baker saying good-bye and happy traveling!"







## Exercise 1. Match. Find about the same meaning.

- |                |   |   |  |
|----------------|---|---|--|
| 1. businessman | • | • | a. visiting popular places on a trip           |
| 2. similar     | • | • | b. a person who buys and sells things as a job |
| 3. sightseeing | • | • | c. a kind of food                              |
| 4. dish        | • | • | d. almost the same                             |

## Exercise 2. True or false?



Track 15

- Charles has been in Vietnam for six months.  
True                  False
- Marie has been in Thailand for three months.  
True                  False
- Ken has been in Vietnam for eight months.  
True                  False
- Ming has been in Italy for almost one year.  
True                  False
- Yoon Goo has been in Brazil for five months.  
True                  False





### Exercise 3. Fill in the blanks.

1. Charles is from \_\_\_\_\_. He's \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Yoon Goo is from \_\_\_\_\_. He's \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Ming is from \_\_\_\_\_. She's \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Marie is from \_\_\_\_\_. She's \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Ken is from \_\_\_\_\_. He's \_\_\_\_\_.

### Exercise 4. Answer the questions.



Track 16

1. What foods are eaten in France?

\_\_\_\_\_.

2. What foods are eaten in China?

\_\_\_\_\_.

3. What language is spoken in Brazil?

\_\_\_\_\_.

4. What foods are eaten in Thailand?

\_\_\_\_\_.

5. What language is spoken in Mexico?

\_\_\_\_\_.



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