

UNIT 14 REVIEW TEST LISTENING SCRIPT

- Maria:** It was really great to see you last week at our ten-year class reunion, Ali—I can't believe it's already been a decade since we all graduated!
- Ali:** I hear you! It's amazing how fast the time passes and really interesting to see where we all ended up working and living.
- Maria:** I mean, you're living in Saudi Arabia now but flew to New York just to attend the reunion, right? Everyone was so impressed and happy to see you.
- Ali:** Well, the director who oversees my vacation time knows that I'm always working hard at the office. So, it wasn't an issue for me to get time off. But I heard some of our friends work at companies that aren't flexible about vacation policies.
- Maria:** Yea, you're so lucky. Jina had to really convince her employer to let her attend our reunion, and she's not even that far away!
- Ali:** Jina... is she the one who was really talkative and social? She grew up in Japan, right?
- Maria:** Yes! She works as a student advisor at a university that has lots of international students, and classes just started. It's when students always have the most questions about their student visas and getting permission to work part-time.
- Ali:** I understand. I remember the time when I was an international student, and the first days of the new semester were definitely the busiest. Did you get to talk to Daniel at the reunion?
- Maria:** Yeah, he's changed a lot! He used to be kind of overweight, but now he's in great shape. He spends a lot of time near the coast in Thailand where he's working now as an English teacher. It sounds like a lifestyle that is really relaxing and low stress.
- Ali:** Right! I remembered him as a classmate who was really shy and quiet. Now, he's a totally different person. Very outgoing and bold. I heard last year he got married to another English teacher who is very active, so I guess she influenced him.
- Maria:** Who else is living abroad?

- Ali:** Michelle returned to France after graduating to resume working in the fashion industry. Unfortunately, she wasn't able to join the reunion because the flight was out of her budget. I've gone to Paris a few times for business, though, so I saw her about three months ago. She's doing great. She has two daughters, one is very creative and likes to draw, and the other who is more quiet and loves reading.
- Maria:** How nice! I'll have to email her to say hi. Ali, I wanted to ask you—how did you find such an amazing job that lets you travel all the time?
- Ali:** Oh, I just got lucky. It probably helped that I can speak Arabic and English, and that I studied for my degrees in Saudi Arabia and the U.S. Why, do you want to work at my company?
- Maria:** Yes! I can speak Spanish and English, I finished my graduate degree in the same program as you did in the U.S.... why not?
- Ali:** If you're willing to relocate to Saudi Arabia, then I'll talk to my boss about job openings that you'd qualify for. The pay is great, but the weather is extremely hot.
- Maria:** That's okay. I can buy an air conditioner. Keep me in mind!