

UNIT 8 REVIEW TEST LISTENING SCRIPT

- Maria:** Hi, is this the right room for the book club?
- Alfonso:** Oh, hi. Yes, you're in the right place. Is this your first time joining us?
- Maria:** Yes, I just moved here a couple weeks ago. My co-worker suggested I come. My name is Maria.
- Alfonso:** Well, welcome to Central Valley Book Club! I'm Alfonso. The meeting will start in a few minutes, just as soon as everyone arrives. So tell me, why do you want to join our book club?
- Maria:** Well, I thought this would be a good place to meet new people. I also love reading most types of literature and discussing it with people who share my interest in it. I work at a bank, so I don't have too many chances to talk about books. When I'm not working, I'm usually reading. How does the group decide which books to read?
- Alfonso:** We take turns selecting books. We like reading a variety of genres, so if we read fiction one month, we'll read nonfiction the next. I suppose not everyone's preferences are compatible, so you might end up reading something you don't like one month, but hopefully that doesn't happen too often. Do you like poetry?
- Maria:** Uh, not really. Why do you ask?
- Alfonso:** It was my turn to choose a book this month, so I chose poetry. Why don't you like it?
- Maria:** Well, I guess I'm not that familiar with it. Poets always seem so vulnerable to me, writing about their personal emotions for everyone to see. And sometimes it's hard to follow.
- Alfonso:** Well, promise me you'll give this book a chance, OK? It's written by a young poet, who talks about dating in the era of the Internet, struggling to find the right job, and making friends after college. His writing in a modern day context makes it more relatable than typical poetry.
- Maria:** Well, I can relate to those problems. OK, I'll give it a chance. Expanding my horizons is one of the reasons I moved to a new city. Do you always meet here at the library?

Alfonso: No, but we needed this big room tonight. Sometimes the group is smaller, and we meet at someone's house or apartment, or even a restaurant.

Maria: Well, I have a pretty big house, so meeting there would be easy.

Alfonso: Great! Oh, and if a movie has been made about a book we have read, we schedule a movie night with the group after we finish reading the book.

Maria: I love going to the movies. That sounds like a lot of fun.