



# Women Teaching Women English – Student Text

## Unit 10: Paths to the Future

## Warm-up

#### Choose

These women have good futures ahead of them. Choose at least two of them. What are they thinking? Write their thoughts here:



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1.	How are these women similar to or different from you?
2.	Will you do some of the same things in the future? Why?

## **Photo**

Put photos or pictures about your future plans here:

# Vocabulary

Look at the pictures below. Practice pronunciation of the words with your teacher. Match the words with the pictures.

bow / bows box / boxes gift / gifts ribbon point smile



arrow / arrows disabled person path / paths senior citizen wheelchair



#### Read-Write-Talk

#### True or False

Write **T** for true or **F** for false.

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2. Women can do the same work men can do.

3. It's important to send boys to school first, and then girls second.

4. It's important for a woman to have her own money.

5. My future is in my hands.

## The Hilwe w Morra Story

Listen and read along.

(One year later. The family is all together for a birthday party for Samar's triplets. Rana, Joumana, Nour, and Nadine are opening a new women's co-op together.)

Nour: Happy Birthday to your children, Samar! You're an **amazing** mother

to all three of them.

Samar: Thank you. I am happy as a "stay at home" mom with them.

Auntie Hala: We **should** celebrate your new start in life too, Nour.

Auntie Nadine: Yes, it's good you divorced that night club owner. He was not nice

to you.

Journama: Now you can **join** our new family co-op business. We need your

skills as an interior designer.

Nour: Well, "The Corner Co-op" is successful thanks to the money from

Auntie Rana's inheritance. I'll do my best to help.

Samar: And, let's not forget Journal's beautiful jewelry and Nadine's

lovely embroidery. They are very **popular** with the **tourists**.

Dima: Do you think I can sell some of my cakes and jams at the

co-op, too?

Rana, Nour,

Nadine and

Journal Yes, sure. Why not?!

Auntie Hala: But you should **be careful to** put your ring in a safe place when you

cook, Dima!

Samar: Yes, the customers only like the taste of sweet things, not hard or

bitter things.

All: For sure!

## **Words in This Story**

## Choose the best answer:

1. **amazing** (adjective) = wonderful or terrible

2. **should** (verb, modal) = need to or don't need to

3. **divorce / divorced** (verb) = end your travels or end your marriage

4. **join** (verb) = be apart from others or come together with others

5. **skill / skills** (noun) = things you can do or things you can't do

6. **inheritance** (noun) = birthday gift or money from a

dead person

7. **popular** (adjective) = no one likes this or many people like this

8. **tourist / tourists** (noun) = visitor or sister

9. **be careful to** (verb phrase) = do with care or give away

10. **hard** (adjective) = easy or not easy, difficult

11. **bitter** (adjective) = not sweet or sweet

12. **For sure!** (phrase) = No! or Yes!

# Group Work - Can (Present) / Could (Past) and Plans for the Future

Match the words with the pictures below. When you were a young girl, what could you do? What can you do now? What do you plan to do in the future? Share your answers with your group.



## Reading

"American Woman Breaks NASA Space Orbit Record"

#### Guess

Think about the title "American Woman Breaks NASA Space Orbit Record." Do you think these sentences about the story are **T** (true) or **F** (false)? Guess.

- 1. This is a story about a man.
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ This is a story about a woman from France.
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ The woman in this story was in space.
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_ The woman in this story broke some furniture.
- 5. The woman in this story was in orbit (went in a circle around the earth).

Pictures - What Do You See?

Now look at the two photos from the story.

- 1. What do you see? Describe the photos:
- 2. Who is the person in the story and two photos? Guess.





Listen-Read-Find

Listen to the story. Now listen again. Find five or more words or phrases about women and space (for example, astronaut, orbit, flight . . .).

## American Woman Breaks NASA Space Orbit Record

**Commander** Peggy Whitson is a U.S. **astronaut**. She is 57 years old and the most **experienced** woman astronaut in the U.S. She broke an important record in 2017 when she was in space for more than 534 days.

U.S. President Donald Trump spoke to Whitson by video from the Oval Office.

"Five-hundred and thirty-four days and counting. That's an **incredible** record to break. And, **on behalf of** our nation, and . . . on behalf of the world, I'd like to congratulate you. That is really something."

Speaking from space, Whitson told the president what this day meant to her.

"It's actually a **huge honor** to **break a record** like this. But, it's an honor for me to be **representing** all the people at NASA who make this space flight possible."

Commander Whitson said her dream to be an astronaut came from the Apollo program that sent men to the moon in the 1960s and 1970s. It became a goal for her when the first female astronauts joined the program.

Holding records is not new to Whitson. In 2008, she was the first woman to command the space station. In 2017, she became the first woman to command it twice.

And, from 2009-2012, she was the first female chief of NASA's astronaut office.

In 2017, she **set the record** for most **spacewalks** by a woman, with more than 53 hours outside the space station.

Whitson has a degree in biochemistry. Whitson and the other astronauts ran about 250 science **experiments** in space in 2017. Some of the experiments were about drugs for cancer, and some were about growing fresh food in space.

Being able to grow fresh food in space is a necessary part of sending **humans** to Mars. NASA's goal is for humans to go to Mars by the 2030s.

U.S. astronaut Jack Fisher also spoke to the president about nations working together in space.

"It's amazing, the International Space Station is by far the best example of international cooperation and what we can do when we work together, in the history of humans. And, I am so proud to be a part of it."

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#### **Words in This Story**

- commander (noun) / command (verb) a person who gives someone an order to do something
- 2. **astronaut** (noun) a person who travels in a spacecraft into outer space
- 3. **experienced** (adjective) having skills or knowledge from doing something
- 4. **incredible** extremely good, great, or large
- 5. **on behalf of** (adverb) as a representative of someone
- 6. **huge** (adjective) very big
- 7. **honor** (noun) a special opportunity to do something that makes you proud
- 8. **break a record** / **set the record** (verb phrase) to do something better than before
- 9. **represent** (verb) to be an example of someone or something

- 10. spacewalk / spacewalks (noun) walk outside in space
- 11. experiment / experiments (noun) a scientific test
- 12. human / humans (noun) person / people

#### What's the Buzz?

First, practice the questions with the teacher. Then talk to two students in the class and ask them all of the questions. Write their answers below so you can remember them.

1.	. Would you like to be an astronaut? Why?		
2.	Would you like to go to Mars someday? Why?		
3.	Finish the sentence: It's my honor to		
4.	Finish the sentence: I am proud to		
5.	What are some future skills you want to have?		
Discu	ss with Your Group		
1.	Which questions have the same kinds of answers?		
2.	Who has the most unusual answers?		

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1.	Think about the saying from Thomas Edison, "I don't live with the past; I am living for today and tomorrow." Do you agree or disagree? Why?
2.	Is it possible to know what will happen in your future? Why? Give examples.

### Writing

#### Persona Poems - Whole Class

First, work as a whole class. Create a poem together as an example. Use the teacher or a famous person as an example. Fill in the worksheet on page 12, using the blackboard, a large piece of paper, or an overhead projector. Write the poem using the information from the worksheet. See the example on page 13. Note: These poems do not rhyme.

#### Persona Poems - Pair Work

Work in pairs. Fill in the worksheet on page 12 with information about your partner. Then use the words from the planning boxes to write the poem. See the example on page 13.

## **Persona Poem Worksheet**

Line 1	First name or nickname:	
Line 2	4 words to describe her (adjectives):	
Line 3	Relationship [ X of Y]:	of
Line 4	3 things she loves:	Who loves
Line 5	3 things that scare her (make her feel afraid):	Who is afraid of
Line 6	3 things that she wants to see someday:	Who wants to see
Line 7	Where she lives:	Who lives in
Line 8	Last name or family name:	

### Persona Poem - Example

The partners for this poem were Alia Mohammed and Dima Ali. Dima is the author. Dima asked Alia about the things on the worksheet, wrote the answers on the worksheet, and then used that information to make this poem.

#### A Poem About Alia Mohammed

by Dima Ali

Alia . . .

tall, chatty, happy, intelligent

mother of Danny

who loves music, books, and picnics

who is afraid of fast cars, spiders, and soldiers

who wants to someday see New York, the end of poverty, and her lost ring

lives in Paris

... Mohammed.

### **Project Possibilities**

- Women of the Future Use the persona poem worksheet to describe yourself or another student in the future.
- Persona Poem Collection Put all the poems into a collection. Add pictures or photos if you like. Share them in print and/or through social media such as Facebook.
- Heroines Who Inspired you A heroine is a girl or woman you looked up to or who inspired you. Maybe you thought to yourself, "When I grow up, I want to be like . . ." Who inspired you? Why? Make posters or presentations about these women. Have a celebration to remember them, and tell why you are proud of them and yourselves.
- NASA Competitions Visit <u>NASA Competitions</u> (https://www.nasa.gov /audience/forstudents/stu-competitions-current-opps.html) and find a competition or contest for students to enter.

### **Internet: Webquest**

Here are some places to **Go** and things to **Do** online. Do at least two of them. Doing more is even better. Bring your answers to class to talk about them.

• Go: Happy Birthday!

(http://www.esl-lab.com/birthday/birthdayrd1.htm)

**Do:** Listen to the birthday conversation and answer the questions.

• Go: E-Cards

(https://www.punchbowl.com/ecards)

**Do:** Send good wishes for the future to someone. Choose a card and email it to her.

• Go: Space Vocabulary Game

(https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/word-games/space?)

Do: Match the words with the pictures.

 Go: Exploring Space With an Astronaut – Vocabulary Matching (https://www.guia.com/mc/2461140.html?AP rand=1019992517)

**Do:** Click on pairs of words that mean the same thing.

Go: NASA International Space Station

(https://www.nasa.gov/mission\_pages/station/main/index.html)

**Do:** Visit the website to learn more about the International Space Station and astronauts like Peggy Whitson. Note: This website has interesting pictures but also has more advanced language.

### **Supplementary Activities**

#### **Flashcards**

At the end of each unit, there is a set of flashcards with some of the vocabulary from the unit. You can copy them by hand onto paper or enlarge and photocopy them. Cut out the cards and create your own sets of flashcards. You can make new cards and add more words too.

#### **Sorting Game**

Work in pairs or groups. Sort the flashcards in these ways:

- things you like / things you do not like
- nouns (things, people, places) / verbs (actions)

What other ways can you sort them? For more ideas, see <u>8 Better Ways to Make and Study Flashcards</u> (https://collegeinfogeek.com/flash-card-study-tips/).

# Flashcards to Enlarge and Copy

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point	arrow	smile	
swim	hike	dance	
astronaut	gift	donkey	
spacewalk	paint	daydream	
human	path	race	

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# Women Teaching Women English – Teacher's Manual

#### Unit 10: Paths to the Future

#### Warm-up

There are no wrong answers to the warm-up activities. This encourages independent thinking and gives students an opportunity to personalize their learning.

#### Choose

In this section, students can choose any of the options. They can work individually or with a partner.

#### Discuss

In this section, students can talk about the topic for this unit and connect it to their own experiences and preferences.

#### **Photo**

This section lets students personalize the activity and link it to their own lives. It also offers a hands-on element to their learning.

# Vocabulary

These more complete definitions, in alphabetical order, are from the <u>Merriam-Webster</u> Learner's Dictionary (http://www.learnersdictionary.com/):

**arrow / arrows** (noun) – marks that are shaped like an arrow and that are used to show direction

**bow** / **bows** (noun) – knots that are made by tying a ribbon or string into two or more loops and that are used for tying shoelaces or for decoration

**box / boxes** (noun) – containers that are made of hard materials and that usually have four straight sides

**gift / gifts** (noun) – things that are given to other people or to a group or organization

**path** (noun) – a track that is made by people or animals walking over the ground **point** (verb) – to show someone where to look by moving your finger or an object held in your hand in a particular direction

**ribbon / ribbons** (noun) – a narrow piece of cloth that is used to tie things or for decoration

senior citizen (noun) – a person who is at least a certain age, such as 65

wheelchair (noun) – a chair with wheels that is used by people who cannot walk because they are disabled, sick, or injured

#### Read-Write-Talk

There are no wrong answers to this exercise. This is another example of student-centered learning.

## The Hilwe w Morra Story

"Hilwe w Morra" loosely translated from Arabic means "Sweet and Sour," representing the universal mix of life's events. This is a serial, soap opera-style story that continues throughout the book, unit by unit. Each unit gives more information about the women and the things that are happening in their lives.

The bold words are the vocabulary focus.

Words in This Story – Answer Key

Choose the best answer:

1. **amazing** (adjective) = wonderful

2. **should** (verb, modal) = need to

3. **divorce / divorced** (verb) = end your marriage

4. **join** (verb) = come together with others

5. **skill / skills** (noun) = things you can do

6. **inheritance** (noun) = gift or money from a dead person

7. **popular** (adjective) = many people like this

8. **tourist / tourists** (noun) = visitor

9. **be careful to** (verb phrase) = do with care

10. **hard** (adjective) = not easy, difficult

11. **bitter** (adjective) = not sweet

12. **For sure!** (phrase) = Yes!

Vocabulary from "The Hilwe w Morra Story"

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**be careful to (verb)** – use care in doing

**bitter** (adjective) – having a strong and often unpleasant flavor that is the opposite of sweet

divorce / divorced (verb) – to legally end your marriage

**inheritance** (noun) – money, property, etc., that is received from someone when that person dies

**join** (verb) – to put or bring two or more things together

**popular** (adjective) – liked or enjoyed by many people

safe (adjective) – not in danger

**should** (verb) – used to say or suggest that something is the proper, reasonable, or best thing to do

**skill / skills** (noun) – the ability to do something that comes from training, experience, or practice

tourist / tourists (noun) – people who travel to a place for pleasure

For sure! (phrase) – Yes, certainly! Yes, without a doubt!

#### Reading

"American Woman Breaks NASA Space Orbit Record"

This is a true story that was adapted from the news. It intentionally mirrors the theme of paths to the future.

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**Guess – Answer Key** 

Students try to predict the content of the story just from the title. This is a critical thinking skill and an important reading strategy. Have students go back after they read the story to see if they were right or wrong in their guesses.

1.  $\underline{\mathbf{F}}$  = This is a story about a man.

- 2. **F** = This is a story about a woman from France.
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## Vocabulary from the Reading

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spacewalk / spacewalks (noun) - walk outside in space

#### What's the Buzz?

This activity lets students personalize what they have been learning in this unit.

# Writing

#### Persona Poem

This is an opportunity to practice writing non-rhyming poems about each other.

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