The world in the future

Activity 2A & 2B (CD 3 Tracks 20 & 21, 2 minutes 50 seconds)

Reporter: Wooh! What a journey! Well, ladies and gentlemen, here I am in the heart of New York City, in January 2050.

Reporter: Oops! Uh, sorry.

Man: That’s OK.

Reporter: Sorry. I...I didn’t see you coming.

Man: It’s OK. No problem.

Reporter: OK, now, let me tell you what I can see around me. Here in the streets, there are plenty of taxis. All yellow. But there are no private cars at all. And up in the air, there are some blue and white things flying around. What is it? Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it’s a bus! And another one. There’s another bus at this bus stop next to me, and it’s taking off into the air. Amazing! These buildings around me look the same as I remember them. There aren’t any new buildings. Hmm. Uh......and there are men and women in uniforms walking around and riding bikes. The uniforms are really colorful, so they’re easy to see. Uh...bright red. Excuse me, uh...who are those people in bright red uniforms?

Woman 1: Oh, ha, they’re cops. You know, police. What color uniforms do they wear where you come from?

Reporter: Blue.

Woman 1: Ha-ha! How can you see them in blue? That’s crazy.

Reporter: Ha-ha. Yes, red is easy to see. Thank you. Uh...there don’t seem to be many people on the sidewalk, which is strange. But the streets are full of cyclists. The streets are full of yellow cabs and people riding bikes. And the most amazing thing of all is this: Everyone looks so happy! They’re all looking happy and smiley. I’ll just talk to this woman who has stopped at the red light. Excuse me. Why are you smiling?

Woman 2: Oh, because it’s a nice day. It’s warm and it’s sunny – a typical January day in the city. Oh, it’s a great place to be. Oh, the light’s green. I have to pick up my daughter. I don’t want to be late. Bye.

Reporter: Bye! Thanks for talking to us.

Woman 2: Oh, you’re welcome. Have a nice day!

Reporter: Ha-ha. Thank you. You, too!