

DICTIONARIES for

Listening
Speaking
Writing

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Chocoholics, Unite!

Introduction

"Hi, my name is Eleanor and I am addicted to chocolate. I think about chocolate always, except when I'm asleep and then I dream about chocolate!"

"In the beginning there was a word, and the word was chocolate, and it was good."

Do you have a favorite chocolate candy?



"there is but one path to the inner peace
you seek - chocolate!"

Vocabulary

1. **crave** - to desire greatly; to need right away
2. **mood** - an emotional feeling
3. **addict** - a person physically or emotionally dependent on a substance
4. **currency** - the money used to pay for goods and services
5. **sinful** - against religious ideas of what is right

Dictation.. After you have filled in the words, work with a partner and decide if the statements are fact or opinion..

1. Chocolate from Belgium _____.
2. People crave chocolate _____.
3. Chocolate _____ associated with mood, emotion and addiction.
4. Chocolate is sinful because it has _____.
5. Chocolate lovers _____ for almost 3000 years.
6. Chocolate comes from cacao beans and _____ was used as a form of currency.
7. _____ cacao trees in Africa, Southeast Asia, and in South and Central America.
8. _____ when you are depressed or stressed.

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Interactive Dictations

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Discussion. *With a partner, talk about these addictions. Do you have one or know someone who does? Explain! Can you add some to the list?*

1. shopaholic
2. netaholic
3. chocoholic
4. TV addict
5. soda addict
6. smoker
7. alcoholic
8. drug addict
9. workaholic

Discussion. *Talk about the meanings of these "addiction" idioms and expressions with the class.*

1. Cigarettes run his life.
2. She can't kick the habit.
3. I'm hooked on the Internet.
4. She needs a fix.
5. He's having a nicotine fit.
6. You got a buzz from the drink.
7. I shop till I drop.

Writing. *Pretend there is someone you know who is hooked on shopping. Write a letter to her/him and give suggestions that will help this person kick the habit. Before you write, practice the letter with a partner. Use another paper.*

Dear _____,
(friend's name)

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😊 Mika Toyama

Journal ①

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I'm going to write about white chocolates.

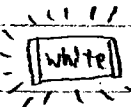
To tell the truth, I'm a whitechocoholic!

I like white chocolates than normal black chocolates. Why? I don't know 😊 White chocolates contain NO cacao. It's true.

When I was a high school student, I heard.

Actually, contents of white chocolates are sorry... I don't remember.

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But it is very a fat thing 'j So I was shocked... However, I cannot stop eating white chocolate!! Absolutely,

I will not be able to stop eating white chocolates 😊  I didn't → 3.

The Youngest College Professor

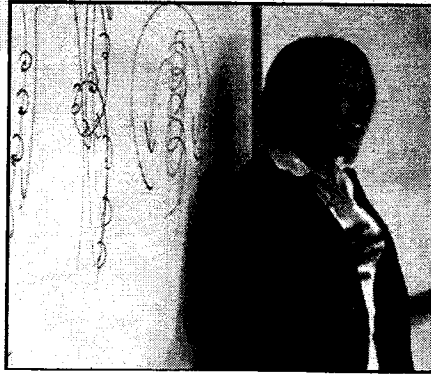
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Introduction ❖

Alia Sabur is an amazing woman because she was appointed to teach physics and math as a college professor at Southern University in New Orleans, Louisiana. Why was this big news? Because Alia was only 19 years old!

Vocabulary, Pronunciation ❖

1. **amazing:** surprising
2. **to graduate:** to receive an academic degree from a high school or university
3. **a Master's degree:** a college degree above a Bachelor's
4. **a Ph.D.:** a Doctor of Philosophy degree; an advanced university degree above a Master's



Dictogloss ❖ *Listen to a complete sentence only once. Write down the words you can remember. With a partner, try to reconstruct the sentence in writing as accurately as possible.*

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Dictation ❖ *Write the correct word or words in the blank space.*

When Alia graduated from Stony Brook University in New York, _____ the youngest woman in U.S. history to do so. Her education continued at Drexel University _____ Pennsylvania, where _____ her Master's and a Ph.D. in materials science and engineering. She _____ because she feels she can help _____ people.

Discussion ❖

Talk about these items with a partner, and share your answers with the class.

1. At what age do most children _____?
 - a. begin school
 - b. learn to read
2. At what age do students usually graduate from _____?
 - a. high school
 - b. college
3. At what age did Alia graduate from _____?
 - a. high school
 - b. college
4. What problems, if any, might a woman like Alia have _____?
 - a. in her social life
 - b. in her professional life
5. Alia is also good at playing the clarinet, and she has a black belt in *tae kwon do*. People like Alia are called *prodigies*. A *prodigy* is a super intelligent person who can do things well. There are children like this in every country. Do you know of any?

Discussion ❖

Don't be fooled! Here are some brain teasers. Work with a partner and see if you can get the answers. Answers are on page 92.

Example: When the Vice-President of the U.S. dies, who is the President?

Answer: The President!

1. A girl who was just learning to drive went down a one-way street in the wrong direction, but didn't break the law. Why not?
2. Why do Chinese men eat more rice than Japanese men do?
3. Bobby's mother had four children. The first was April, the second was May, and the third was June. What was the name of the fourth child?
4. How many months have 28 days?

Follow-up activity ❖

Find a funny riddle or brain teaser and tell it to the class.

International Women's Day

Introduction

Every year on March 8th, people all over the world celebrate International Women's Day. It is a day to honor women's accomplishments in the areas of politics, economics, art, and the humanities. One winner in 2012 was Hana El Hebshi from Libya. In the photograph she is standing between Michelle Obama and Hillary Clinton. Hana was honored for her work as an architect.



(Photo, Reuters)
U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and First Lady Michelle Obama congratulate Hana Elhebshi of Libya in Washington.

Vocabulary:

1. **accomplishment:** do something difficult well
2. **humanities:** areas of study (art, literature)
3. **honor:** praise, give recognition
4. **domestic violence:** physical attacks on women in the home

Prediction Dictation

In this dictation you are not going to listen first. Work with a partner and fill in each blank with a word you think is correct. When you are finished, you will listen to the dictation on the next page. Then compare your responses.

International Women's Day _____ a day to honor _____ praise women for their accomplishments. In some _____, such as China, Russia and Zambia, _____ is an official holiday. In _____ countries, such as Chile, Romania, and _____ United States, it is not a _____ holiday, but people celebrate _____. Some _____, such as Mother Teresa from Calcutta, India, received _____ for her work with the poor. Others such as San Suu Kyi of Burma and Wangari Maathi _____ Kenya, _____ honored for their work to make their _____ government serve its _____ better. Over the years _____ progress has been made in _____ parts of the world but women still have a long _____ to go.

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Listening Dictation

Listen and fill in the blanks with the word you hear. Then with a partner, compare your prediction to the listening.

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Discussion *Work with a partner and answer these questions.*

1. Name a famous woman from your country. Why is she important?
2. Who is Michelle Obama? Hillary Clinton? Explain some accomplishment they have made.
3. Why is it important to honor women?
4. What countries need to pay more attention to women and women's rights?
5. Below is a list of rights that women are fighting for in many countries. Talk about the issues that you know about:
 - domestic violence
 - the right to vote
 - closing of public schools to women
 - equal pay for equal work

6. Check the accomplishments of women you know about. Can you name one?
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|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| ___ female astronauts | ___ prime ministers | ___ university professors |
| ___ athletes | ___ company presidents | ___ architects |

Writing: Choose one of the following:

1. Write about a famous woman from your country and her accomplishments.
2. Write about an issue in your country that women are still fighting for.

I've Always Wanted to Be a Nurse

Introduction How do people choose careers? Little children often want to be firemen, policemen, astronauts, dancers and actresses. As they grow older they usually choose professions that are less dangerous and more realistic. What did you want to be when you were a child? In this dictation Nora tells us why she's happy she's a nurse.

Vocabulary, Pronunciation

1. Pediatrics - medical care for children
2. Stressed- feeling mental pressure
3. Surgery-the treatment of injuries or disease by cutting

Pair Dictation

In this dictation work in pairs and dictate to each other. Student A has half of the paragraph and reads their lines to Student B who has the other half. (A dictates and B writes.) Then Student B dictates and A writes until the paragraph is complete. When you are finished, check your paragraph with your partner.

Student A

I've wanted _____ a nurse _____ a little girl.
_____ bandages _____. I know
that _____,
_____ I feel like _____. It's
great _____ someone get well.
However it can be _____ at times. _____
_____ work nights, weekends and holidays.
_____ 25 years. _____
_____ in pediatrics and surgery. _____
_____ anything else.

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Student B

_____ to be _____ since I was _____
 _____, I used to put _____ on my dolls. _____
 _____ nursing isn't for everyone, but everyday _____
 _____ I'm making a difference. _____ to see
 _____.
 _____ very stressful _____.
 Also I've often had to _____,
 _____.
 But I've been a nurse for _____. I've loved working _____
 _____. I can't see myself doing
 _____.

Discussion *Discuss these questions with a partner. Share your ideas with the class.*

1. What does the writer say are the advantages and disadvantages of being a nurse? Can you think of any that are not mentioned?
2. Are you suited to nursing? Would you be a good nurse? Why?
3. In recent years more and more nurses are men. Can you think of any reasons for that?
4. The writer mentions pediatrics. Pediatrics is the medical specialty dealing with children, and the doctor is called a pediatrician, Here are three other specialties. Find out what they mean and then add two of your own to share with the class.

Specialty	Doctor	What is it?
1. obstetrics	obstetrician	
2. cardiology	cardiologist	
3. dermatology	dermatologist	
4.		
5.		

Writing

Write about the advantages and disadvantages of a job you have now, or a job you've had in the past, or a job you'd like to have.

Cooperative Learning

Work in three or four groups with 3, 4, or 5 students in a group. Each of the persons in the group finds out what one or several of these people do and then reports back to their group. This can be done as homework or classwork. Each person in the group must be prepared to learn and tell all the information. Then all groups share what they have learned in newly configured groups. (one from 1, one from 2, one from 3 and one from 4)

Group 1

Receptionist
Umpire
Accountant
Dramatist
Bus boy
Crane Operator

Group 2

Plumber
Head of State
Mason
Architect
Antiques Dealer
Orthopedist

Group 3

Cab driver
Computer Analyst
Sous Chef
Social worker
Consul
Linguist

Group 4

Butcher
Principal
Massage therapist
Probation officer
Exterminator
Maitre 'd

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(Partial Dictation)

dictation page 103 (cd track 35)

Op. 1. Chocolate from Belgium is the best.

Fact 2. People crave chocolate more than any other food.

Fact 3. Chocolate consists of chemicals associated with mood, emotion, and addiction.

Op 4. Chocolate is sinful because it has lots of fat and calories.

Fact 5. Chocolate lovers have been around for almost 3000 years.

Fact 6. Chocolate comes from cacao beans, and in ancient times was used as a form of currency.

Fact 7. You can find cacao trees in Africa, Southeast Asia, and South and Central America.

Op 8. You can enjoy chocolate more when you are depressed or stressed.

Note to teachers: This works well when you give students some chocolate before or after the lesson!

Script for **The Youngest College Professor** *Dictation on page 23 (cd track 12)*

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1. She could read and talk at eight months old.
2. She finished high school at age eight.
3. She graduated from the university when she was 14.

Dictation

When Alia graduated from Stony Brook University in New York, she was the youngest woman in U.S. history to do so. Her education continued at Drexel University in Pennsylvania, where she received her Master's and a Ph.D. in materials science and engineering. She chose teaching because she feels she can help a lot of people.

Note to teachers:

Alia Sabur's grandparents are from Iran. In 2008 Alia took a position at Konkuk University in Seoul, South Korea.

SCRIPT for **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY PREDICTION**

International Women's Day IS a day to honor AND praise women for their accomplishments. In some COUNTRIES such as China, Russia and Zambia, IT is an official holiday. In OTHER countries, such as Chile, Romania, and THE United States, it is not a PUBLIC holiday, but people celebrate IT. Some WOMEN, such as Mother Teresa from Calcutta, India, receive HONORS for their work with the poor. Others such as San Suu Kyi or Burma and Wangari Maathi FROM Kenya, ARE honored for their work to make their COUNTRY'S government serve its PEOPLE better. Over the years SOME progress has been made in MANY parts of the world but women still have a long WAY to go.

Script for

I've Always Wanted to be a Nurse
(Pair)

I've wanted to be a nurse since I was a little girl. I used to put bandages on my dolls. I know that nursing isn't for everyone but everyday I feel like I'm making a difference. It's great to see someone get well.

However it can be very stressful at times. Also I've often had to work nights, weekends and holidays.

But I've been a nurse for 25 years. I've loved working in pediatrics and surgery. I can't see myself doing anything else.