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# Unit 13 Albert Einstein

# Lesson 49

#### 1 🖭 Dialogue

Four American students are comparing notes on famous people.

- A: I'm doing a word puzzle in this newspaper. I'm trying to find the name of a famous person. Can you help me?
- B: Is it Abraham Lincoln?
- A: Who?
- B: The American president who fought for the freedom of slaves in the USA.
- A: No. it's not him.
- C. Is it Karl Marx?
- A: Who is he?
- C: He wrote books about communism. He said that all communists should help each other.
- A: No, it's not him.
- D: Is it Alexander Bell?
- A: What did he do?
- D: He made the first telephone.
- A: No, it's not him.
- B: Is it Albert Einstein?
- A: What did he do?
- B: He was a famous professor of physics. He lived in this century, was born in Germany and spent the last part of his life in the USA.
- A: That fits the puzzle! It must be him!

#### 2 Guessing game

Think of a famous person. The others in your group must guess who it is. You can answer "Yes" or "No". Here is an example:

A: Is he / she alive?

C: Is he / she French?

**D:** Is he / she a scientist?

B: No.

B: No. B: Yes.

dead

German / American English / Chinese

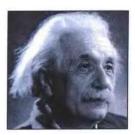
an inventor / a ruler

#### 1 Reading comprehension

Read the passage to find the answers to these questions:

- 1 What scientific work is Einstein famous for?
- 2 Where did he spend the last part of his life?

#### ALBERT EINSTEIN (1)



Albert Einstein was born in Germany on March 14th, 1879. When he was a young boy he used to ask lots of questions, for example, "How does darkness happen?" By the time he was fourteen years old, he had learned maths all by himself. He was a shy person and did not enjoy school very much. He found it hard to get along with the other boys. All through his life Einstein was content to spend most of his time alone, although he married twice and had lots of close friends.

From the age of seventeen, Einstein studied in Switzerland. To earn enough money to continue his studies, he worked there first as a teacher, then in a government office. With the pay that he received and saved, he went on with his studies at university, where he received a doctor's degree in 1905. The period between 1905 and 1915 was an important one for Einstein; he began the research and studies which led to his new discoveries in physics.

At the end of the First World War in 1918, Einstein received worldwide praise for his scientific research. He was given the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1921, and was invited to give talks in many countries.

In 1933 Einstein and his family left Europe for the USA. He had been invited to teach at a university there. He accepted the job of Professor of Physics, but asked for very little money. He had never been interested in becoming rich. He once refused to speak on the radio for \$1,000 a minute. Another time someone saw him using a cheque for \$1,500 as a bookmark. Then he lost the book!

Einstein lived the rest of his life quietly in the USA. In 1940 he took American nationality. Besides his work in physics, he spent a lot of time working for human rights and progress.

Einstein had always been fond of music and had learnt music as a young boy. At the university town where he lived he continued to make music at home with his friends. It was said that he found in music the peace which was missing in a world full of wars and killings. Such was Albert Einstein, a simple man and the 20th century's greatest scientist. He died on April 18th, 1955 at the age of 76.

### 2 Note making

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	<b>3</b>	
Re	ad the passage again and write not	es on Einstein's life and work.
Co	omplete these notes when you have	read the passage in Lesson 50.
Na	me: Albert Einstein	Born:
Die	ed:	Studied:
W	orked:	Doctor's degree received:
Sci	ientific research:	Interests:
W	hat he got for his new discoveries:	
Mo	oved to the USA:	
Re	ference	
Re	ad the passage again, paying attent	tion to the words in bold. Which
wo	ords or phrases do these words stan	d for? Write them in the spaces.
1 1	himself	2 it
3 1	there	4 that
	where	6 one
7 1	which	8 which
Pra	actice Fill in the gaps with	prepositions and adverbs.
1	Einstein's family set for t	he States in 1933.
2	The students in his university are	going to put a play at the end of the term.
3	After a few years, scientists starte	ed to pay attention Einstein's research.
4	Einstein led a simple way	
5		ot of letters from other scientists to deal
6		and often made music with his friends.
7	A new research centre for physics	has just been set at this university.

#### 1 Reading comprehension

#### ALBERT EINSTEIN (2)

Before Einstein, scientists believed that light travelled through space in a straight line. But Einstein was able to prove that light coming from the stars was bent as it passed the sun. As a result, it appeared to scientists on earth that the stars had moved. He worked out just how much the light would be bent; he could also work out how far the stars would appear to have moved.

His discovery was completely new; it was said that only three people in the world could understand it at that time. The difficulty was how he could prove his ideas to other scientists. Many of them did not accept his scientific ideas. But Einstein stuck to his opinion and went on with his research. By 1919, scientists who had been watching the stars supported his work and he quickly became world-famous. From that time on Einstein was greatly respected as the leading scientist of the century.

The First World War (1914-1918) had brought him great sadness. He had taken Swiss nationality in 1901 and therefore did not have to join the army, as Switzerland did not take sides in the war. However, he thought that the war was a terrible thing. All through his life he believed that fighting and killing in wars was wrong. What he wanted to see was an end to all the armies of the world.

When Germany was ruled by Hitler in the early 1930s, Einstein, who was a Jew, found it impossible to continue living in Germany. His friends were beaten, or taken away, or their homes were destroyed. While he was in America, Einstein wrote a letter to a newspaper to say that these acts were wrong. It meant that he would never be able to visit Germany again. That is why Einstein and his family left Europe for the USA in 1933.

#### 2 Interview

Work in pairs. One of you is Albert Einstein; the other is a journalist who is interviewing Einstein. Answer the questions without looking at the text.

- 1 What was your most important piece of research?
- 2 What did you prove in your research?
- 3 Do scientists believe you now?
- 4 What do you think of war?

- 5 Why did you leave Germany?
- 6 Why did you go to live in the USA?
- 7 What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

#### 3 Language Study

Noun Clauses as the Subject

What he wanted to see was an end to all the armies of the world. It appeared to scientists that the stars had moved.

- 4 Practice Work in pairs. Join two parts to make sentences.
  - 1 What he discovered
  - 2 Whether the other scientists would accept his ideas
  - 3 Who fetched the cheque from the bank
  - 4 How they went to the USA
  - Why he took Swiss nationality in 1901
  - 6 It was quite clear
  - 7 It was said

- a was unknown.
- b was completely new.
- c is what I want to know.
- d remained a question.
- e that it was impossible for him to live in Germany.
- f is a question that interests us.
- g that Albert's uncle was fond of music.

## **5 Practice** Choose a correct word to complete each sentence.

L	who	which	where	when	why	what	whether	how	that
1		the cou	intry shou	ld build a	a nuclea	r power s	station is so	mething	we mus
	discus	s.							
2		much v	vater is flo	wing can	be meas	ired easil	y.		
3		will go	to the ener	gy confe	rence is	not impor	tant.		
4		we nee	d is more t	ime.					
5		they are	e going to	ay the pi	pes matte	ers a grea	t deal.		
6		the pov	ver station	will be re	ady is ui	certain.			
7		we nee	d to contro	l the flow	of wate	r is some	thing I will e	xplain.	
8		type of	coal they	are going	to burn i	needs to h	e decided.		
9		we mus	st do is red	uce the us	se of ene	rgy and u	se natural en	ergy.	
0		more co	ountries ca	n use nati	ural ener	gy in futu	re remains t	o be seer	1.
1	It is ce	rtain	fuels !	ike coal a	and oil ca	use a lot	of pollution.		
2	It is no	ot vet decid	led	and	. th	e test wil	l be given.		

#### 1 Listening comprehension Turn to page 145.

#### 2 Writing

Read this passage about Einstein's early studies. Then fill in the gaps.

the time he was fourteen, Einstein had already taught himself advanced mathemat-
ics. He already knew what he to be when he grew up. He wanted to physics and
research. The problem that Einstein's family did not have enough money
pay for his further education. Finally they managed to him to a technical school.
Later they were to send him to an important technical college in Switzerland,
he entered in 1896 at the age of seventeen. He studied hard and his degree at the end
of his course. He wanted to study a doctor's degree, but he did not have enough
money. The question was he could find enough work to support himself. First he
worked a teacher. Later he got a in a government office. This work provided
him with money to live on. Also he had enough time study. He went study-
ing and finally received his doctor's degree in 1905.

#### 3 Writing

Work in groups of four. You are going to write a summary of the life of Albert Einstein. Each of you can write one part:

- 1 His early studies
- 2 His research
- 3 His success
- 4 His time in the USA

Read the passages in Lessons 50 and 51 again. You can use the notes which you made in Lesson 50. You may also add some information.

# **CHECKPOINT 13**

Grammar Noun Clauses as the Subject

What he wanted to see was an end to all the armies of the world.

It appeared to scientists that the stars had moved.

Useful expressions

go on with lead to work out stick to take sides (in)

# Unit 14 Satellites

#### Lesson 53

#### 1 🖭 Dialogue

Jane and Zhou Lan are in London. They are wondering what to do today.

JANE: What shall we do today? The weather's not very good.

ZHOU LAN: I feel like going to a museum. It's too wet to go walking around London.

JANE: I agree. Which museum would you like to visit?

ZHOU LAN: What about the **Natural History Museum**? So far as I know, it's **free**.

No, not any more. It used to be **free** but now you have to **pay to get in**.

ZHOU LAN: What about you? What do you feel like doing?

JANE: Personally, I'd rather go to the Science Museum. They've got a special exhi-

bition on this month. It's all about space and satellites.

ZHOU LAN: I'd like to see that too. I'm planning to do a special study of satellites next

term. Maybe I could find out some useful information.

JANE: Fine! Why don't you get your things ready? I'll tell my mother what we've

decided to do.

Practise the dialogue in pairs. Use other words/phrases instead of the ones in bold.

#### 2 Practice Practise these questions and answers in pairs.

What would you like to do today?

What do you plan to do today?

What do you feel like doing today?

Have you decided what to do/where to go today?

I feel like .... I don't want to ....

I'd rather (not) do .... I intend to ....

I haven't decided what to do yet / where to go. I wish to ....

I haven't decided what to do yet / where to go. I wish to ....

As far as I know, it is / it isn't. I'm ready to ....

#### 1 Vocabulary

Before you read the passage, look up these words in the dictionary: camera broad fold unfold connect circle signal

#### 2 Pading comprehension

Read the passage to find the answers to these questions:

- 1 Why are satellites so expensive?
- 2. What can satellites send back to the earth?

#### SATELLITES (1)

The moon travels round the earth once every month. It is a natural satellite of the earth. A satellite is an object, either natural or man-made, which travels in an orbit round another object in space.

Man-made satellites are carried up into space by rockets. To escape the



pull of the earth, a rocket must reach a speed of 28,440 km/h. If the rocket does not reach **this speed**, it will fall back to the earth.

A satellite is one of the most expensive pieces of scientific equipment in the world. First, it must be very light, the lighter the better, because it has to be sent up into space by a rocket. Second, it usually contains very expensive cameras. It has equipment for making electricity from sunshine, using very broad sun panels. **These** are folded up inside the satellite.

Once the satellite goes into its orbit round the earth, the panels are unfolded in order to catch the sunshine. There is a rocket motor on the satellite by **which** the direction of the satellite can be changed if necessary.

Satellites for broadcasting are used to send radio and TV programmes from one part of the world to another. Most of **these satellites** do not change their positions. They remain above the same place on the earth and travel round it in a very high circle. In this way, they are able to connect broadcasting stations which are a long distance from each other. Signals travel at the speed of light. They reach the satellite and return to the earth in less than a second.

Weather satellites send information and photos of weather conditions to weather stations on the earth. It is therefore possible to say not only what the weather is like at present, but also what is likely to happen in the next day or two. This is very useful when there is a hurricane in an area, as it is possible to see the path of the hurricane in the satellite pictures. Ships and planes can be warned so that they can keep out of the path of the hurricane.

#### 3 Note making

What different types of satellite are there, as found in the text? Add other things to these lists after you have read the passage in Lesson 55.

TYPES OF SATELLITE broadcasting satellites /	WHAT SATELLITES CAN DO take photos /

- 4 Practice Work in pairs to make sentences.
  - 1 If a rocket does not travel fast enough,
  - If you know where a hurricane is moving,
  - 3 If you want to see what the world weather is like,
  - 4 If you want to change the direction of a satellite,
  - 5 If you want to send a news report to another country,
  - 6 If you want to make electricity in space,

- a you can escape it.
- b you can use sunshine panels.
- c you can use a rocket motor.
- d it will fall back to the earth.
- e you can look at a satellite picture.
- f you can use a broadcasting satellite.

#### 5 Reference

What do the words and phrases printed in bold in the text refer to?

1 It	2 which
3 this speed	4 These
5 which	6 these satellites
7 it	8 This
9 they	

#### 1 Reading comprehension

#### SATELLITES (2)

In 1964 a group of 17 countries set up an organization for sending telephone signals by satellite. Their first satellite was called Early Bird. Today there are more than 100 nations in this group and dozens of satellites have been put into space. You can telephone somebody on the other side of the world with the help of a satellite. Satellites are used more and more to take photos of the earth and to produce maps. Special cameras can produce pictures showing where different metals can be found. They can tell the difference between healthy plants and plants that are diseased. This is useful for scientists who work in forests and in agriculture.

There are many research stations on the earth in which outer space is studied. The problem with looking into space from the earth is that there is a lot of dust in the earth's air. The dusty air makes it



#### SOME EARLY SATELLITES

1957 The first satellite, a Russian sputrik, was sent up into space. It sent back simple radio signals. Sputnik 2 put a dog into space. It died because there was no way in which it could be brought back to the earth. 1958 The first US satellite discovered important information about areas of radiation around the earth.

information back to the earth.

1960 The first weather pictures of the earth were taken.

1962 The first TV pictures were sent between the US and Europe.

difficult to get a clear picture of space. With space satellites there are no such problems. They are being used more and more to collect information about space, to carry out experiments and to send the information back to research centres on the earth.

#### 2 Language study

There is a rocket motor **by which** the direction of the satellite can be changed. There was no way **in which** it could be brought back to the earth.

There are many research stations on the earth in which outer space is studied.