Tall tales are folktales of a particular place or region of the United States. They are full of exaggeration. They have extraordinary main characters, animals, objects and natural events. People tell these tales because they are fun!

Pecos Bill is a great cowboy of Texas. Bill throws a lasso around anything: bulls, cactuses, men.

There is once a twister. Pecos isn’t afraid of it.

People in Texas are very afraid of the twister. They run.

One day, Pecos finds a wild horse. Its name is Widowmaker.

Bill jumps on Widowmaker’s back and tames it.

I want to ride Widowmaker.

I want to be your friend.

You are my only rider. Is that OK?

I promise I will be your only rider!

I love my lasso.

I can catch it with my lasso!

I can tame twisters! Wheeehaa!

Wheeehaa!
Bill misses Sue. He uses his lasso to get her.

One day, Pecos Bill meets a beautiful woman. Her name is Slue-Foot Sue. She likes riding on the back of a giant fish.

Bill and Sue are together again. Sue plays the guitar and Bill dances to celebrate.

Sue jumps on Widowmaker. She is wearing her wedding dress. The horse gets angry because Bill breaks his promise. Widowmaker jumps and jumps and sends Sue to the moon.

Pecos Bill falls in love with Slue-Foot Sue. He promises her she can ride Widowmaker when they get married.

When we marry, I want to ride Widowmaker.

I will catch her with my lasso.

What a wonderful woman!

You will ride it. I promise!

Grrrrr!

Wheeehaa!

When we marry, I want to ride Widowmaker.
2. Complete Pecos Bill and Slue-Foot Sue’s love story with phrases from the box. Then create the scenes.

- ride a giant fish
- marry
- promise Sue that she can ride Widowmaker
- meet
- play the guitar and dance
- throw a lasso
- send Sue flying to the moon
- break a promise

First, ________________________________

After that, ________________________________

Then, ________________________________

Finally, ________________________________

So, ________________________________

3. Complete the file for Pecos Bill.

Name: ________________________________
Comes from: ________________________________
Loves: ________________________________
Profession: ________________________________
Physical traits: ________________________________
Achievements: ________________________________

4. Imagine you are a tall tale character. Remember that tall tales are full of exaggeration. Complete the file for you.

Name: ________________________________
Comes from: ________________________________
Loves: ________________________________
Profession: ________________________________
Physical traits: ________________________________
Achievements: ________________________________
UNIT 1

1 Find out if the underlined information is true. Correct the mistakes.

Is Emma Watson from London?

Emma Watson is an actress. She’s from London in the UK. Her nickname is Mia. She’s famous as Hermione Granger in the Harry Potter films. She’s got blue eyes. Her birthday is on 5th April. She’s got one brother, Alex, two half sisters, Nina and Lucy, and one half brother, Toby.

2 Look at the table and answer Student B’s questions.

Freddie Highmore

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Occupation</th>
<th>actor</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>City / Country</td>
<td>London, UK</td>
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<tr>
<td>Nickname</td>
<td>Freddie</td>
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<tr>
<td>Description</td>
<td>blue eyes</td>
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<tr>
<td>Birthday</td>
<td>14th February</td>
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<tr>
<td>Family</td>
<td>one brother, Bertie</td>
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UNIT 2

1 Write your answers in the ‘You’ column. Interview your classmate and write his/her answers in the second column.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Do you...</th>
<th>You</th>
<th>Student B</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>do your homework after dinner?</td>
<td></td>
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<td>tidy your room at weekends?</td>
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<td>have a shower in the morning?</td>
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<td>go to bed at 10 pm?</td>
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2 Answer Student B’s questions. Compare your answers. Are your habits similar?

UNIT 3

1 Find out which activities Student B does on his/her holidays. Tick the correct boxes.

Do you usually go skiing on your holidays?

- skiing  ☐  table tennis  ☐
- skateboarding  ☐  horse-riding  ☐
- volleyball  ☐  fishing  ☐
- hiking  ☐  cycling  ☐

UNIT 4

1 Look at the photo and choose a person. Describe what he/she is wearing.

UNIT 5

1 Read this description to Student B. Answer your classmate’s questions as he/she draws.

In my bedroom, there are two beds. There is a small window. There is a very old wardrobe. There is a desk and a chair. There aren’t any pictures on the walls but there is a big poster of a dog. There is a computer on my desk and a TV on a small table.

2 Listen to Student B’s description of two rooms. Draw the rooms and ask questions to confirm information.

UNIT 6

1 Find out about Student B’s breakfast.

Are there any apples in your breakfast?

- No, there aren’t.

2 This is a picture of your breakfast. Answer Student B’s questions.
Have you got brown eyes? Vin Diesel hasn’t got blue eyes. He’s got brown eyes.

I can describe people and talk about possession.

Occupations

A:
B:

A:

I can talk about famous people.

We go six! My sister studies art history.

I can express likes and dislikes.

We don’t go to school five days a week.

I can talk about school.

A:
B:

A:

I can talk about free time activities and sports, and when we do them.

Jacqueline is an actor. She’s from the UK.

I can describe a typical day.

A: Do you train after lunch?
B: No, we don’t. We have some free time. And we always meet our friends.

I can describe personality.

My sister is shy. She never talks to people.

I can contrast routines with actions happening now.

Are you wearing trousers now? Yes, I am.

A: Have you got brown eyes? B: Yes, I have.
A: Do you want to know my resolution? B: Yes, I do. They’re fun! Yes, I do. They’re fun!

I can talk about how often we do things.

No, she isn’t. She’s wearing a beautiful dress.

I can describe what we are wearing and what we are doing.

Are you wearing a t-shirt? / She’s reading at the moment. / Did you wear blue every day? / You often help people. / My sister doesn’t usually wear a dress.