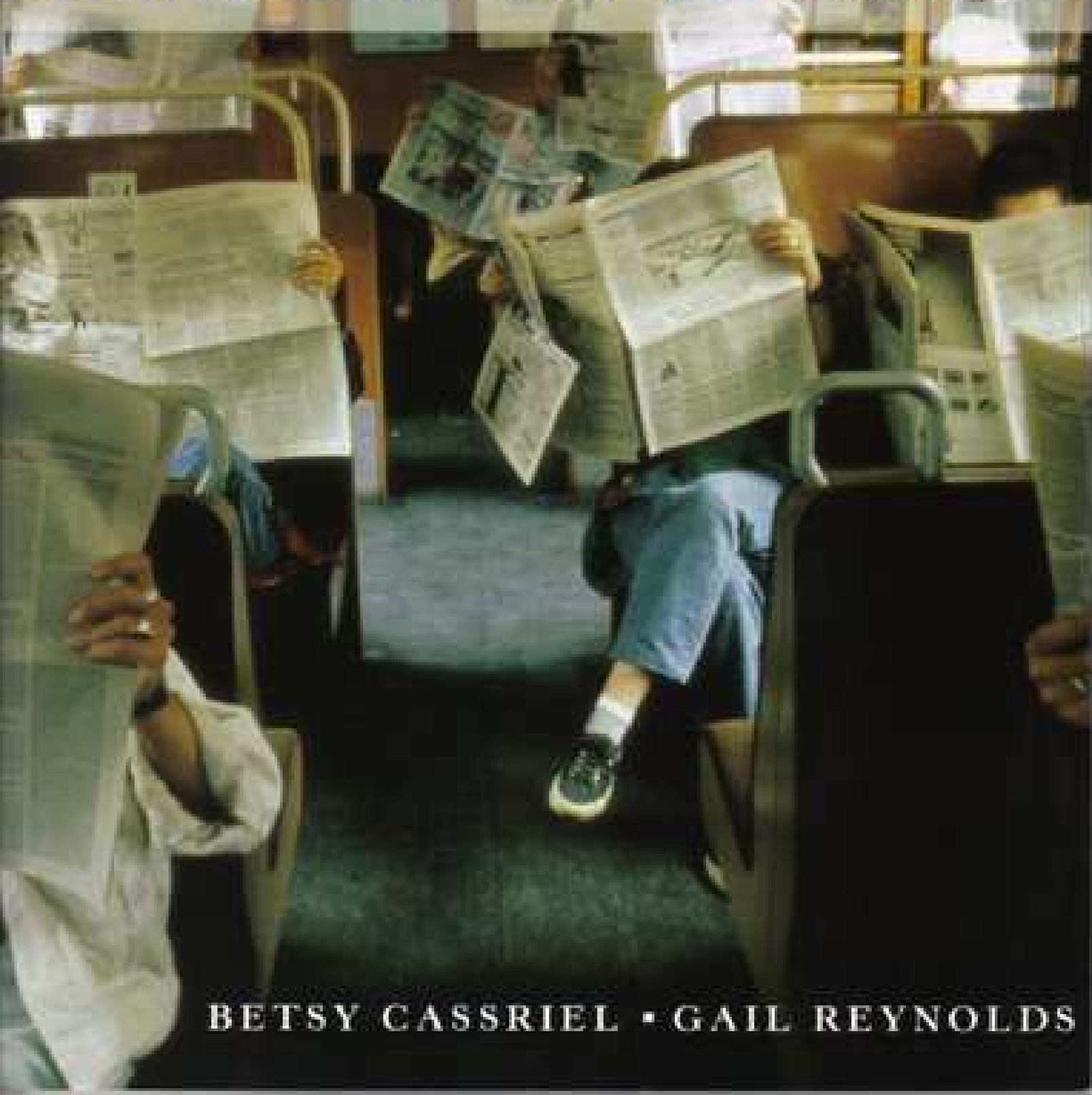


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E. Using going to

We can express the future with *be + going to + verb*.

Examples: *I am going to take a trip next week.*
My brother is going to buy some new music CDs.

Write 3 things that you are going to do this month.



COMMUNICATING YOUR IDEAS

A. Talk About It

Discuss these questions with a small group.

1. Do you have a bicycle?
2. Where do you like to ride your bike?
3. Did you ever take a long bicycle trip? If yes, where did you go?
4. Would you like to bicycle across the U.S.? Why or why not?
5. Did you ever raise or give money to help other people? Explain.

B. Role Playing

1. Work in a small group. Write three questions to ask Patricia.

Example: *Where did you sleep at night?*

2. Work with a partner. One student is the interviewer and the other student is Patricia. The interviewer can use the questions from above. Present your interview to the class.

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TRAVELING ACROSS AMERICA

GETTING READY

1. Look at the photo. Can you find a car? A taxi? A bus? A bicycle?



2. Work with a partner. Ask the questions below. Complete the chart.

| | Me | My Partner |
|--|----|------------|
| How do you usually go to school? | | |
| How do you usually go to work? | | |
| How do you usually travel around your country? | | |
| How do you usually travel to other countries? | | |

MILES FOR MONEY

PRE-READING

1. Work with a partner. Look at the map of the United States. Match the number of the state with its name. Use a U.S. map to help you.

- | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| <u> 1 </u> Oregon | <u> </u> Wyoming | <u> </u> Idaho |
| <u> </u> Vermont | <u> 12 </u> New Hampshire | <u> </u> South Dakota |
| <u> </u> New York | <u> </u> Michigan | <u> </u> Wisconsin |
| <u> </u> Minnesota | | |



2. Work with a partner. Answer the questions.

- What ocean is the city of Astoria on?
- What ocean is the city of Portsmouth on?
- Which states are west of Wyoming?
- Which states are east of New York?
- What country is north of the U.S.?
- What country is south of the U.S.?

3. How many miles do you think it is from New Hampshire to Oregon? Listen to your teacher read the story and find out.

MILES FOR MONEY

Patricia Starr is a concert pianist and music teacher. She wanted to raise money for music scholarships at her local community college in California. One day she had an idea. She thought, "I'm going to ride my bicycle across the United States this summer. I'm going to ask people to give money for every mile I ride." She talked to people in her community about her idea. They liked it. People said, "I will give you money for every mile you ride." She was excited.

Patricia joined about fifty other bicycle riders. They began the 3,622-mile trip across the U.S. in Astoria, Oregon. Patricia rode through Oregon to Idaho and then onto Wyoming. Patricia went up and down huge hills. It was difficult. She continued through South Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin. She saw beautiful countryside. She met friendly people. But there were problems, too. The weather was sometimes very hot, windy or cold. Patricia was tired and sore every night.

She rode through Michigan, New York and Vermont. She went through Ontario, Canada, too. One day she had an accident. She fell off her bike and had bruises. But she continued to ride. She finished her bike ride fifty days later in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. She raised more than \$10,000 for music scholarships. Patricia was happy and proud. She did it!

People don't believe her when she tells them her age. Patricia looks very young and acts very young. Can you believe that she is 67 years old? The 67-year-old went across the U.S. by bicycle in 50 days!



READING AND WORD STUDY SKILLS

A. Understanding the Main Ideas

Circle the correct answer.

1. Patricia rode her bicycle across the United States.
a. to get exercise. b. to raise money.
2. The bicycle trip was
a. easy. b. difficult.
3. At the end of the trip, Patricia was
a. tired and sick. b. happy and proud.
4. People can't believe that Patricia is
a. a concert pianist. b. 67 years old.

B. Finding Details

There is a mistake in each sentence. Find it and write the correct word above.

1. Patricia is a concert violinist.
2. She thought, "I'm going to ride my bicycle across the United States winter."
3. She began the ride in Ashland, Oregon.
4. She rode her bicycle across twenty states.
5. She fell off her bike and had broken bones.
6. She raised more than \$10,000 for English scholarships.
7. People don't believe that she is 33 years old.

C. Learning New Words

Look at the underlined word. Circle the correct meaning of the word.

1. Patricia wanted to raise more money.
a. get b. spend
2. People in her community wanted to help her.
a. state b. area where you live
3. She was excited.
a. happy b. tired

4. Patricia rode her bicycle across the U.S.
 - a. sat on it and pedaled
 - b. sat on it
5. She thought, "I'm going to ride my bicycle across the U.S."
 - a. wrote
 - b. said to herself
6. Patricia was tired and sore every night.
 - a. she had pain
 - b. she was angry
7. She fell off her bike and had bruises.
 - a. headaches
 - b. black and blue marks on her skin
8. Patricia was happy and proud.
 - a. pleased
 - b. shy

D. Using New Words

Complete the sentences with the correct word.

raise excited community rode

1. We need to _____ money to build a new church.
2. I _____ my bike to the park.
3. The people in my _____ are very friendly.
4. The children were _____ about the trip.

bruises sore proud thought

5. My sister is _____ because she passed her driver's license test.
6. I have _____ feet from walking a lot.
7. Eric was in an accident. He has some _____.
8. We _____ about the problem.