

13 Amy's first days at an American high school

- Ralph:** Hi there, you must be Amy, the new girl from England. Nice to meet you. My name is Ralph. So how are you doing, Amy?
- Amy:** I'm fine thanks. I'm not from England, I'm from Germany, but my mother is English.
- Ralph:** Oh, I see, that's why you have such a cool British accent. How were your first days in America?
- Amy:** My host family, the Schraders, are really nice. They live far away from school, so I need to get up quite early to catch the school bus.
- Ralph:** Quite a few students here have their own cars. Like me, for example.
- Amy:** You've got your own car? How old are you?
- Ralph:** I'm sixteen. In most states, you're allowed to drive when you're sixteen.
- Amy:** Really? You have to be older in Europe.
- Ralph:** I didn't know that. ... Do you like our school, Amy?
- Amy:** It's great. But quite different from my school in Germany. First, you have the same lessons every day. In Germany we have different lessons every day. Some subjects I only have once a week. We have more subjects, too.
- Ralph:** That's interesting. Have you joined a school club yet?
- Amy:** No, I haven't. I was thinking about the drama club. I like theatre, film and acting. I was in the drama club at my German school. ... You know I find it strange that you need a toilet pass to get to ... well, the bathroom.
- Ralph:** Really? At your school you can just leave the classroom when you ...
- Amy:** Not quite. You need to ask the teacher first, but you don't need a pass.
- Ralph:** Wow. Are you going to the homecoming dance next week?
- Amy:** That's when the whole school celebrates, isn't it?
- Ralph:** Exactly. So, are you coming?
- Amy:** I don't know. I live quite far away from school ...
- Ralph:** If the Schraders can't pick you up, I'll ask my dad. He can drive you home and I think he would like your British accent.
- Amy:** Thank you. I have to go now. I've got science.
- Ralph:** Me too ... with Mr White?
- Amy:** Yes ... we're in the same science class. Great.