FLEX ENGLISH COMMUNICATION I

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Lesson 6 Thomas the Tank Engine and SDGs

Listening

There are many famous children's shows all over the world. They often teach children important ideas about having friends, learning from mistakes, and always doing your best. Some of these shows are translated into different languages and become popular in many countries. People who watch these shows as young children remember their lessons when they are adults. It can be said that children's shows have the power to change the world very much.

全体 Oral Introduction

Many of today's popular children's shows were popular many years ago too. But as time passes, the world becomes a different place. These shows change too. In this lesson, we'll learn about Thomas the Tank Engine. This character is very old, and the ideas his show teaches have changed a lot. In modern times, he teaches new ideas to children.

Part 1 Oral Introduction

When children watch a TV show, they notice many things. They notice the characters' genders, home countries, and speaking styles. Thomas the Tank Engine now tries to show children many different kinds of characters. It teaches children that equality is very important. Everybody is different, but we should all be treated fairly.

Part 2 Oral Introduction

Protecting the environment is important for everyone. It is a big global challenge of the 21st century. We need to make a clean world so people in the future can live peacefully. The United Nations created the 17 SDGs to help protect the environment. And Thomas the Tank Engine is teaching children about them.

Part 3 Oral Introduction

We can learn a lot by traveling around the world. One important lesson is that the world is a great, big, and beautiful place. It makes us feel that we should protect nature. Thomas talks about some small things that we can do for the environment. They're all very simple but very important.

Part 4 Oral Introduction

Children's TV shows aren't only for entertainment. They're for education too. The messages these shows send can have a great effect on children. They can make them aware of many world problems and help give ideas to solve them. In the 21st century, we're going to see new problems around the world, and we'll need to find solutions to them. TV shows like Thomas the Tank Engine may help.