

*TCR English*

# FAMILY Album USA

Practice material by Charlie Tonni

## Review of episode one acts 1 and 2.



### Let's chat

Who is Richard Stewart?

Who is Alexandra Pappas?

Where are they at the beginning of the episode?

What kind of book is Richard writing?

What does Richard forget?

## Fill out the gaps in the following paragraph

Richard Stewart is a \_\_\_\_\_. He enjoys \_\_\_\_\_, and he takes many \_\_\_\_\_. He likes \_\_\_\_\_ people and places. He will use these \_\_\_\_\_ for Family Album USA, his book of \_\_\_\_\_ of the United States. In episode one, Richard wants to take a \_\_\_\_\_ of Mrs. Vann and Gerald her son. Richard asks, "May I take a \_\_\_\_\_ of you and your little boy?"

**Words: photos/ photography/ to photograph/ photographer/ photographs/ pictures /picture/photo**

How about you?

Do you like to take photos? Do you use a camera or your cell phone?

FOR A BOOK about the people and the places in your city, what pictures would you like to take?

Are you a good photographer? Who is a good photographer in your circle of friends or family?

**CONVERSATION BOX**  
I like to photograph ...  
I would like to take pictures of ...  
I enjoy taking pictures of ...



Look at the photo:

Who are these people?

Grandpa, Doctor Philip Stewart

Richard, Ellen, Alexandra, Robbie, Susan

Harry and Michelle

# U.S. LIFE



The population of the United States is over **347 million** people. American family names — Adams, Barbarino, Chan, Gomez, Kim, Kessler, Yamada — show that its people, or their parents or grandparents, come from countries all over the world.

Many people say that America is like a “vegetable soup.” Each national group is important and adds to the “flavor” of America. Alexandra is living with a Hispanic family. Hispanic-Americans come from places such as Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Central America, and South America.

Hispanics, Greek-Americans, Chinese-Americans, and other people from around the world are proud to remember their cultures and traditions. They often speak their native languages and follow many of their old customs at home. At school or at work, and on national holidays like Thanksgiving, however, everyone is “an American.”

## YOUR TURN

1. What is your last name? Is it a common name or an unusual name?
2. Does your name have a meaning?



My last name is Tonni. It is an unusual name in my country.

My name means Tony , Antony, Antoine, Antonio. Probably from Marc Antony, or St. Antony the Great from Alexandria. It also means “tunas” in Italian because tonno means tuna (fish)

Chiesa di Sant’Antonio in Serle, Northern Italy





**Add a number before each sentence to show the correct order**

\_\_\_ Alexandra: Is there a station near here?

\_\_\_ **Alexandra: Excuse me, officer. Can you help me?**

\_\_\_ Alexandra: Can you tell me how to get to Linden Street, in Riverdale?

\_\_\_ Alexandra: Thank you.

\_\_\_ Policeman: Sure.

\_\_\_ Alexandra: Thank you.

\_\_\_ Policeman: Yes. The station's that way. You should take the number 1 train

to Van Cortlandt Park.

\_\_\_ Alexandra: Number 1 train to Van Cortlandt Park. Thank you.

\_\_\_ Policeman: Anytime. Good luck. Remember, the number 1 train. The uptown platform.

\_\_\_ Policeman: You're welcome.

\_\_\_ Policeman: "Richard Stewart, 46 Linden Street, Riverdale, New York." You should take the number 1 subway.





---

## RIVERDALE:

Riverdale is a neighborhood in the Bronx, New York City. It is in the northwest of the Bronx. Riverdale is near Yonkers and next to the Hudson River. Riverdale Avenue is the main street.

Riverdale is a quiet place. It has many trees and parks. The area is about 3 square miles. Riverdale is on high land. People can see the Hudson River and bridges from some places.

Riverdale has a long history. In the 1800s, rich families built big houses here. One area is called Fieldston. It started in 1909. Today, Fieldston is one of the most expensive areas in New York City.

