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Upper Intermediate Student’s Book

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Eating insects

**00.01–00.20** Every resort town in the US has a candy store. But one store in Pismo Beach, California goes beyond the usual toffee and caramel apples. If Hotlix has its way, Americans will be snacking on everything from caterpillars and cockroaches … to mealworm-covered apples.

**00.22–00.29** Larry Peterman is a candy man on a mission. For more than a decade, he’s been promoting a valuable food source that most Americans find revolting.

**00.31–00.39** In a land of plenty, people resist. Larry knows why. From an early age, parents teach children to avoid insects.

**00.40–00.49** **Larry Peterman** In our culture, from the time we’re really small, we’re taught to avoid insects. They might bite you like a mosquito, you swat them.

This was kind of good … this has kind of a good cricket in it.

**00.50–00.57** But kids aren’t the only ones munching on bugs. Around the world, more than fourteen hundred insect species show up on menus.

**00.58–01.12** Insect-eating or entomophagy is part of healthy diets in Asia, Africa, Australia and Latin America. This trend is anything but new. Archaeologists have found evidence of it dating to the earliest humans.

**01.15–01.35** Advocates of insect eating like to note that it’s environmentally sound. Producing a pound of caterpillar takes a tenth of the resources needed to produce a pound of beef. And insects brim with vitamins and minerals. But despite all the benefits, most Americans can’t stomach bugs.

**01.36–01.38 Larry Peterman** Welcome, welcome, welcome! Have a seat!

**01.39–01.48** Unlike Larry Peterman, who celebrates them at his dinner parties. The evening begins with Larry’s version of the classic shrimp cocktail.

**01.49–02.16 Larry Peterman** We just finished preparing a cricket cocktail. It’s a lot like a shrimp cocktail, only instead of shrimp we use crickets. OK, folks. Here’s the first course.

‘Oh yum!’ ‘Now enjoy.’ ‘My God, I just ate a cricket!’ ‘While you’re enjoying this, I’m going down and get your next course.’

**02.18–02.20** The main course is a stir-fry, a special garnish.

**02.22–02.37 Larry Peterman** Here we go. Dinner is served. ‘Here we go, ready?’ ‘OK’ ‘Uno, dos, tres, go.’ ‘Yeah, they’re terrific. Yeah. All right.’ ‘Oh, thank you so much. Yeah, you want the cricket.’

**02.38–02.41** Several courses later, Larry presents his pièce de resistance.

‘This is the best dinner I’ve had.’

**02.44–03.10 Larry Peterman** OK. Here it is, folks, what you’ve been waiting for. Now don’t let anybody dive in until everyone’s been served, please. We call them a Pismo Surfer and what it is is a banana with whipped cream and a really good cockroach on it. You don’t have to eat the wings. You don’t have to eat the head. Unless you want to.

‘Do you know, do you know where this cockroach has been?’

‘Probably not. How is the taste?’

**Larry Peterman** We can do another one next week if you like!

**03.11–03.13** Larry predicts he’ll eventually win people over.

**03.14–03.32 Larry Peterman** As we become more and more insect-food oriented, our taste is going to change and so I see a niche for somebody that does gourmet insects. It could have some snob appeal, like, people taste wine, hmm, this is a good one. Why, this bug is good.

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