
ANSWER KEY

Unit 2**A**

The traffic is crazy – so it's best to wear a seatbelt!

Ouzo is kind of the national drink. It's alcoholic and quite strong. It's usually drunk with water. You need to be careful with it.

The area by the harbour has recently been developed. It's become a centre for arts and culture. The old warehouses have become museums and spaces for exhibitions and concerts. The annual film festival takes place down there.

The White Tower is on the waterfront. It's one of the city's oldest buildings, dating back over 500 years. The locals jokingly refer to it as Thessaloniki's Big Ben!

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- 1 have your seatbelt on
- 2 we're going through
- 3 really up-and-coming
- 4 really comes to life
- 5 get a night off work
- 6 wander round the arcades
- 7 a kind of white colour
- 8 used to be an old trade centre
- 9 goes along the waterfront
- 10 have been converted into
- 11 quite boring in comparison
- 12 dates back over 500 years

VIDEO SCRIPT

Ed Are you ready?

Emma Yes.

Ed OK. Well, welcome to my lovely hometown, Thessaloniki. Do you have your seatbelt on? Because the traffic can be crazy here.

Emma OK.

Ed Good. OK. Let's go.

Emma So, where are we?

Ed Well, this area we're going through now is Syggrou Street and in a minute we'll move onto Valaoritou Street. This whole area is really up-and-coming now. It used to be really run-down and quite rough, but it's pretty trendy now.

Emma OK.

Ed In the daytime there are still lots of old-fashioned fabric stores and so on, and then in the evening the whole area really comes to life. There are all kinds of different bars and everything. It's great. You should come down here if you get a night off work.

Emma OK. Wow! It sounds great.

Ed Then if we go down Ionos Dragoumi Street, you'll see a little street on your left called Vasileos Irakleiou, where you can see the traditional meat and fish market. If you wander round the arcades, you can find lots of little tavernas, like small restaurants, where you can eat seafood and drink ouzo. You know ouzo?

Emma No. What is it? Some kind of alcohol?

Ed Yeah, it's kind of our national drink. It's usually drunk with water. It goes a kind of white colour. It's quite strong. You need to be a bit careful with it.

Emma Oh, OK. Well, thanks for warning me.

Ed Then at the end of Ionos Dragoumi Street, we come to Ladadika, which used to be an old trade centre. It's quite a historic area, but now it's just a very beautiful area with lots of little streets everywhere, most of which are full of places to eat and drink. You can see lots of big stones in the road. To make the road? Do you know what I mean?

Emma You mean like beach stones, but on the road and the cars drive over them?

Ed Yes, or you walk over them. I don't know the word in English.

Emma Me neither, but I understand what you mean.

Ed OK. Then next we come to Leoforos Nikis, which is the main street that goes along the waterfront. If you cross the street here, you can visit the newly developed area by the harbour, which has become a centre for arts and culture. The old warehouses have been converted into museums and places for art exhibitions and concerts. This is where the annual film festival takes place.

Emma OK. It sounds amazing. My hometown is quite boring in comparison!

Ed Sorry!

Emma It's not your fault!

Ed Anyway, I'll end my tour in a minute, before you get too depressed. So, at the end of the waterfront here you can see The White Tower. We sometimes call it, for a joke, Thessaloniki's Big Ben! But smaller of course. Anyway, it's one of our oldest buildings. It dates back over 500 years.

Emma Wow!

Ed And next to that is the Royal Theatre of Arts and if you walk along past that, you come to the new park and loads of posh cafés and the opera house. It's the local people's most favourite walk on a nice Sunday afternoon.