

## Student's Book Audioscript

### 1 Getting to know you

#### 1.1 Getting to know you

- 1 **A** Where were you born?  
**B** In Hamburg, Germany.
- 2 **A** What do you do?  
**B** I'm a student.
- 3 **A** Are you married?  
**B** No, I'm not.
- 4 **A** Why are you learning English?  
**B** Because I need it for my job.
- 5 **A** When did you start learning English?  
**B** Two years ago.
- 6 **A** How often do you have English classes?  
**B** Twice a week.

#### 1.2 My life up to now!

##### Branna McGrady from Portrush, Northern Ireland

##### PRESENT

Hi! I'm Branna McGrady, and I'm a 'busker' on the streets of London! I come from Ireland, but now I'm living here in London because I'm studying at the *Royal College of Music*. I like living in London, but it's very expensive. I don't have a job, so I make a bit of money singing and playing my guitar in Covent Garden. I miss my family a lot, but I have lots of friends here. The college has students from all over the world.

##### PAST

I was born in Portrush – it's a lovely seaside town in Northern Ireland. I left home two years ago. I didn't want to leave, but I won a scholarship to study music and I couldn't say 'no' to that!

##### FUTURE

Next year, I'm going to continue my studies, but not in London. I'm going to study in Milan for a year, at the *Conservatorio Giuseppe Verdi*. It's the largest music academy in Italy. I'm so excited!

#### 1.3 Conor and Karen McGrady, retired teachers, empty-nesters, and global travellers

**K** = Karen **C** = Conor

**K** I think we're typical 'empty-nesters'! We have two children, twins, Branna and Brady, they're 20 now ... and when they both left home, just two years ago now, our house felt really big and ...

**C** ... and empty – it was just the two of us.

**K** Yes, it was too quiet. We missed all their noise, their music, and their friends.

**C** Yeah, we even missed all the mess.

**K** I'm not so sure about that! Anyway, Branna went to London to study music, and Brady went to South America – he's travelling there with a friend.

**C** So ... I said to Karen, 'Why don't we go travelling, too?'

**K** Yeah, we're both nearly 60, but we still feel young, and we didn't enjoy teaching any more, ... er ... teaching teenagers is really tiring ...

**C** So ... in just six months we retired from our teaching jobs, rented our house in Portrush ...

**K** ... to a nice young couple.

**C** ... yeah – and we bought a second-hand camper van for £4,000 and set off for France.

**K** Last year, we just toured Europe – we went from campsite to campsite, first in France, then in Spain and Portugal. We loved every minute.

**C** Yes, we had a great time. Next year, we're going to visit Branna in Italy – she's going to study in Milan. And then we're going to fly to Chile, hire a van there, and meet Brady. We're going to travel with him and his friend for a bit.

**K** We're really excited about that. We can't wait!

#### 1.4 Questions about Conor and Karen

1 **Q** How old are they?

**A** They're both nearly 60.

2 **Q** How many children do they have?

**A** Two. Twins – a son, Brady, and a daughter, Branna.

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- 3 Q** When did their children leave home?  
**A** Two years ago.
- 4 Q** What are Branna and Brady doing at the moment?  
**A** Branna's studying in London and Brady is travelling in South America.
- 5 Q** Why didn't Conor and Karen enjoy teaching any more?  
**A** Because teaching teenagers is very tiring.
- 6 Q** How much money did they pay for the camper van?  
**A** £4,000.
- 7 Q** What did they do last year?  
**A** They toured France, Spain, and Portugal.
- 8 Q** Who are they going to visit next year?  
**A** They going to visit Branna in Italy, and then they're going to fly to Chile to travel with Brady and his friend.

### 1.5 A student in Canada

I = Interviewer M = Mehmet

- I** Hi, nice to meet you Mehmet. Can I ask you one or two questions?
- M** Yes, of course.
- I** First of all. Where do you come from?
- M** I'm from Istanbul, in Turkey.
- I** And why are you here in Toronto?
- M** Well, I'm here mainly because I want to improve my English.
- I** How much English did you know before you came?
- M** Not a lot. I studied English at school for two years, but I didn't learn much. Now I'm studying in a language school here.
- I** Which school?
- M** The *Global Village English Centre*.
- I** Oh *Global Village* – I know it! Your English is very good now. Who's your teacher?
- M** My teacher's called Andy. He's good.
- I** And what did you do back in Turkey?

- M** Well, actually, I was a teacher, a secondary school teacher. I taught children from 14 to 18.
- I** How many children were in your classes?
- M** Sometimes as many as 40.
- I** Wow, goodness! That's a lot. How often do you go back home?
- M** Usually, I go back every two months, but this month my brother is coming here. I'm very excited. I'm going to show him round.
- I** Well, I hope your brother has a great visit. Thank you for talking to me.

### 1.6 Who's or whose

- 1** Who's at the door? Is it the postman?
- 2** I'm going to the pub. Who's coming?
- 3** Whose coat is this? It's not mine.
- 4** Whose are these car keys? They're not ours.
- 5** Who's going to Tina's wedding?
- 6** Do you know whose umbrella this is?

### 1.7 Questions about you

- 1** What do you like doing in your free time?
- 2** Do you like listening to music?
- 3** What sort of music do you like?
- 4** What did you do last weekend?
- 5** What are you doing tonight?
- 6** What are you going to do after this lesson?
- 7** How many languages does your teacher speak?
- 8** What's your teacher wearing today?

### 1.8 Listen and compare

- 1 A** What do you like doing in your free time?  
**B** I like being with my friends or talking to them on Snapchat.
- 2 A** Do you like listening to music?  
**B** Yes, of course, especially when I'm doing my homework. It helps me work, but my mum doesn't believe me.
- 3 A** What sort of music do you like?  
**B** I like all sorts – rock, jazz, pop – I usually listen

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on Spotify, but I also like playing my dad's old albums. He's got an old-style record player – it's cool.

**4 A** What did you do last weekend?

**B** I went to a music festival in Wales – it was fantastic. I didn't sleep at all.

**5 A** What are you doing tonight?

**B** Nothing much. I want to get an early night before the weekend.

**6 A** What are you going to do after this lesson?

**B** I have a bit of shopping to do. Then I'm going home.

**7 A** How many languages does your teacher speak?

**B** I think she speaks three – French, German, and a bit of Spanish.

**8 A** What's your teacher wearing today?

**B** A very pink jumper and red trousers.

### 1.9 Jess's three friends

This is a very special photo for me. It's me with my three very best friends. Aren't they fabulous!

Jo, on the right, is my oldest friend, my absolutely forever friend. We were both born in the same hospital, on the same day, and Jo's mum and mine became good friends – so Jo and I played together a lot when we were little kids and we went to the same schools. We had other friends of course, but she is the one I can talk to about anything and everything. She was the wild one. I wasn't so much, but I loved her crazy clothes and the way she changed her hair colour every week! After school, I went to university in Newcastle and she went to study fashion in London. There was no need to text and call daily, but we knew we were always there for each other – good times and bad times – and, of course, whenever we meet it's the same as ever. I love Jo.

Dukey is a new friend – a very new friend. We joined the same advertising company on the same day, just a couple of months ago, but already I feel as if he's a best friend. He's a great guy ... great fun and very talented. Everyone loves Dukey because he makes us laugh. He's going to go far, I'm sure. His mum and dad are from Barbados, but he was born here. He talks about holidays there – we're all saving like mad so we can go, too. He says his grandparents would love us all! This picture shows the first time Jo met Dukey. You can see how well they get on – two crazy, fun, kind, clever people. Ah, and then there's Raff, short for Rafferty ... 'red-haired Rafferty' we called him at school, but nobody calls him that now. Well Raff ... he's not a new friend. In fact, he was my first boyfriend when I was 14. We were really sweet together, so everyone said. But then his family moved to Dubai, his dad got a job there. We emailed for a bit, but then lost touch. Years later, I suddenly saw the name Rafferty Lucas on Facebook – it's an unusual name, so I 'friended' him saying 'are you the Rafferty Lucas who went to ... blah blah blah'. And of course he was. Jo was as surprised as I was. Anyway, he's now back in the UK, working near me. Isn't that amazing? He had a girlfriend when we first contacted, but ... er ... that's finished now. He's my 'friend reunited' and obviously it's different from when we were teenagers, but we still laugh at the same things ... Who knows? ... maybe we'll get back together. You can see why I love this picture so much.

### 1.10 How did they meet? A survey

A survey of over 10,000 couples asked how they first met. The top three were: first, with 25%, 'through friends', second, 'at work', with 18%, and third, 'at school or university', with 13%. Next, 'online dating' is 12% and 'social media' 7% – this means that nowadays about 19% of couples don't actually meet

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face to face! 6% meet at a bar or club and only 5% through family – that seems surprising. Last of all, 3% meet on a blind date. That leaves 11% who didn't meet in any of these places.

### 1.11 What happened next?

#### Kitty

Ross texted the day after we met – I was really pleased! I texted him back immediately. We arranged to meet at his workshop to plan my wardrobe – that was a couple of months ago now, and the wardrobe's nearly finished. It's going to be beautiful. Ross is a wonderful carpenter. He came up to Bristol when I was working at a festival there, and we had a great time. All my mates loved him. Oh, and I met his flatmate, Mark. He was nice, too, very nice, in fact – we talked a lot about music. I'm very happy with Ross, but it's early days and I still want to travel and perhaps work abroad – that's a bit of a problem.

#### Ross

I sent Kitty a text the next day, and she texted back immediately. I like that. She doesn't play games! Pretty soon after that I started work building her wardrobe. She has a really nice flat. She's often away working – she was at a festival in Bristol two weeks ago. I went up there to see it and to see her – it's not far from here. I met some of her friends, and we had a great time, but I didn't like the music very much. I really hope this is the beginning of a special relationship – I can see a future together. Oh, and she finally met Mark. He liked her a lot – I just knew he would.

### 1.12 Words with two meanings

- Turn left in the High Street and my house is first on the right.  
She left hurriedly to catch her train.
- What kind of computer games do you like playing?  
How kind of you to bring me some flowers.

- I love travelling by train.  
He's going to train for the marathon.
- What do you mean? I don't understand you.  
He never even buys me a coffee. He's very mean.

### 1.13 Social expressions

- A Hi, Eva. How are you?  
B Fine, thanks. How are you?
- A Thank you so much.  
B My pleasure. It's no trouble at all.
- A Can I help you?  
B No, thank you. I'm just looking.
- A Excuse me! Is that seat free?  
B No, sorry, I'm afraid it isn't.

### 1.14 Social expressions

- A Good morning!  
B Good morning! Lovely day again.
- A See you tomorrow!  
B Yeah! About 9.00, in the coffee bar.
- A How do you do?  
B How do you do. Pleased to meet you.
- A Thank you very much indeed.  
B You're welcome. It's no trouble at all.
- A I'm so sorry. I can't come tonight.  
B Never mind. Perhaps another time.
- A Can you help me with this exercise?  
B Of course. What's the problem?
- A Bye!  
B Bye! See you later!
- A Bye! Have a good weekend!  
B Thanks! Same to you.
- A Sorry I'm late.  
B It doesn't matter. You're here now.
- A Cheers!  
B Cheers! Here's to your new job!

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### 1.15 Conversations

- 1 **A** Good morning!  
**B** Good morning! Lovely day again.  
**A** Yes, it's really warm for the time of year.
- 2 **A** See you tomorrow!  
**B** Yeah! About 9.00, in the coffee bar.  
**A** Fine. Nine is good for me, too.
- 3 **A** How do you do?  
**B** How do you do. Pleased to meet you.  
**A** Pleased to meet you, too.
- 4 **A** Thank you very much indeed.  
**B** You're welcome. It's no trouble at all.  
**A** But it was so kind of you to pay!
- 5 **A** I'm so sorry. I can't come tonight.  
**B** Never mind. Perhaps another time.  
**A** I'm free tomorrow night. What about that?
- 6 **A** Can you help me with this exercise?  
**B** Of course. What's the problem?  
**A** I don't know what this word means.
- 7 **A** Bye!  
**B** Bye! See you later!  
**A** Yes, let's meet after class.
- 8 **A** Bye! Have a good weekend!  
**B** Thanks! Same to you.  
**A** Thanks. Are you doing anything special?
- 9 **A** Sorry I'm late.  
**B** It doesn't matter. You're here now.  
**A** Yeah, I missed the bus.
- 10 **A** Cheers!  
**B** Cheers! Here's to your new job!  
**A** Thanks. I'm really excited about it, but a bit nervous.



## 2 Let's get together

### 2.1 Being a twin

**C** = Chloe **L** = Leah

#### Chloe and Leah Taylor

**Chloe and Leah are identical twins, aged 9. They have an older brother and sister, Luke, 11, and Jessica, 13.**

- C** We've got similar personalities, and we're very different from Luke and Jessica. We're both shy on our own, but we feel much braver when we're together, don't we, Leah?
- L** Yeah. I always want to be with Chloe. I never feel sad when I'm with her – well, not really sad. I feel so lucky that I've got a best friend who is always there. We usually wear the same clothes – I love it when we look identical! People say we're starting to look more different now, and I hate that.
- C** I don't like it when I'm not with Leah, but I think it's a good idea to spend a *bit* more time apart now. We're getting older, and we can't live together when we're grown-ups!
- L** Why not?!

### 2.2 Being a twin

**D** = Dylan **L** = Liam

#### Liam and Dylan Clark

**Liam and Dylan are 20. They don't have any other brothers or sisters.**

- D** I don't really like being a twin. People see identical twins as special, but they don't see what's different and special about you, on your own. I find I often try to be different from Liam. I sometimes want the same thing as him in a restaurant, but I never order it!
- L** I think we are different from most twins because we spend more time apart. We were in different classes at school, and now we're at different universities – Dylan's studying drama in

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Manchester, and I'm doing physics in Leeds. We don't feel so competitive now that we're living very different lives. But I still really want to beat him at sports!

- D** I'm happy we're more independent now. I've got a lovely girlfriend in Manchester, and I don't talk to Liam about her – I think he's jealous!

### 2.3 Being a twin

#### Chloe and Leah

- 1 A** How do they feel when they're together?  
**B** Much braver.
- 2 A** Why does Leah always want to be with Chloe?  
**B** Because she never feels sad when she's with her.
- 3 A** Do they always wear the same clothes?  
**B** No, not always, but they usually do.
- 4 A** Are they starting to look different now?  
**B** Yes, they are.
- 5 A** How does Leah feel about that?  
**B** She hates it.
- 6 A** Why does Chloe think it's good?  
**B** Because they're getting older.

#### Liam and Dylan

- 7 A** Why doesn't Dylan like being a twin?  
**B** Because people don't see what's special about you.
- 8 A** What does Dylan never order in a restaurant?  
**B** The same thing as Liam.
- 9 A** Where are Liam and Dylan living?  
**B** Liam is living in Leeds and Dylan is living in Manchester.
- 10 A** What are they studying?  
**B** Liam is studying Physics and Dylan is studying Drama.
- 11 A** Why don't they feel so competitive now?  
**B** Because they're living different lives.
- 12 A** Which twin has got a girlfriend?  
**B** Dylan.

### 2.4 Talking to Chloe and Leah

**I** = Interviewer **L** = Leah **C** = Chloe

- I** So, you both say that having a twin sister stops you feeling nervous about things?
- L** Yes. We're practising for a school play at the moment, and I don't like speaking in front of lots of people, but when I see Chloe, I feel braver.
- I** Do you both sometimes know how the other person is feeling?
- L** Yes! Sometimes I'm going to say, 'Let's go to the park', but before I can say it, Chloe says, 'Shall we go to the park?'.
- I** And I see you're wearing the same clothes today.
- C&L** Yeah.
- I** Do you like doing that, Chloe?
- C** Mmm, not all the time. Leah likes wearing dresses, but sometimes I want to wear jeans!

### 2.5 Talking to Liam and Dylan

**I** = Interviewer **D** = Dylan **L** = Liam

- I** So, you don't like being a twin, Dylan?
- D** Well, sometimes it's good. But I often think people only see me as a twin – they don't see me as me.
- I** You say you're not as similar as other twins, Liam. Why is that?
- L** Well, we weren't always in the same class at school because we did different subjects. And we have very different interests now – I like science and Dylan prefers arts and drama. And we're living in different cities, so we have different friends.
- I** And do you think you're not so competitive now, Dylan?
- D** Well, I always want to do things better than Liam! But you can't be competitive when you're doing completely different things. I'm no good at science, and he's rubbish at acting!
- L** I'm not rubbish! I just don't like it!

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### 2.6 Talking about you

Do you have a car?  
 Yes, I do. / No, I don't.  
 Have you got a big flat?  
 Yes, I have. / No, I haven't.  
 I don't have a camera.  
 I haven't got an iPhone.

### 2.7 State verbs

- 1 **A** Is this the way to the bus station?  
**B** I don't know. Sorry.
- 2 I love your dress! Where did you get it?
- 3 I'm not good at being on my own. I need to be with people.
- 4 **A** I think grammar is really boring.  
**B** I don't agree. I find it interesting.
- 5 I'm sorry, I don't understand. I don't speak French.
- 6 He's very rich. He owns three houses in London.
- 7 You look sad! What's wrong?
- 8 **A** Sorry, I'm late.  
**B** Don't worry. It doesn't matter.
- 9 **A** It's my seventieth birthday tomorrow.  
**B** I don't believe you! You don't look a day over 60!
- 10 I don't know that word, *solitary*. What does it mean?

### 2.8 Things I like doing

#### A

play games on my phone  
 do puzzles  
 go to the gym  
 have a lie-in

#### B

meet friends for a drink  
 watch dramas on TV

chat on the phone  
 go out for a meal

#### C

listen to music  
 do nothing  
 take photos  
 read magazines

#### D

have a barbecue  
 go for a long walk  
 visit other cities  
 shop for clothes

### 2.9

- 1 I don't feel like cooking tonight. Shall we go out for a meal?
- 2 I always listen to music on headphones when I'm on the train to work.
- 3 I never shop for clothes online – I like to try things on first.
- 4 I sometimes do nothing all day on Sundays – I'm so busy the rest of the week!
- 5 On Saturdays, I have a lie-in – I stay in bed till 11.00 sometimes!
- 6 It's a lovely day! Let's invite some friends round and have a barbecue in the garden.
- 7 I often meet friends for a drink in the pub near my office after work.
- 8 Let's go for a long walk in the countryside this afternoon!
- 9 You take really good photos. Do you use a camera, or just your phone?
- 10 I like doing crossword puzzles with my wife – I try to get the answers first!



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### 2.10 Mrs Crumble

There's a young man living in the flat below me at the moment. I think his name's Alfie Smith – I once got one of his letters by mistake. I gave it back to the postman the next day. I don't talk to Alfie – he never says hello to me.

He hasn't got a job – well, he doesn't go out to work in the morning like most people, that's for sure!

He doesn't get up till the afternoon! And he's never dressed for work – he never wears a suit or anything smart – he wears jeans and a T-shirt all the time. Goodness knows where he gets his money from, but he seems to go out every night. He goes to bed very late – I never see him come home. Tuh! It's all fun and no work for young people these days!

There are people coming in and out of his flat all day long. I've no idea how many people are staying there. Four? Five? Have none of them got jobs to go to?

He's got a girlfriend. She's very pretty. Blonde hair, dyed. She's living with him. I know young people often live together nowadays, but I don't like it, living together and not married. It's not right.

And why does he make so much noise?! Mmm, it's because he doesn't think about me upstairs. Listen! There it goes, now – he's listening to loud music again! He listens to it all the time! Oh, young

people these days, they live in their own world, and they just don't care about anyone else. They don't even notice old people like me. He probably doesn't even know who I am.

### 2.11 Alfie

Things are going well right now! I've got this great new flat – I love it! The only thing is, it's below an old lady, and that's a bit difficult. Her name's Mrs Crumble. I always say hello when I see her in her

garden, 'Hello, Mrs Crumble, how are you?' or 'Nice day, Mrs Crumble!', but she never answers – I think she's a bit deaf.

She probably thinks I'm unemployed, 'cos I don't go out to work in the morning, and I don't wear a suit or anything, just jeans and a T-shirt usually. You see, I'm a musician. I play the saxophone, and at the moment I'm playing in a band in a jazz club. I don't start till eight o'clock at night, and I don't finish till 2.00 in the morning, so I sleep from 3.00 till 11.00.

There's only me living here, but some of the other guys in the band are using my flat to keep their instruments in, so they come in and out a lot. I've got a lovely girlfriend – she's the singer in the band. She lives on the other side of town, but she comes here a lot, obviously.

I know I make quite a bit of noise, practising my saxophone. And I'm giving saxophone lessons here at the moment to make some more money. I'm sorry, but what can I do? You can't play the saxophone very quietly!

I know Mrs Crumble watches me all the time. It's sad really – she's got nothing else to do. I'd like to get to know her and maybe offer to help if she needs it, but she's so suspicious of young people. I'm sure she thinks we're all lazy and sit around taking drugs. Ha! I work really hard!

### 2.12 First days of school

#### 1 John and Maria

**J** Hello. My name's John. I teach here. What's your name?

**M** Maria.

**J** Hi, Maria. Where are you from?

**M** Italy.

**J** Ah, OK. Where in Italy are you from?

**M** Florence.

**J** Ah, Florence. I love Florence. It's beautiful! So what do you do in Florence?



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**M** I'm a student.

**J** Ah, I see. What are you studying?

**M** Psychology.

**J** That's interesting. And ... er ... are you enjoying being in London?

**M** Yes.

**J** Well, I've got some work to do before I teach my next class. So, nice to talk to you, Maria! See you around, I'm sure!

**M** Bye.

### 2 Maggie and Jean-Jacques

**M** Hello! My name's Maggie. I'm a teacher here. What's your name?

**J** Hi, I'm Jean-Jacques. Nice to meet you, Maggie!

**M** And you. Where are you from, Jean-Jacques?

**J** I'm French. I live in Paris – Paris as you say in English – but I'm from the south, from Provence. Do you know the south of France?

**M** Yes, I do. It's beautiful.

**J** It's true, it is! So Maggie, where are you from?

**M** I'm from Scotland.

**J** Oh, really! That's interesting! I want to go there while I'm here. Scotland's a beautiful country, too, isn't it?

**M** Oh, yes, very! Lots of mountains and lakes. And what do you do in France, Jean-Jacques?

**J** I'm an architect. I design very expensive houses for rich people.

**M** Wow! That's an interesting job! Are you enjoying being in London – lots of art galleries to look at here!

**J** Absolutely! I'm having a really good time. There's so much to see here in London – and I want to see more of the UK, too! So what do you do when you're not teaching, Maggie?

**M** I like going for long walks. There are some lovely ones around here – you should try them.

**J** I will! What class are you teaching?

**M** 4F.

**J** Oh, brilliant! That's my class. You're my teacher!

**M** Oh, that's nice! Well, it's nearly 9.30. Let's go to class.

**J** I'll follow you!

### 2.13 Keeping a conversation going

1 **A** What a lovely day it is today!

**B** Yes, beautiful, isn't it! It's certainly a lot nicer than yesterday!

2 **A** Are you having a good time in Edinburgh?

**B** Yes, I am. It's a really interesting city, and there's so much to do. I love the shops!

3 **A** Have a good weekend!

**B** Thanks. You too! Are you doing anything interesting?

4 **A** Did you have a nice weekend?

**B** Yes, I did – despite the weather! We stayed in and watched nearly all of Netflix! What did you do?

5 **A** What are you doing tonight?

**B** Nothing special. I'm a bit tired, so I think I'll have an early night. What about you?

6 **A** How's your mother these days?

**B** She's OK, thanks. She's feeling a lot better. Thanks for asking.

7 **A** Did you watch that new crime drama last night?

**B** No I didn't. I was out, but I've recorded it though. Was it good?

8 **A** I like your shoes!

**B** Thank you! They're new! I got them last week in a sale. I like your skirt, too!

9 **A** If you have any problems, just ask.

**B** Thanks, that's very kind of you. I will. I'm sure you're very busy though!

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### 3 Good news, bad news!

#### 3.1

##### Regular verbs

clean/cleaned

die/died

hope/hoped

pass/passed

stay/stayed

try/tryed

want/wanted

##### Irregular verbs

become/became

feed/fed

feel/felt

find/found

give/gave

go/went

grow/grew

hear/heard

take/took

#### 3.2 Penguin swims 5,000 miles every year to visit the man who saved his life!

João says, 'I love the penguin like he's my own child and I believe the penguin loves me.'

João Pereira de Souza, 71, lives on an island near Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He is a retired bricklayer but still works as a part-time fisherman. One day, about five years ago, when he was fishing, he found a tiny, sick penguin, on the beach near his home. The penguin's feathers were covered in oil – the poor bird was dying. João felt sorry for the sick, little bird, and so he took him back to his home. He cleaned him

and fed him sardines, and he gave him the name Dindim. The penguin soon became strong and healthy again.

After a week or two, João went down to the seashore and tried to put Dindim back into the water. The penguin didn't want to go. He stayed with João, getting bigger and bigger – beautiful new feathers grew on his back. Eight months passed. João was very happy, because he was enjoying the company of his new friend. Then suddenly one day in February, Dindim disappeared. João was sad to lose him, but hoped that the bird just wanted to return to his penguin family.

Four more months passed. João was walking sadly home from the beach, when suddenly he heard a familiar 'honking' sound – Dindim was back. So it was, and so it is! Every year since then, Dindim spends eight months with João and then disappears for four months. Where does he go? It is thought that he swims 2,500 miles to the coast of Argentina or Chile to start a penguin family and then swims 2,500 miles back to Joao. That's 5,000 miles a year to be with the man who saved his life.

The tense in bold is Past Continuous.

#### 3.3 Questions and answers

- 1 **Q** What did João find?  
**A** A tiny, sick penguin.
- 2 **Q** What was he doing when he found it?  
**A** He was fishing.
- 3 **Q** Where did he take the penguin?  
**A** He took it home.
- 4 **Q** What did he feed it?  
**A** Sardines.
- 5 **Q** How long did Dindim stay?  
**A** Eight months.



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- 6 Q** Why was João happy?  
**A** Because he was enjoying the penguin's company.
- 7 Q** Which month did Dindim disappear?  
**A** February.
- 8 Q** Which month did he return?  
**A** June.

### 3.4 Pronunciation – Past Simple /t/, /d/, /ɪd/

/t/ – looked, worked, passed, hoped

/d/ – stayed, cleaned, played, phoned, answered, enjoyed

/ɪd/ – visited, wanted

### 3.5

**1** /wəz/ /wəz/

He was walking home. What was he doing?

**2** /wə/ /wə/

They were playing football. What were they doing?

**3** /wɒznt/ /wɜːnt/

He wasn't listening. They weren't enjoying the party.

### 3.6 Talking about the news

- A** You get some really interesting stories on this Buzz News website.
- B** Let me see! ... Oh ... that's disgusting! How can you read about that? ... ugh ... does it say where the restaurant was?
- A** It wasn't a restaurant. He was shopping on the high street, and he bought it from a food and drink stall.
- B** So what did he do? He didn't actually eat it, did he?
- A** Well, he took a bite, and then he threw it in a rubbish bin.

- B** Ugh! Are there any nicer stories?
- A** Well, this one's quite funny.
- B** Why is it funny? The headline says she was injured!
- A** Yeah, but not badly – she was walking in the town square texting and chatting to her friend and ...
- B** ... and not looking where she was going!
- A** Exactly ... when 'splash' – she fell head first into a fountain. But the funny thing is ... someone was taking a video of the square at the time, so the whole thing is caught on camera, and now it's on YouTube with over a thousand views.
- B** Of course! I bet she feels silly. Who was she texting?
- A** I've got no idea, it doesn't say – but texting accidents are really common these days.

### 3.7 Good news or bad news?

#### 1 Brotherly love – he did it for Mum!

Brothers Alistair and Jonny Brownlee were just six and eight years old when they began doing triathlons. Two years ago, they went to London to compete in the Triathlon World Series. It was a hot day, but the boys were doing well – they were nearing the finishing line. Alistair was running behind his younger brother. He thought to himself, 'This is perfect – Jonny's going to win and I'm going to come second or third.'

Suddenly, with only 700 metres to go, Alistair saw that Jonny was in trouble. He wasn't running, he was finding it difficult to walk and he couldn't breathe. Alistair ran up to his brother. He put his arm round him and started to run with him to the finishing line. Their worried parents, Keith and Kathy, were at home in Yorkshire – they were watching the race on TV when Alistair finally pushed his brother over the line and Jonny fell to the ground. Fortunately, Jonny was soon well and running again. Their parents were very proud of both their sons.

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### 2 'Sorry Nate! Not until Payday!'

Nate Williams, ten, was shopping with his mum, Tracey, in an ASDA supermarket in Liverpool when he spotted a huge toy panda – it cost £15. Nate immediately fell in love with it – he picked it up and carried it while they were doing their shopping. But at the checkout, when she was paying, his mum told her sad little boy that she couldn't afford the panda until her next payday.

Nate didn't want to say goodbye to his new friend 'Pandy'. So he found a cardboard box and wrote a message on it for other shoppers to read. It said:

'My mum didn't have enough money to buy me Pandy today, so she's buying me Pandy on 15th June – so please don't buy him as it will make me cry. Thank you so much, from hopeful future owner.'

Some shop workers noticed Nate's message. They felt sorry for the boy and so they clubbed together and bought the toy for him. They posted a message on Facebook to try and find him. Tracey saw the post, and they returned to the shop to get 'Pandy'. She couldn't believe how kind the staff were. She said: 'When we were leaving the shop, Nate turned to me and said that it was the best day of his life.'

### 3.8 A spy story

#### THE MAN WITH THE GOLDEN GUN

James Bond got back to his hotel room at midnight. The windows were closed and the air-conditioning was on. Bond switched it off and opened the windows. His heart was still thumping in his chest. He breathed in the air with relief, then he had a shower and went to bed.

At 3.30 he was dreaming, not very peacefully, of three black-coated men with red eyes and angry white teeth. Suddenly, he woke up. He listened. There was a noise. It was coming from the window. Someone was moving behind the curtain. James

Bond took his gun from under his pillow, got quietly out of bed, and crept slowly along the wall towards the window. Someone was breathing heavily behind the curtain. Bond pulled it back with one quick movement ... golden hair shone in the moonlight.

'Mary Goodnight!' Bond cursed. 'What the hell are you doing here?'

'Quick, James! Help me in!', Mary whispered urgently.

Bond put down his gun and tried to pull her through the open window. At the last moment, the window banged shut with a noise like a gunshot. Bond cursed again.

Mary Goodnight whispered, 'I'm terribly sorry, James!'

'Sh! Sh!' said Bond. He quickly led her across the room to the bathroom. First, he turned on the light then the shower. They sat down together on the side of the bath.

Bond asked again, 'What the hell are you doing here? What's the matter?'

'James, I was so worried. A "Most Immediate" message came from HQ this evening. A top KGB man, using the name Hendriks, is staying in this hotel. He knows you're here. He's looking for you!'

'I know,' said Bond. 'Hendriks is here all right. So is a gunman called Scaramanga. Mary, did HQ say if they have a description of me?'

'No, they don't. They just have your name, Secret Agent James Bond.'

'Thanks, Mary. Now, I must get you out of here. Don't worry about me, just tell HQ that you gave me the message, OK?'

'OK, James.' Mary Goodnight stood up and looked into his eyes, 'Please take care, James.'

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'Sure, sure.' Bond turned off the shower and opened the bathroom door. 'Now, come on!'

Suddenly, a voice came from the darkness of the bedroom: 'This is not your lucky day, Mr Bond. Come here both of you and put your hands up!'

Scaramanga walked to the door and turned on the lights. His golden gun was pointing directly at James Bond.

### 3.9 Adverbs

- 1 **A** My team played so badly. They lost five–nil.  
**B** No surprise there! They lose every time.
- 2 **A** Your team's rubbish. They never win!  
**B** Actually, they played their last game really well. They won easily.
- 3 **A** Now, do you understand the rules of cricket?  
**B** Well – you explained them really clearly, but I don't think I can remember them all.
- 4 **A** Can you try not to eat so noisily? It really does sound disgusting!  
**B** Sorry – I'm just really hungry. I'll try to eat more quietly.
- 5 **A** I'm so sorry. I completely forgot that it was your birthday today. Let me buy you a drink.  
**B** Never mind! I'm trying to forget how old I am!
- 6 **A** Thanks so much for having us. We've had a brilliant weekend.  
**B** Our pleasure – we'll have to do it again soon. Drive carefully and text us when you get home.
- 7 **A** Her Spanish is excellent!  
**B** Yes, I know, but she doesn't just speak Spanish fluently, she speaks French and German really well, too.
- 8 **A** My brother's very bright – he always passes his exams easily.  
**B** Lucky him! I'm always so nervous, I never do very well.

### 3.10 A sad poem with adverbs!

I ran into your arms so happily,  
 You looked at me guiltily,  
 You spoke to me quite softly,  
 I turned and walked away sadly,  
 Gradually, I learned to smile again

### 3.11 Saying dates

- A** What's the date today?
- B** It's April the twenty-third.
- A** So tomorrow's the twenty-fourth.
- B** Yeah, and the day after tomorrow's the twenty-fifth – my birthday! When's your birthday?
- A** Oh mine's not until October. What year were you born?
- B** 1999.
- A** We're the same age!
- B** But we're not twins! What's your exact date of birth?
- A** 17 – 10 – 99 (The seventeenth of the tenth, ninety-nine.)
- B** Sorry! What was that?
- A** I was born on the seventeenth of the tenth, nineteen ninety-nine.
- B** Ah! And do you know what time you were born?
- A** Yeah, just after midnight. What about you?
- B** I've got no idea what time I was born.

### 3.12 Days and months

- 1 the third of February  
 February the third
- 2 the sixth of July  
 July the sixth
- 3 the twelfth of June  
 June the twelfth
- 4 the twenty-fifth of December  
 December the twenty-fifth

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5 the sixteenth of August

August the sixteenth

6 the first of May

May the first

7 the thirteenth of January

January the thirteenth

8 the thirty-first of October

October the thirty-first

### 3.13 American dates

February third

July sixth

June twelfth

December twenty-fifth

August sixteenth

May first

January thirteenth

October thirty-first

### 3.14 Important dates

1 When did man first land on the moon?

On July the twentieth, 1969.

2 When's your wedding anniversary?

November the eighth.

3 When did the Berlin Wall come down?

The ninth of November, 1989.

4 When was your son born?

December the nineteenth, 2014.

5 What's the expiry date on your credit card?

06 25

## 4 Food for thought

### 4.1 The baby food taster

I = Interviewer A = Abbie

1 I How much baby food do you eat in a day?

A Quite a lot! About 500 spoonfuls. But they're small spoons!

2 I How many taste buds do you have?

A A lot! About 10–15,000 – the same as most babies.

3 I At home, do you eat a lot of vegetables?

A Yes, I love peas! But I only eat a little broccoli and spinach, and I can only eat a few sprouts.

4 I Do you drink any coffee?

A No, I drink tea, and lots of water to clean my taste buds.

5 I And do you drink much milk?

A I can only drink a little milk – it tastes like cream to me!

6 I Did you eat many sweets as a child?

A No. I don't like many sweet things, but I enjoy a little chocolate, if there isn't much sugar in it.

7 I Do you use any hot spices in your cooking?

A No, I don't and obviously, I don't eat any chillies – they're too hot for a lot of people!

8 I And do you drink any alcohol?

A Yes, I drink some. I don't drink any red wine, but I have a glass of white wine sometimes. But definitely no beer! Bleurgh!

### 4.2 *something, someone, somewhere*

1 A Did you meet anyone nice at the party?

B Yes. I met someone who knows you!

2 A Ooh! I think I've got something in my eye!

B Let me look. No, I can't see anything.

3 A Let's go somewhere hot for our holidays!

B Fine. But we can't afford to go anywhere too expensive.

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**4 A** Where are my glasses? I can't find them anywhere!

**B** What are those on top of your head?

**5 A** What a wonderful party! Everyone had a great time.

**B** I know. No one wanted to go home!

**6 A** Did you buy anything nice in the sales?

**B** No, nothing. I couldn't find anything I liked.

### 4.3 *something and nothing*

**1** Do you know anyone famous?

**2** The fridge is empty. There's nothing to eat!

**3** There are no lights on. There's nobody at home.

**4** Cintia's a lovely girl. Everyone likes her.

**5** I don't like this cafe. Let's go somewhere else.

**6** We're bored! There's nothing to do!

**7** Hello? Is anybody at home?

**8** You're quiet. Haven't you got anything to say?

**9** Aaargh! I can't find my keys anywhere!

**10** Help! Has anyone seen my keys?

### 4.4 Articles – *a/an, the*

#### My grandfather's shop

My grandfather lived until he was 101 years old. He was a shopkeeper. He had a fish and chip shop in an old village near a big, industrial town in the North of England. He had a son and a daughter. The daughter is my mother. The family lived above the shop.

In those days, fish and chips was the most popular dish in the whole country. My grandfather made the best fish and chips in the area. People came to the village by bus especially to get them.

Everybody loved my grandfather because he was such a happy and contented man. He worked hard, but once a week he closed the shop and went to have lunch (not fish and chips!) with friends in the local pub. He didn't retire until he was 78 years old. He said that the secret to a long life was a glass of whisky before going to bed and lots of fish and chips.

#### 4.5 My grandfather

My grandfather was a shopkeeper.

He lived in the North of England.

He had a fish and chip shop in an old village.

His family lived above the shop.

He made the best fish and chips in the area.

Some people came by bus to the shop.

He closed the shop once a week.

He went to have lunch with friends.

He liked to have a little whisky before bed.

#### 4.6 A piece of cake

a bag of crisps

a bag of sweets

a bottle of beer

a bottle of Coke

a bottle of milk

a bottle of wine

a box of matches

a box of tissues

a bunch of bananas

a bunch of flowers

a can of beer

a can of Coke

a can of tuna

a loaf of bread

a packet of chewing gum

a packet of crisps

a packet of sweets

a packet of tissues



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a pair of jeans

a pair of socks

a piece of bread

a piece of cake

a piece of paper

a slice of bread

a slice of cake

a slice of ham

### 4.7 At the shops

**C** = Customer **S** = Shopkeeper

1 **C** Can I have a copy of *The Times*, please.

**S** That's £1.60, please.

**C** And ... can I have a box of matches, too, please. And I'll take a packet of this chewing gum.

**S** Sure. That's £2.90 altogether, then.

2 **C** Excuse me, how much are these shorts?

**S** Those are £19.99 a pair.

**C** Have you got any in blue?

**S** No, sorry, they only come in black and brown.

**C** OK. I'll try the brown pair on, then.

3 **C** Can I get two lattes and a bottle of sparkling water, please.

**S** To have here, or take away?

**C** To have here.

**S** What size lattes?

**C** Regular. And three slices of that chocolate cake, too, please. It looks good.

**S** It is! So, that's £16.10, please.

4 **C** Could I have some paracetamol, please?

**S** Do you want a bottle or a packet?

**C** Er, two packets, please. And a box of tissues.

**S** OK, that's £2.98, then.

5 **C** Four cans of beer and three packets of crisps, please.

**S** How old are you?

**C** 18.

**S** You don't look 18. Have you got any ID?

**C** Not on me, no.

**S** Then I can't sell you the beer.

**C** OK, I'll take the crisps then and four cans of Coke.

**S** Right. £5.30, please.

6 **C** Four slices of ham, please.

**S** Certainly, madam. There you go. Anything else?

**C** Er, a piece of that blue cheese, please? Is it Roquefort?

**S** No, it's Stilton. Very nice though. It'll go well with this lovely white loaf.

**C** OK, I'll take one.

**S** Lovely. That'll be £14.20 altogether.

### 4.8 Can you come for dinner?

1 **A** Mm! This soup's lovely! Would you mind giving me the recipe?

**B** Not at all. I found it online – I'll email you a link to it.

**A** Oh, great. I think my kids will love it!

2 **A** Could you pass the salt, please?

**B** Yes, of course. Do you want the pepper, too?

**A** No, thanks, just the salt.

3 **A** Anyone for seconds?

**B** No, thanks. It's delicious, but I couldn't eat another thing!

**A** Well, there's dessert to come, you know!

4 **A** Can I have some water, please?

**B** Sure. Do you want still or sparkling?

**A** Just tap water is fine, actually.

5 **A** Has everyone got room for dessert?

**B** Well, I have! It looks fantastic! Did you make it yourself?

**A** I did. It's my grandmother's recipe.

6 **A** Would anyone like some more ice cream?

**B** Yes, please! I'd love another spoonful of the strawberry.

**A** Here you are. Help yourself!



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- 7 **A** How would you like your coffee?  
**B** Black with no sugar, please. Do you have any decaf?  
**A** Yes, I do. Would anyone else like decaf?
- 8 **A** Can I get you some more wine?  
**B** Er ... Just a drop, please. I'm driving.  
**A** Ah, I'll let you pour it!

### 4.9 Can I? / Could you?

- 1 **A** Can I have some apple juice, please?  
**B** Sorry, we haven't got any apple juice. Will orange juice do?
- 2 **A** Could you tell me where the toilets are?  
**B** Yes, the gents are over there, first on the left.
- 3 **A** Can I see the menu?  
**B** Here you are. Today's specials are on the board over there.
- 4 **A** Could I use your phone to make a call, please?  
**B** Sure. Have you not got any signal again?
- 5 **A** Could you lend me an umbrella, please?  
**B** Yes, of course. Keep it if you like – I've got lots of them!
- 6 **A** Can you take me to the station?  
**B** Oh, yes, is that the time? Let's go or you'll be late.
- 7 **A** Could you help me with this homework, please?  
**B** Well, I can try, but I'm not very good at maths!
- 8 **A** Can you give me a lift to the airport?  
**B** Of course. What time's your flight?
- 9 **A** Could you explain that again, please?  
**B** Of course. I know it isn't easy to understand.

### 4.10 Polite requests

- 4 Could I possibly use your phone to make a call?  
 (Would you mind if I used your phone ...)
- 5 Could you possibly lend me an umbrella? (Would you mind lending me ...)
- 6 Would you mind taking me to the station? (Could you possibly take me to ...)

- 7 Would you mind helping me with this homework?  
 (Could you possibly help me ...)
- 8 Could you possibly give me a lift to the airport?  
 (Would you mind giving me ...)
- 9 Would you mind explaining that again, please?  
 (Could you possibly explain that to me again, please?)

## 5 The future's in your hands

### 5.1 Hopes and plans

#### Damian

I'm so fed up with taking exams. I hate school. I'd like to leave now and get a job, any job. I want to earn some money, but my mum and dad say that I can't leave school. They think I'll regret it later, but I don't think I will.

#### Paula

I'm a paramedic. I love my job, but it's very stressful, and I need a break. Fortunately, I'm going on holiday next month. We love going to Spain – we go every year. I'm planning to do nothing but read and sunbathe on the beach for two whole weeks!

#### Marek

I work in advertising. I won an award for one of my ads. But now I need a change. I'm thinking of applying for a job with a big company in New York. I saw it advertised online, and it looks like the job for me. I'd love to work there for a couple of years.

#### Grace

I'm a student in my last year at university. I've got debts of over £35,000. I'm going to study really hard for my exams because I hope to get a well-paid job and pay my debts. I hate owing so much money. I'm going for an interview next Friday. Wish me luck!

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### Claire

I've got three kids under five. I love them dearly, but I'm so tired – and I miss my work at the hospital. I'm looking forward to returning to my job when the baby's older. I get fed up with staying at home all day, especially in winter. My husband's great when he's at home, but he often works late.

### Angus

I'm retired at last, and I can now enjoy doing my favourite things. I try to go fishing every day, but my wife sometimes asks me to help in the house. She wants us to go travelling now I'm retired, but I'm just happy spending all day by the river.

#### 5.2 Verb patterns 1

- 1 I want to work in Paris.  
I'd like to work in Paris.
- 2 I'm fed up with doing housework.  
I hate doing housework.
- 3 She can't leave work early tonight.
- 4 I hope to see you again soon.  
I'd like to see you again soon.
- 5 He often enjoys playing computer games with his friends.
- 6 We're thinking of going to Italy for our holidays.  
We like going to Italy for our holidays.
- 7 We're looking forward to having a few days off soon.
- 8 Are you good at learning foreign languages?

#### 5.3 Verb patterns 2

- 1 I enjoy working in Paris.
- 2 I don't want to do housework.
- 3 She wants to leave work early tonight.  
She'd like to leave work early tonight.
- 4 I'm looking forward to seeing you again soon.

5 He often wants to play computer games with his friends.

He often asks to play computer games with his friends.

6 We're hoping to go to Italy for our holidays.

7 We're going to have a few days off soon.

We'd love to have a few days off soon.

8 Do you want to learn foreign languages?

Do you like learning foreign languages?

#### 5.4 Asking for more information

- 1 **A** I hope to go to university.  
**B** What do you want to study?  
**A** I'm going to study philosophy and politics. I'd like to be prime minister.  
**B** Really? I think that's the worst job in the world!
- 2 **A** My favourite hobby is cooking.  
**B** What do you like making?  
**A** Well, I love baking cakes, all kinds of cakes.  
**B** OK, can you make me a huge chocolate one for my birthday?
- 3 **A** I'm bored.  
**B** What would you like to do?  
**A** Nothing. I'm happy being bored.  
**B** Well, that's OK then!
- 4 **A** I'm looking forward to the party.  
**B** Who are you hoping to see there?  
**A** No one special. I just like parties.  
**B** Me too!
- 5 **A** We're planning our summer holidays.  
**B** Where are you thinking of going?  
**A** We want to go camping this year.  
**B** Ugh! Camping! I hate sleeping in tents.

#### 5.5 Have you got any plans?

##### 1 Pete and Ben

**B** = Ben **P** = Pete

**B** Hi Pete! I'm just calling to catch up with your news! How are you? How's work?

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- P** Hi Ben! I'm fine. Work's fine, but there's a lot happening as always. It's good to hear from you.
- B** Pete, isn't it your birthday soon?
- P** It is.
- B** Are you going to have a party?
- P** Of course I am. I'm going to invite all my friends as usual.
- B** Great! I'll look forward to that. So, what are you doing this evening?
- P** This evening? I'm meeting Tom for a drink after work. Do you remember Tom? He's an old school friend.
- B** Of course I remember Tom. Great guy!
- P** Yeah! Would you like to join us?
- B** Oh, sorry I can't. I'm working late this evening, but give him my best!
- P** I'll do that.
- B** But what about the weekend? Are you doing anything interesting this weekend?
- P** Yes, I am. I'm going to my cousin's wedding in the country. You know, my cousin Karen?
- B** Karen's getting married! That's great! I didn't know that. We're busy people, you and I.
- P** I know. I need a break.
- B** We all do. Where are you going on holiday this year?
- P** I'm going to have a winter holiday this year. I'm going skiing for ten days in the Swiss Alps. I'm really excited.
- B** Wow, that sounds fantastic. Oh I love skiing. Let's meet before you go. I'll call or text you.

### 2 Daisy and Ella

- E** = Ella **D** = Daisy
- E** Hey Daisy! Where are you?
- D** Ella! I'm at home. I was thinking of calling you for a chat!
- E** Great! How are you? Are you doing anything interesting this weekend?

- D** No, I'm not. Perhaps we can do something together. I'll call or text you on Friday and we can ...
- E** Sorry Daisy, I can't see you this weekend – I'm going on holiday on Saturday.
- D** Oh, lucky you! Where are you going to?
- E** Greece, for a week. I can't wait! What about you? Where are you going on holiday this year?
- D** Well, I'd like to go to Spain with friends ... but I'll probably just go to Scotland with my family as usual. Hey, are you back from Greece for my birthday on the 25th?
- E** Yes, I am. Are you going to have a party?
- D** I don't think so. Maybe I will, but maybe I won't. I had a big one last year for my eighteenth.
- E** Oh, of course! That was an amazing party – we all had the best time! Maybe we'll just meet for a drink this year. Anyway, I'd like to see you before I go away. What are you doing this evening?
- D** Not much! I just wanted to chat to you and catch up. Why don't you come over to my place?
- E** OK, I'll come now, but I won't stay late. I'm going to start packing.

### 5.6 Discussing grammar

- 1 A** Have you decided which university to apply for?  
**B** Oh yes, I'm going to apply for Oxford.
- 2 A** I haven't got your mobile number.  
**B** Really? I'll text it to you right now.
- 3 A** We don't have any fruit in the house.  
**B** I'm going shopping soon. I'll get some apples.
- 4 A** My bag is really heavy.  
**B** Give it to me. I'll carry it for you.
- 5 A** Tony's back from holiday.  
**B** Is he? I'll give him a call.
- 6 A** What are we having for supper?  
**B** I'm going to make Spaghetti Bolognese and salad.
- 7 A** I promised not to tell anyone.  
**B** You can tell me, I won't tell a soul.

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### 5.7 What can you say?

- 1 Why are you looking forward to the weekend?
- 2 I haven't got your brother's phone number.
- 3 Tim can't come out with us on Saturday.
- 4 I can't find my phone!
- 5 Congratulations! I hear you've got a new job.
- 6 Are you going to come for a coffee with us after class?

### 5.8 What can you say?

- 1 **A** Why are you looking forward to the weekend?  
**B** Because I'm going to stay with an old school friend.
- 2 **A** I haven't got your brother's phone number.  
**B** Haven't you? I'll text it to you now.
- 3 **A** Tim can't come out with us on Saturday.  
**B** That's a shame! What's he doing?  
**A** He didn't say.
- 4 **A** I can't find my phone!  
**B** Not again! I'll check in the kitchen for you. You check in your pockets!
- 5 **A** Congratulations! I hear you've got a new job.  
**B** Yes, in Canada. I'm going to work in Toronto.
- 6 **A** Are you going to come for a coffee with us after class?  
**B** I'd love to. Where are you going?

### 5.9 will you, won't you?

- 1 I think you'll enjoy this film. You won't be disappointed. It's really exciting.
- 2 I think I'll call Laura. I won't text her. I have too much to tell her.
- 3 I think you'll pass your driving test. You won't fail again. It's your fourth time!
- 4 I think my team will win. They won't lose this time. They've got a new manager.
- 5 I think it'll be warm today. You won't need your jumper, just take a T-shirt.
- 6 I think I'll join a gym. I won't go on a diet. Diets never work for me.

- 7 I think they'll get divorced. They won't stay together. They argue all the time.
- 8 I think I'll go by train. I won't fly. I hate flying.

### 5.10 Pronunciation – want or won't?

- 1 /ɒ/ /wɒnt/  
 I want to fly  
 We want to go.

- 2 /əʊ/ /wəʊnt/  
 I won't fly  
 We won't go.

### 5.11 want or won't?

- a We want to leave now. /ɒ/ /wɒnt/
- b I won't be late. /əʊ/ /wəʊnt/
- c She won't marry him. /əʊ/ /wəʊnt/
- d They want to have a party. /ɒ/ /wɒnt/
- e I won't know until tomorrow. /əʊ/ /wəʊnt/
- f Tell me what you want. /ɒ/ /wɒnt/

### 5.12 Different generations – what can we look forward to?

**H** = Harry **E** = Emma **R** = Richard

- H** Auntie Emma, are you having a party for your birthday?
- E** Oh, I don't know Harry – I really don't want to think about my birthday.
- R** Come on, Emma, it's a special birthday. We've all got special birthdays this year – Harry's going to be ten, I'm going to be 60, and you're going to be 30!
- H** Yeah – Grandad, that's really special! I can't wait to be ten. I'll be in double figures!
- R** Huh, you're growing up much too fast for my liking! Slow down!

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- H** Grandad, I've got a really good idea ... let's have a party for all three of us! We'll invite all our friends – it'll be huge! I love parties.
- R** OK, Harry, but careful ... it's a nice idea but big parties are expensive – we'll have to talk to your Grandma.
- E** I'm not sure I want to have a party at all. It's all right for you two – you're looking forward to your birthdays – I'm not! I'm going to be 30! I can't believe it. It seems so old. Some people say 30 is the new 20 – but not for me. What have I got to look forward to now? A nine-to-five job in the city!
- R** Just a minute – do you think I want to be 60? You've got the rest of your life to look forward to.
- E** Yeah, but Dad, you're happy with your life – you have your two children and your grandchildren ... and you love your job and Mum loves her job, too.
- R** OK, we like our jobs, but being a doctor isn't easy – it's very stressful and teaching teenagers is not easy for your mum either ... we'd like to retire soon, but that's not possible for another few years.
- E** Well, I'd love to go travelling again ... like I did when I was 23.
- H** I want to do that! Me and my friend, Zac, are going to travel the world together. We're planning it now. Where did you go, Auntie Emma?
- E** I went with a friend from university and we went all over the world – Australia, New Zealand, South America. We even spent three weeks on the Galapagos Islands – that was amazing. We had a fantastic time. We were away for a whole year.
- H** Oh wow! The Galapagos Islands! Did you see the tortoises?
- E** Of course we did.
- H** Fantastic! I'll tell Zac. He won't believe it!
- R** Ah yes – wonderful ... but then it was difficult when you came back.

- E** Yeah, it was difficult to start studying again. And Dad, you know I'm still not sure I want to be a lawyer.
- R** Come on, you've nearly finished your studies. You're sure to get a good job, and then you and John can get married and ...
- E** ... and have babies and on and on ... like you and Mum. Dad, I'm not sure I'm ready for all this. I know both you and David were married at my age, but ...
- R** Yes, and your brother's very happy with his life.
- H** Of course he is ... Daddy's got me and Rosie ... er ... actually, Rosie's a bit of a pain sometimes – she cries a lot.
- E** Harry – she's only five! Oh, I don't know ... maybe John and I will go travelling together before we finally grow up and settle down!
- H** Yeah! Can I come?
- R** Well, Emma, the future's in your hands! At your age your mum and I had two kids, two full-time jobs, and not a lot of money.
- E** Oh Dad! I know – bring out the violins. I'm sorry – I know how lucky I am, it's just ...
- R** ... that's OK Emma. I understand more than you think. Now, what about this party?!
- H** Yeah!

### 5.13 Talking about you

- 1 Do you use a dictionary to look up new words?
- 2 How do you usually catch up with your friends' news? Do you text or call?
- 3 Do you always get on well with your parents or do you sometimes argue?
- 4 Do you ever fall out with friends and stop speaking to them?
- 5 Are you good at picking up foreign languages?
- 6 Where did you grow up? Do you still live there?

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### 5.14 Expressing doubt and certainty

- 1 **A** Do you think Damian will pass his exams?  
**B** I doubt it. He's fed up with school.  
**C** I know. He has no chance at all. He wants to leave and get a job.
- 2 **A** Does Marek earn a lot of money?  
**B** Yes, absolutely. He earns a fortune.  
**C** Mmm ... I'm not sure. I've heard he wants to change his job.

### 5.15 Are you sure?

- 1 **A** Paula's job is really stressful, isn't it?  
**B** Absolutely. She's a paramedic.  
**A** Is she having a holiday soon?  
**B** I think so. She says she might go to Spain.
- 2 **A** Isn't it Emma's birthday next week?  
**B** Yes, definitely. It's on the 21st.  
**A** So she's a Capricorn.  
**B** No, I don't think so. I think she's an Aquarius.
- 3 **A** Do you think Anita and Paul are in love?  
**B** Definitely. They're going to get married next June in Hawaii.  
**A** Hawaii! Are you going to the wedding?  
**B** Not a chance. I can't afford it.

### 5.16 What's your opinion?

- 1 **A** Did Mark Zuckerberg invent Facebook?  
**B** Definitely. It was in 2003, when he was at Harvard University – but three other students helped him do it.
- 2 **A** Was David Bowie American?  
**B** No, I don't think so. He died in America, in New York, in 2016, but I'm pretty sure he was English. I think he was born in London.
- 3 **A** Was Sherlock Holmes a real person?  
**B** Absolutely not. He's from a book by a writer called Conan Doyle.
- 4 **A** Is the population of China more than two billion?

**B** It might be. I don't know. It's definitely more than one billion.

- 5 **A** Do some vegetarians eat fish?  
**B** I'm not sure you can be vegetarian if you eat fish. But I have a friend who says she's vegetarian, and she eats fish.
- 6 **A** Is the weather going to be nice this weekend?  
**B** I doubt it. It's cold and wet today.
- 7 **A** Are you going to be rich and famous one day?  
**B** Not a chance. I'd like to be a bit richer than now, but I wouldn't like to be famous.
- 8 **A** Is your school the best in town?  
**B** I'm not sure if it's *the* best, but it's definitely *one* of the best!

### 5.17 Writing for talking

#### MY DREAMS FOR THE FUTURE

Hello everyone. My name's Susannah – Susie for short. I'm 20 years old. At the moment, I'm in my second year at art school, and I often dream about my future. I have big plans, and I'd like to tell you a bit about them.

My most immediate plans are holiday plans. I'm going to visit my brother who's working in Australia. My mother and I are going to spend Christmas with him in the summer sun. I'm very excited about that.

When I return I need to make a final decision about which course to study next year. I'm still not sure – I'm thinking of doing either fashion design or landscape design. It's difficult because I'm interested in both clothes and gardens. If I choose landscape, I'd like to work with my friend Jasper. He's brilliant with gardens, and we've already worked on two together. It was great fun, and we get on really well.

In five or ten years' time, I would like to have my own business and work for myself like my father. He has his own building business. Perhaps I'll do a business course after I finish art school.

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Of course, one day I hope to marry and have children. Ideally before I'm 30, but I can't plan when I'll meet the right person, and I haven't got a boyfriend at the moment.

In my dreams, I see myself at 40 running a successful gardening company with about 20 employees. I'll design beautiful gardens for beautiful people. I'll have a beautiful house, two beautiful children, and of course a husband who's as successful as I am. Who knows ... it could even be Jasper!

## 6 History repeats itself

### 6.1 Famous people

- 1 John Lennon wrote the famous song *Imagine*.
- 2 Prince Harry has been Patron of the *HALO* Trust since 2013.
- 3 Steve Irwin always wore a khaki shirt and shorts.
- 4 Bindi Irwin has sung with The Crocmen and The Jungle Girls.
- 5 Princess Diana married Prince Charles in 1981.
- 6 Julian Lennon has written a children's book.

### 6.2 In famous footsteps

#### Steve and Bindi Irwin

1 Steve grew up on his parents' wildlife park in Australia and became a popular TV personality with his TV series *The Crocodile Hunter*. He died in 2006 while filming a programme about stingrays. Bindi has been a TV personality since she was two! Since her father died, she has made many wildlife TV programmes of her own. She starred in the film *Free Willy 4* in 2010 and also *Return to Nim's Island* in 2013. Bindi sings too, and has made five albums with Bindi and the Jungle Girls.

### Princess Diana and Prince Harry

2 Diana did a lot of work with charities in Africa, and she once walked through a minefield in Angola to bring attention to the work of *HALO*. Since 1988, this organization has found and destroyed over 1.6 million landmines around the world. Harry has done charity work for many years and has continued his mother's work with *HALO* in Africa. He has visited minefields in Mozambique and Angola, and in 2017 he asked all governments to stop using landmines by the year 2025.

### John and Julian Lennon

3 John wrote most of The Beatles' songs with Paul McCartney. After The Beatles, John became a solo artist and also did a lot of work for the Peace Movement with his wife Yoko Ono. Julian began playing guitar and drums when he was ten, and has made six solo albums. In 2006, he produced a film about the environment, called *Whale Dreamers* and he has recently written a children's book called *Touch the Earth*.

### 6.3 Questions and answers

- 1 Where did Steve Irwin grow up?  
He grew up on his parents' wildlife park in Australia.
- 2 When did he die?  
He died in 2006.
- 3 How many films has Bindi Irwin starred in?  
She's starred in two films.
- 4 How many albums has she made with The Jungle Girls?  
She's made five albums.
- 5 Where did Princess Diana walk through a minefield?  
She walked through a minefield in Angola.
- 6 Where has Prince Harry visited minefields?  
He's visited minefields in Mozambique and Angola.

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**7** What did Harry ask governments to do in 2017?

He asked them to stop using landmines.

**8** Who did John Lennon write songs with?

He wrote songs with Paul McCartney, for The Beatles.

**9** When did Julian Lennon begin playing the guitar?

He began playing the guitar when he was ten.

**10** How many solo albums has Julian made?

He's made six solo albums.

### 6.4 *for or since*

**1** I've known John for many years. We met at university.

**2** I last went to the cinema a month ago. The film was really boring.

**3** I've had this watch since I was a child. My grandad gave it to me.

**4** I lived in New York from 2017 to 2019. I had a great time there.

**5** I've lived in this house since 2015. It's got a beautiful garden.

**6** We last had a holiday two years ago. We went to Spain.

**7** I haven't seen you for ages. What have you been up to?

**8** We haven't had a break for over an hour. I really need a coffee.

### 6.5 Questions and answers

**A** Where do you live, Vicki?

**B** In a flat near the town centre. It's nice because it's got a balcony.

**A** How long have you lived there?

**B** For three years, but it feels like I've been there longer.

**A** So why did you move there?

**B** Because I wanted to walk to work. I hated the commute from my last place!

**A** And what do you do?

**B** I work for a pharmaceutical firm. I'm in the marketing department.

**A** Ah. How long have you worked there?

**B** Since 2015. It's a really good company to work for.

**A** Hmm. So what did you do before that?

**B** Um, I was a student in Edinburgh. I studied Chemistry and Biology.

### 6.6 Frieda Hoffmann, archaeologist and writer – Part 1

**I** = Interviewer **F** = Frieda

**I** Frieda Hoffmann grew up in Germany, but has lived most of her life abroad. Her passion is ancient history, and she has written several books about ancient Egypt. Frieda, you've travelled a lot in your lifetime. Which countries have you been to?

**F** Well, I've been to a lot of countries in Africa, and I've been to China and Nepal. I've never been to South America, but I'm planning a trip there soon.

**I** When did you first travel abroad?

**F** When I was six. My family moved to England.

**I** Why did you move there?

**F** Because my father got a job as Professor of History at Cambridge University.

**I** Have you always been interested in archaeology?

**F** Yes, I have. When I was ten, there was an exhibition about Tutankhamun, the Egyptian king, in London. My father took me to see it, and I was fascinated! After that, I knew I wanted to be an archaeologist and work in Egypt.

**I** How many times have you been to Egypt?

**F** Oh, ... I've been there 30 times at least! I go as often as I can.

**I** Have you ever made an important discovery?

**F** Yes, I've made some very important discoveries, including some important ancient tombs near Cairo.



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- I** And you've written books about Egypt, too, haven't you? How many books have you written?
- F** I've written three about the pharaohs. And I've written a book about a journey I made from Cairo to Cape Town.
- I** How did you travel? By train? Or by car?
- F** By Land Rover, of course!
- I** Ah, yes. And in all your travels, have you ever been in any dangerous situations?
- F** Oh my goodness, yes! I've often been in danger. But I've learnt to look after myself!

### 6.7 Frieda Hoffmann – Part 2

- 1 I** Do you go back to Germany much?
- F** No, I don't. I've been back a few times to visit relatives, but I've never lived there again. I feel more English than German now, and I've forgotten a lot of my German.
- 2 I** What did you study at university?
- F** I studied Ancient History at Cambridge.
- I** Did you enjoy it?
- F** Oh, yes, I had a wonderful time! The course was amazing, and Cambridge is a great place to live.
- 3 I** Have you ever had any other jobs, apart from being an archaeologist?
- F** Yes, I have. I've done all sorts of jobs – I even worked as a waitress when I was at university.
- I** Really! What was that like?
- F** I loved it! I was a tour guide, too, in the holidays.
- I** Met some really interesting people!
- 4 I** You said you've often been in danger. What's the most dangerous situation you've ever been in?
- F** Well, I had a very difficult time in Cairo during the revolution in 2011. I spent two weeks inside my friend's house – it was too dangerous to go out! Of course, I'm fortunate – I can leave a country when things get really dangerous. It was the local people I felt sorry for.

### 6.8 Word endings for jobs

artist

accountant

inventor

photographer

economist

electrician

actor

musician

farmer

politician

interpreter

assistant

builder

translator

receptionist

### 6.9 Word endings

reservation	reserve
explanation	explain
behaviour	behave
invitation	invite
decision	decide
student	study
collection	collect
argument	argue
discussion	discuss
fame	famous
difference	different
expense	expensive



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danger	dangerous
success	successful
music	musical
kindness	kind
possibility	possible
health	healthy

### 6.10 Different word forms

- I collect postcards.  
I have a collection of postcards.
- I've never wanted fame.  
I've never wanted to be famous.
- Can we discuss your work?  
Can we have a discussion about your work?
- Is he behaving OK?  
Is his behaviour OK?
- Health is very important.  
It's important to be healthy.
- It's time for a decision.  
It's time to decide.
- I'm not very good at music.  
I'm not very musical.
- We often argue.  
We often have arguments.

### 6.11 Word stress

**Two-syllable nouns:** danger, kindness, critic, artist, difference

**Two-syllable adjectives:** healthy, friendly, famous, different

**Two-syllable verbs:** invite, explain, discuss, employ, decide, compete

**Nouns ending in -tion and -sion:** invitation, explanation, competition, ambition, decision

### 6.12 The not so distant past

#### THE PAST IN THE PRESENT

##### BREAKING NEWS!

1 THE WEST HAS SENT MORE SOLDIERS TO IRAQ.

Enemy fighters there have captured and executed the leader of the Western army.

2 MORE REFUGEES HAVE TRIED TO ENTER THE COUNTRY, AFTER THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THAT NO MORE WILL BE ALLOWED IN.

One leader has already built a wall to try and keep foreigners out.

3 THERE HAVE BEEN MORE PROTESTS AGAINST HIGH GOVERNMENT TAXES.

Protestors say that ordinary people are paying too much tax because the rich have found ways to avoid paying theirs.

##### SAME OLD PROBLEMS

Surprisingly, these are not recent news stories – they're ancient history! This was all happening 2,000 years ago!

- The 'West' was the Roman Empire and 'Iraq' was Mesopotamia.
- The refugees were the Goths, escaping the Huns who were invading their land. The wall was Hadrian's Wall, in the North of England, built to stop the early Scots coming into Roman Britain.
- Taxes were high to pay for Roman wars and unemployment, but rich people knew how to move their money to places where the government couldn't tax it.

So, perhaps it's true that history repeats itself!

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### 6.13 David Taylor Bews

I come from Newcastle in England, but I live in Perth, Australia, now. I've been here nearly ten years. My wife, Jodie, is Australian, and our children, Russell and Alice, were born here. Alice is named after her great-grandmother – that's my grandmother – Alice Bews. She's 89 now and still lives in Newcastle, and she's in great shape for her age.

Now, there's a programme on TV, called *Who Do You Think You Are*, where famous people find out all about their family histories, going right back. I love it, and it's made me want to know more about my own family history. You can do a lot of research online, but even better, I've started finding out more from my grandmother – and she loves talking about it all! I knew that she was one of nine children, which is amazing, but I didn't know she was the youngest, and, the only one born in England. Her brothers and sisters were all born in Scotland, and that's where we all come from originally, from the Orkney Islands, which are in the very north of Scotland. My great-grandfather was a farmer there over a hundred years ago. And, I love this, my grandmother told me that our family's ancestors were actually Norwegian – they came over to Scotland in the 9th century. She says that's why we all have blonde hair in our family – isn't that amazing?

Anyway, it became more and more difficult for my great-grandparents to make a living there as farmers, so they travelled south, and finally arrived in the north of England, in Newcastle, with their eight children. Alice was born not long after they arrived.

### 6.14 Talking to Grandma

D = David, A = Alice

D So, Grandma, your parents came from the Orkney Islands – is that right?

A Yes. My mother was called Jane. She grew up there, and she got married when she was only 17.

D And you were her ninth child, weren't you?

A Yes, and I was the only one born in England. Life was really hard for my mother – you see, my father died when I was only three.

D Oh, I didn't know you were that young when it happened! That's awful!

A Well, it means I can't really remember him at all.

D So what did your mother do?

A She worked as a cleaner, and a dressmaker.

D Wow, her life wasn't easy then, was it? She had two jobs, and all those children! That's ...

A Oh, yes, she was an amazing lady. My two eldest brothers, Peter and William, they got work in the shipyards, so that helped a lot. Ah, ... it's not easy being the youngest – all my brothers and sisters have died now – I'm the only one left.

D I know. So, did you marry young, Grandma?

A No, I didn't marry till I was 22.

D But that's young! Really young!

A Oh, that wasn't unusual in those days. And I only had three children.

D Only! Two's enough work for us! And, you've got lots of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, haven't you?

A Yes, I have. They live all over the world – it's not just you that's gone to live abroad.

D I know. I have cousins in New Zealand and America. But cousin Peter still lives near you, doesn't he?

A Oh yes, he does. And he's helped me to keep in touch with you all with this Skype thing.

D It's great, isn't it?

A Oh yes, I love it. I can talk to all my grandchildren, and I've seen all my great-grandchildren as soon as they were born. And I get emails and texts all the time – it's all really wonderful, isn't it?

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**D** It is, grandma. Anyway, it's been great talking to you. I've got more questions but I'll save them till next time.

**A** OK. You will stay in touch, won't you?

**D** Of course, I will, Grandma. Bye for now!

### 6.15 Agree with me!

Skype is great, isn't it?

You come from Scotland, don't you?

Life wasn't easy then, was it?

You've lived here for years, haven't you?

### 6.16 Agree with me!

**1 A** The weather is lovely today, isn't it?

**B** Yes, it is. Beautiful!

**A** And we all love days like this, don't we?

**B** We certainly do!

**2 A** Mummy, our new cat isn't very big, is she?

**B** No, she isn't. She's just a kitten.

**A** But she will grow bigger, won't she?

**B** Yes, of course she will. She'll be as big as our old cat soon.

**3 A** We had such a good holiday, didn't we?

**B** Yes, we did. I really enjoyed it!

**A** And it wasn't too expensive, was it?

**B** No, it wasn't! It wasn't expensive at all.

**4 A** The baby looks just like her mum, doesn't she?

**B** Mmm, she does. Same blue eyes, same nose.

**A** But she has got her dad's blonde hair, hasn't she?

**B** Yes, she's very fair.

### 6.17 Replying to tags

**1 A** Dominic's party was brilliant, wasn't it?

**B** Yes, it was. I had a great time on the dance floor!

**2 A** Karen knows a lot about gardens, doesn't she?

**B** Yes, she does. She's helped me a lot with mine.

**3 A** You went to school with my brother, didn't you?

**B** Yes, I did. We've been good friends ever since.

**4 A** Learning a language isn't easy, is it?

**B** No, it isn't. It takes time, and lots of practice.

**5 A** My English has improved a lot, hasn't it?

**B** Yes, it has. You sound much more natural now.

**6 A** You won't forget to call me, will you?

**B** No, of course not. I'll call as soon as I get home.

## 7 Simply the best

### 7.1 My favourite things

**I** = Interviewer **M** = Mat

**I** Hello, and welcome to *My Favourite Things*.

Today I'm talking to the German photographer, Mat Hennek. Welcome, Mat.

**M** Hi.

**I** So, let's start with your favourite actor. You've chosen Daniel Day Lewis. Why do you like him so much?

**M** He's such a brilliant actor – I just love him in all his films. He's so talented, but he only does what he wants to do, and believes in, which I think is great.

**I** Yes, he certainly deserves his three Oscars. And what about the world of sport?

**M** Well, I'm a football fan, and Bayern Munich is my team – I'm crazy about them. I always find them exciting to watch, and for me, they're simply the best – even when they aren't!

**I** Ah, you're a real fan! Now, your choice in music is interesting.

**M** Yes, Bach. I think his music is very special, unique in fact, and it's never ever boring. And of course my favourite musician is my partner, the pianist Hélène Grimaud. She's the coolest. You're always in the best hands when she's playing for you.

**I** That's lovely. OK, now to food.

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- M** Well, I really like simple, country food. And I'm German, so my favourite meal is probably Nuremberg sausages and sauerkraut.
- I** Nuremberg sausages? I've never heard of those. What are they like?
- M** They're quite small, ... a little bit spicy, and ... so delicious!
- I** Mmm, I must try them! And your favourite book?
- M** I'm a great fan of the American writer, Cormac McCarthy, and I've chosen his *Border Trilogy*.
- I** Ah, I've never read his writing. What's it like?
- M** It's amazing – it's almost like poetry. His books are sad in some ways, but always full of hope.
- I** Well, I'll put him on my reading list. So, finally, your favourite TV programme?
- M** Oh, I thought *The Americans* was fantastic! It's a series about Russian spies living in America in the 1980s. It's quite shocking sometimes, but it can also be very funny.

### 7.2 What's Berlin like?

**I** = Interviewer **M** = Mat

- 1 I** What's Berlin like?
- M** It's a really exciting city. There's so much going on all the time.
- 2 I** What's the weather like there?
- M** It's OK. It gets hot in summer and very cold in winter, and we do get quite a lot of rain, but people don't go there for the sunshine!
- 3 I** What are the people like?
- M** Berliners are great – they're a very interesting mix. It's a very cosmopolitan city, and it attracts unusual people!
- 4 I** And what are the buildings like?
- M** Amazing! Lots of them are famous and historical, but there are some fantastic modern ones, too.
- 5 I** What are the restaurants like?
- M** They're brilliant! You can find food from every country in the world, and some great traditional

German food, too!

### 6 I

What's the nightlife like?

**M** It's fantastic! There are lots of really good bars and clubs, and some wonderful theatres and concert halls. It's the best thing about Berlin!

### 7.3 Mat's favourite city

**I** = Interviewer **M** = Mat

- I** Do you travel a lot, Mat?
- M** Oh, yes! I often go with Helene on tour – we've been to Tokyo, Munich, and Santa Barbara recently.
- I** And what are they like?
- M** Well, they're very different cities! Tokyo is obviously the biggest, and the busiest. It's much bigger than Munich, and much more modern.
- I** And is it more interesting?
- M** Er, in some ways, yes, but I think they're all interesting cities. And, in fact, for me the best and most interesting is Santa Barbara.
- I** Really? Why?
- M** Well, it's much smaller than the other two cities, and it isn't as exciting – it doesn't have Tokyo's skyscrapers or Munich's history. But it's unusual to find a city that's so beautiful and calm, and so green.
- I** Santa Barbara sounds like the best city for relaxing. And what about food – which is the best city for food?
- M** Oh, for me, Tokyo has the most delicious food – simple and fresh – I just love Japanese food!
- I** So is it better than sausages and sauerkraut?
- M** Mmm, I don't know about that!



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### 7.4 Pronunciation

/bɪgə dən/

Tokyo's bigger than Berlin.

/əz bɪg əz/

Berlin isn't as big as Tokyo.

### 7.5 Pronunciation

**A** WHO's cleverer, you or Ben?

**B** ME, of course! I'm MUCH cleverer than Ben! He isn't NEARLY as clever as ME!

### 7.6 Pronunciation

Good, better, best

Never, never rest,

Till your good is better,

And your better best!

### 7.7 General knowledge quiz

- 1 Monaco is much smaller than Malta, but Vatican City is the smallest country – less than half a square kilometre.
- 2 The Eiffel Tower is nearly as tall as the Empire State Building, but the Burj Kahlifa in Dubai is the tallest by far – 828 m.
- 3 The Atlantic Ocean is bigger than the Arctic Ocean, but the Pacific Ocean is the biggest – it's twice as big as the Atlantic.
- 4 The Japanese Bullet Train isn't as fast as the Italian AGV Italo. The Shanghai Maglev is the fastest train, at 431 kph.
- 5 The lion is more dangerous than the shark, killing about 100 people every year compared to the shark's ten. The hippopotamus is the most dangerous – it kills about 500 people a year.

### 7.8 Best for the job?

#### Age

Adam Bates is the oldest. He's 32. Jasmine Wyland is the youngest – she's only 26. Rachel Slater is a bit younger than Adam. She's 30.

#### Present salary

Adam earns the most – he has the highest salary by far, £32,000. Jasmine doesn't earn nearly as much as Adam, only £25,000, and Rachel earns quite a lot more than Jasmine, £28,000.

#### Experience

Adam has the most experience, but he doesn't have much more than Rachel. They both have a lot more experience than Jasmine.

#### Qualifications

Rachel is the most qualified. She isn't much more qualified than Adam, but she's a lot more qualified than Jasmine.

#### Happy to travel

Adam is happiest to travel, and Rachel is a lot happier to travel than Jasmine.

### 7.9 The best things in life are free

#### Jane

Oooh, I think there are lots of things I like that don't cost anything. Let me think ... sunsets. There's nothing more beautiful. My house is on a hill opposite some fields, and in the evening when I look out of the living room window, I see some amazing sunsets. And ... well friends and family are the most important thing in my life. I've just become a grandmother to the most gorgeous baby boy. And hugs are free! I love hugs with all my grandchildren – they're something that money can't buy! But my youngest son still lives at home, he certainly isn't free. He costs me a lot of money!

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### Robin

Well, I work in an office in the city, and for me, the best thing is being in the countryside. I don't mind what the weather is like – even if it's rainy and windy, it's great to be outside, in nature. I like to be on my own when I go walking – it's a great time to think. But I suppose I do spend money driving to the countryside, so ... if you really want something that's free, then the park is the next best thing. There's a lovely park near my flat. It's got a small lake, and some wonderful trees, and I often go there for a quick walk after work – it's the easiest way to put the day's work behind me.

### Charlotte

Erm, well, I don't have to pay for much in my life, just sweets, because I'm only eight, but ... I think the best thing for me is playing with my little sister, Ava. She's only four, so I'm a lot older than her. I've also got a brother, Dominic. He's six, but he doesn't like the games I like, so he isn't as much fun to play with as Ava. She's always waiting for me when I come home from school. She thinks I'm the best person in the whole world! We usually play hospitals, or schools. I'm the doctor or teacher, of course, because I'm the biggest.

### Ella

Definitely the best thing in my life is being with my boyfriend, Alex. Of course, we sometimes do things together that cost money, like going to the cinema, but we don't need to spend anything to have a good time – we often just go out for walks or sit around chatting. He makes me laugh so much – he's the funniest person I know – and he's also the nicest friend anyone could have. We've been together nearly a year now, so it feels like our relationship just gets better and better. I think I'm really lucky.

### Oliver

The best thing that's free in my life is my dog, Fudge. My uncle gave him to me for my thirteenth birthday. He was a puppy, and he's 11 now, so we've grown up together. He was SO cute as a puppy, but I think he's even more beautiful now. What's he like? Well, he's very loving, and ... he's also a bit crazy, and he's great fun to play with. He may be getting older, but he's still far more energetic than I am – I'm always more tired than him after a walk! And, I know it's very lucky that I haven't had to take him to the vet's very often – because that definitely isn't free!

### 7.10 Synonyms and antonyms

- A** It's a nice day, isn't it?  
**B** Yes, it's *nice*.  
**A** But it wasn't very *nice* yesterday, was it?  
**B** No, it wasn't *nice*.

### 7.11 A lovely day!

- A** It's a lovely day, isn't it?  
**B** Yes, it's beautiful.  
**A** But it wasn't very nice yesterday, was it?  
**B** No, it was horrible!

### 7.12 Synonyms

- 1** **A** I'm scared of spiders.  
**B** Well, a lot of people are frightened of big ones!  
**A** Yeah, but even the small ones are a problem for me.  
**2** **A** Let's check the answer key to see if it's right.  
**B** Yes, it's correct!  
**A** Oh good – I really wasn't sure about that one.  
**3** **A** It's strange that Dave left without saying goodbye.  
**B** Yes, that is unusual.  
**A** Maybe he was in a hurry today.

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- 4 **A** I think I'll find it hard to drive on the left when I'm in the UK!  
**B** It'll be difficult at first, but after a while you'll be fine.  
**A** I can't imagine it – it's the wrong side of the road!
- 5 **A** Are you happy with your new phone?  
**B** Yes, I'm very pleased with it. The camera's fantastic!  
**A** I think I might get one of those myself then.
- 6 **A** Tommy's a clever boy, isn't he?  
**B** Yes, he's very intelligent for a ten-year-old.  
**A** I've had some very adult conversations with him.

### 7.13 Antonyms

- 1 **A** This film is so boring!  
**B** Mmm, it isn't very interesting, is it?
- 2 **A** It's so noisy in this restaurant!  
**B** Yes, it isn't very quiet, is it?
- 3 **A** That man was really rude!  
**B** Yes, he wasn't very polite, was he?
- 4 **A** That was so stupid of you!  
**B** Yes, it wasn't very clever of me, was it?
- 5 **A** These plates are dirty.  
**B** Mmm, they're not very clean, are they?
- 6 **A** Pat always seems so miserable.  
**B** Yes, she never seems very happy, does she?
- 7 **A** This computer is so slow!  
**B** Mmm, it's not very fast, is it?
- 8 **A** It's really cold in here!  
**B** Yes, it's not very warm, is it?

### 7.14 What's on?

- A** What shall we do today?  
**B** I'm not sure. Let's have a look. How about going to the cinema?  
**A** Er, no, I don't feel like seeing a film.  
**B** OK ... What about an exhibition?  
**A** Maybe. What's on?

- B** There's Modigliani at the Tate Modern.  
**A** Mmm ... not my kind of thing. What else?  
**B** There's an exhibition called Living with gods about beliefs in different cultures.  
**A** That sounds interesting! Where's it on?  
**B** The British Museum.  
**A** Oh good, the British Museum's free.  
**B** Yeah, but this is a special exhibition, and it's £15.  
**A** Oh, OK. We can get the Tube to Russell Square. What time is it open?  
**B** They're open ten till six. And, we could go to a Silent Disco at the London Aquarium afterwards.  
**A** Oh, I'd love to! Come on, let's go!

## 8 Living dangerously

### 8.1 Kurt Weiner – big wave surfer

I = Interviewer K = Kurt

- I** Kurt, do you have to be very fit and strong to be a big wave surfer?  
**K** Yeah, you do. You have to be strong in mind and body. It's a fantastic sport but a dangerous one. I find doing yoga helps me a lot.
- I** Yoga!?  
**K** Yeah, a lot of surfers do yoga. You have to learn to hold your breath – and yoga helps with that and ... of course it helps you keep calm when things get difficult.
- I** I can understand that.  
**K** I've learned to hold my breath for over four minutes. That was one of the first things I had to learn – the bigger the wave the longer you have to do it.
- I** Four minutes! Wow! Kurt, did you have to start surfing when you were very young to be as good as you are today?  
**K** I can't remember when I didn't surf – my dad took me before I was two years old.



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**I** So, do you have to start young if you want to be a good surfer?

**K** Well, you don't have to, but it helps and living here it's the natural thing to do – it's just part of life on O'ahu.

**I** You say have to keep fit, so how often do you train?

**K** Well, I don't have to train every day, but I do most days – I go swimming underwater. I go to Three Tables Caves near my home – it's great for breath-holding practice.

**I** And do you travel to surf?

**K** I do, a lot. I've been to surf spots all over the world, from Mexico to China ... but right on my doorstep is one of the most famous waves in the world – the Banzai Pipeline. It's a fantastic ride!

**I** Kurt, you're a lucky guy. I hear you have a surf school, too. Can you teach me to surf?

### 8.2 You don't have to, but it helps!

**1** Kurt, do you have to be very fit and strong to be a big-wave surfer?

**2** You have to be strong in mind and body.

**3** You have to learn to hold your breath.

**4** That was one of the first things I had to learn.

**5** Kurt, did you have to start surfing when you were very young to be as good as you are today?

**6** I can't remember when I didn't surf.

**7** So, do you have to start young if you want to be a good surfer?

**8** You don't have to, but it helps!

**9** I don't have to train every day, but I do most days.

### 8.3 Questions and answers

**1** Does Kurt have to train hard?

Yes, he does. He has to train very hard.

**2** Why does Kurt do yoga?

Because surfers have to hold their breath for a long time.

**3** Do all surfers have to start young?

No, they don't have to, but it helps.

### 8.4 Pronunciation

**1** I have a good job.

I have to work hard.

**2** He has a new surfboard.

He has to train a lot.

**3** We had a good time.

We had to get up early.

### 8.5 What should I do?

**1** When you travel, you should stay in hotels that have a gym or a spa. And if you want to lose weight, you shouldn't have too many big business dinners in expensive restaurants.

**2** I don't think you should believe all your friends say about having fun. Maybe they're jealous of your special talent.

**3** One of the best exercises is walking, and you don't have to do this alone. You should ask a friend to go with you, and then you can chat and exercise at the same time.

**4** And you must walk before you run again – you absolutely mustn't run until it has completely healed.

### 8.6 Giving advice

**1** **A** I'm hopeless at all sports.

**B** You shouldn't worry about it. Lots of people aren't sporty, but you should make some exercise part of your daily routine – walking more quickly can help.

**2** **A** I can't sleep at night.

**B** You must do more exercise during the day. Why don't you walk to work? And you shouldn't drink so much coffee just before bedtime.

**3** **A** I don't like my brother's new girlfriend.

**B** I don't think you should tell your brother. I think you should try to find some good things about her.

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- 4 A** I've got an important exam tomorrow, and I'm really nervous.  
**B** I don't think you should study any more today. You must get a good night's sleep tonight. Don't worry. I'm sure you'll pass, and if you don't it's not the end of the world.
- 5 A** A boy in my class is bullying me.  
**B** You must tell your teacher or ask your mum to talk to the teacher.
- 6 A** I fell off my bike and banged my head – now I've got a bad headache.  
**B** Oooh that looks bad! You must go to A and immediately and get an X-ray. I'll drive you, I don't think you should go alone.
- 7 A** My computer's behaving very strangely.  
**B** Mine does that all the time. You should do what I do – turn it off, wait a while, then turn it on again. It's the only thing that ever works for me.
- 8 A** My car's making a funny noise.  
**B** It sounds bad – you mustn't drive it. You should call the garage.

### 8.7 A health quiz – answers

- 1** You shouldn't skip breakfast.  
 This is not true. Skipping breakfast does not necessarily make you unhealthy. However, the fact is, that people who do have breakfast are more likely to look after their health generally – they eat healthily and exercise regularly, so they're more healthy anyway.
- 2** You should weigh yourself regularly.  
 This is true. Weighing yourself regularly helps you to keep a healthy weight. But you shouldn't do it too often – not every day, once a week is enough.
- 3** You must always warm up before hard exercise and cool down after.  
 Yes, this is a good idea. Some fast walking to start and perhaps some yoga or Tai Chi afterwards.
- 4** Swimming is one of the best forms of exercise you can do.  
 This is true. Some people say that swimming is the perfect exercise for the body. Tai Chi is also very good because it is both movement and relaxation. And don't forget walking! It's a simple but powerful way to keep healthy, as long as you do it in comfortable shoes!
- 5** You should do 30 minutes continuous activity rather than 10 minutes 3 times a day.  
 This is not true. Best is short periods of 10 minutes, but it's fine to do both. You should try to do at least 150 minutes a week.
- 6** You should always exercise until it hurts – no pain, no gain!  
 This is not true. You don't have to feel pain when you exercise to keep fit. Do it slowly at first. Little and often is better, and then build up to harder, longer exercises.
- 7** If you want to lose weight you should drink water after a meal.  
 No, you should drink water before a meal. It helps you feel full, and you won't eat too much.
- 8** If you don't feel full after a meal, you should wait 15 minutes and see how you feel then.  
 This is a good idea. Sometimes you want to eat more just after a meal, but if you wait 15 to 20 minutes, your food fills your stomach and you start to feel full.
- 9** You should always choose water over other drinks to rehydrate after exercising.  
 Not true. It doesn't have to be water. Any non-alcoholic drink will rehydrate you.
- 10** It's better to exercise in the morning rather than the afternoon or night.  
 Not true. There is no best time. The important thing is just to exercise – you can do morning, afternoon, or night!

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### 8.8 Andy Lambert – a stuntman's story

J = Justin A = Andy Lambert

- J Andy, I've often wondered ... and never asked – how did you become a stuntman?
- A Well ... I first thought about it when I was at school. I always loved sports – all sports – athletics, swimming, even pole vaulting – anything and everything – and I loved climbing trees, too, so I thought ... hmmm ... I'd like to be a stuntman.
- J Really? You actually had the idea at school? It's not a job many people think of.
- A Well, I did ... but then I thought that the people doing it had to be very special in some way – so it couldn't be me. But eventually when I was 29, I had the courage and got started. Twenty-nine is quite late for a stuntman.
- J So what were the first jobs you did?
- A Well, I worked as a film extra at first on some TV dramas – I was the person sat at the bar or just one of the crowd. But at the same time I worked at other skills – you have to do that – horse riding, high diving, and martial arts, of course. I did judo competitions, and I built a portfolio of photographs of myself.
- J You really planned it carefully then.
- A Yeah, I was keen ... and finally I got my first job. It was on a film called *Onegin* – a Russian romantic drama with Ralph Fiennes – I was doubling for Toby Stephens, Maggie Smith's son.
- J Oh yeah – then what?
- A Well, after that I got work on a Bond film, one with Pierce Brosnan, when he comes crashing through a restaurant window in a speedboat. That was me!
- J I saw the film – I didn't recognize you!
- A That's good – you're not meant to!
- J I know! So ... how do you prepare for a film like that?

- A First, you have to talk through the stunts with the director – so, for example, if you're going to fall out of a window you have to talk about how he, or she, wants you to move in the air and land – hit the ground, you know.
- J Whoah, Andy! It sounds so dangerous. Have you ever been injured?
- A Not too much. I'm lucky. Just a few bumps and bruises, but a lot of stuntmen and women do get injured – sprained ankles, broken arms and legs, and the like. If you think about it, if you have to fall off a horse say 10 or 12 times in one day, you're not going to feel great.
- J I'm laughing, but ...
- A Actually, there was another injury.
- J What was that?
- A Well, I was going to do a really big film, in Greece – it was *Captain Corelli's Mandolin* with Nicolas Cage, and then just before I had to leave I sprained my ankle.
- J What a shame! How did you do that?
- A Well, I was running in my local park and I fell – can you believe it?
- J You're kidding! You don't do much stunt work now do you?
- A No, I don't. I haven't done much since I married and had kids – my wife was pleased when I stopped, but my sons love to hear about when Dad was a stuntman. I still love a bit of danger in my life.
- J OK – how about a game of squash with me now. That's enough danger for me!

### 8.9 A children's song

Head and shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes!

Head and shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes!

And eyes and ears and mouth and nose!

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Head and shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes!

Arms and legs and feet and hands, feet and hands!

Arms and legs and feet and hands, feet and hands!

And eyes and ears and mouth and nose!

Head and shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes!

### 8.10 The doctor's diagnosis

**P** = Patient **D** = Doctor

- 1 **P** I can't stop coughing and blowing my nose.  
**D** You've got a cold. It's just a bad cold.
- 2 **P** I've got a fever, my whole body aches, and I feel awful.  
**D** You've got flu – just go home and go to bed.
- 3 **P** It hurts when I walk on it.  
**D** You've got a sprained ankle. It looks quite bad. You should go for an X-ray.
- 4 **P** I keep going to the toilet.  
**D** You've got diarrhoea. It's probably something you've eaten. You can get some pills from the pharmacist.
- 5 **P** My glands are swollen, and it hurts when I swallow.  
**D** You've got a sore throat – let me see! ... Ah yes ... it's tonsillitis.
- 6 **P** I keep being sick, and I've got terrible diarrhoea.  
**D** You've got food poisoning. It will pass in a few hours – oh dear ... the toilet's just over there!
- 7 **P** I start sneezing when I'm near a cat.  
**D** You've got an allergy. Lots of people are allergic to cats. You can take antihistamine pills – you can get a packet from the chemist.

### 8.11 Seeing the doctor

**D** = Doctor **E** = Edsom

- D** Hello. Come and sit down. What seems to be the problem?
- E** Well, I haven't felt well for a few days. I've had a bad headache, and now I've got a sore throat.
- D** Any sickness or diarrhoea?
- E** No, I haven't been sick or had any diarrhoea.
- D** Do you feel hot?
- E** Yes, especially at night. I can't sleep because I feel hot, and I start coughing when I lie down.
- D** OK, I'll just take your temperature. Can I just pop this in your mouth?
- E** Aaargh!
- D** Ah, yes. You do have a bit of a fever. Now, let me see your throat. Open your mouth wide, please.
- E** 'ot can u see?
- D** Pardon?
- E** Can you see anything?
- D** Yes, your throat looks very red. Does this hurt?
- E** Ouch!
- D** And your glands are swollen.
- E** Is it serious?
- D** No, not at all. You just have a bit of a throat infection. You should have antibiotics. Are you allergic to penicillin?
- E** No, I'm not.
- D** Good. Now, you shouldn't go to work for a couple of days, and you must drink plenty of liquids. Just take things easy for a while. I'll write you a prescription.
- E** Thank you. Do I have to pay you?
- D** No, no. Seeing me is free, but you'll have to pay for the prescription. It's £8.80.
- E** Right. Thanks very much. Goodbye.

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### 9 What a story!

#### 9.1 Questions about Mula

1 Where was Mula walking when he saw the man?

Along the road through the woods.

2 What was the man carrying?

A dirty, old sack.

3 What did the man do when Mula took his sack?

He sat down and cried.

4 Where did Mula put the man's sack?

In the middle of the road.

5 How did the man feel when he got his sack back?

Very happy.

#### 9.2 The story of Mula and the miserable man

A wise old man called Mula was walking along the road through the woods, when he saw a man walking towards him. The man was carrying a dirty, old sack. He looked very unhappy, and when Mula asked him why, the man told him his story. He was all alone, because his wife had left him, and he was also poor and homeless because he had lost his job and his house.

'Everything I own is in this old sack', he said. 'My life is miserable.' And he walked off.

After the man had gone a few yards, Mula ran past him, took his sack, and ran into the woods. The man was afraid to follow – he had heard it was easy to get lost in these woods.

'Now my life is even more miserable!' he said. And he sat down and cried.

Meanwhile, further down the road, Mula came out of the woods and put the man's sack in the middle of the road. Finally, when he had stopped crying, the man set off again, walking slowly and sadly.

Suddenly, he saw his sack. 'My sack!' he shouted.

He picked it up – everything was still inside it! He was overjoyed, and walked happily on towards the city,

singing as he went.

'Well', said Mula. 'That's one way to make someone happy.'

The moral of the story is ... Appreciate what you have, however little.

#### 9.3 Questions about the story

1 A Why was the man all alone?

B Because his wife had left him.

2 A Why was he poor and homeless?

B Because he'd lost his job, and his house.

3 A Why was he afraid to follow Mula into the woods?

B Because he'd heard it was easy to get lost in them.

4 A Why was his sack in the middle of the road?

B Because Mula had put it there.

5 A Why was he so happy?

B Because he'd found his sack again, with everything still inside it.

#### 9.4 Pronunciation

1 He lost his job.

He'd lost his job.

2 We'd missed the bus.

We missed the bus.

3 They'd all left.

They all left.

4 But you met him before!

But you'd met him before!

5 I'd checked the doors.

I checked the doors.

6 She'd asked everybody.

She asked everybody.

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### 9.5

- 1 I got a fabulous view of the Alps as we were flying over them.
- 2 I felt tired all day yesterday because I hadn't slept much the night before.
- 3 Just as I was falling asleep, the neighbour's dog started barking.
- 4 Tom's new girlfriend seemed familiar. I was sure I'd seen her somewhere before.
- 5 I was nervous before the flight because I'd never flown before.
- 6 My brother rang me while I was out shopping.

### 9.6 The professor and his driver

Professor Higgs, one of the world's top astrophysicists, was giving a six-month lecture tour of universities around Europe. He only had one more lecture to give before the tour ended. Higgs didn't like flying, so he travelled by car. He had his own driver because he was too tired to drive after he'd finished his lectures.

One morning, as they were driving to the last lecture, his driver, Harry said, 'You know, Professor, I always sit in the hall when you give your lecture, and I know it so well by now, I think I could give it myself!' Of course, Harry was only joking, but Professor Higgs knew Harry was a clever man, and he wanted to test the idea.

As soon as they arrived at the university, the professor and Harry swapped clothes. The professor then sat quietly at the back of the hall while Harry gave the lecture.

Harry had a fantastic memory and gave the lecture perfectly! He waited until the audience had finished clapping and started to leave the stage. Suddenly, someone stood up and said they wanted to ask a question. Harry listened to the long, complicated question, and then he spoke: 'Mmm, that's a very

good question. And although it seems a difficult one, the answer is actually very simple. In fact, it's so simple that I'm going to ask my driver to answer it for you.'

### 9.7 Discussing grammar

- 1 I went to bed when I'd done my homework.
- 2 After I'd driven two hundred miles, I stopped for coffee.  
(I stopped for coffee after I had driven two hundred miles.)
- 3 She bought a car as soon as she'd passed her driving test.  
(As soon as she had passed her driving test, she bought a car.)
- 4 I didn't go to live in Italy until I'd learnt Italian.  
(Until I had learnt Italian, I didn't go to Italy.)
- 5 Although I'd enjoyed reading the book, I didn't like the film.  
(Although I didn't like the film of it, I had enjoyed reading the book.)
- 6 His mother sent him to bed because he'd been naughty.  
(Because he'd been naughty, his mother sent him to bed.)
- 7 I'd burned the chicken, so we went out to eat.
- 8 Jill invited me to stay for lunch, but I'd arranged to have lunch with Jo.

### 9.8 An interview with Liz Davis

I = Interviewer L = Liz Davis

- I Hello, and welcome to Bookworld. This week in the studio we have Liz Davis from YAP, Young Adult Publishers. Liz, many people get confused about the difference between children's literature and young adult literature. Are they sometimes the same thing?
- L Yes, they can be. Some of our books are for children as young as 12 and they aren't very different from other children's books. But many of

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the novels we publish are for 15- to 18-year-olds, and the stories and subjects in those are not what you usually find in children's literature. They're, well, more adult.

- I Now, children's literature is very big business at the moment – is that because of the recent popularity of young adult fiction?
- L No, not really. We're in a golden age of children's literature for all ages right now. And it isn't the first golden age – there have been three. The first came in the 19th century, with the earliest fantasy books for children. *Alice in Wonderland* and *Peter Pan* were the first novels where ordinary children had adventures in a magical world.
- I And until then, children's books had been quite serious and educational, hadn't they?
- L Oh, yes! People thought children's stories should teach them morals. They were about children getting into dangerous situations in life because they'd behaved badly, and only the well-behaved children managed to escape! There's a lovely story called *The Storyteller*, by a writer called Saki, which makes fun of this idea.
- I And when was the second golden age?
- L In the 1950s. There'd been the Second World War, and the atomic bomb, and a lot of children's stories were now more serious, about saving the world from evil. Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings* is a good example, and C.S. Lewis's *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. It's not just the children in the story that are in danger; it's everything.
- I And isn't that true of a more recent example of young adult fiction, the *Harry Potter* series?
- L Yes, although I'm not sure it's correct to call the *Harry Potter* books young adult fiction. They were the first children's books that people of all ages read – from the very young to the very old! It's only the later *Harry Potters*, when the children become teenagers, that are more like young adult

literature, but they're still not typical examples because they're all about the problems of using magic. Modern young adult novels are usually about the ordinary everyday problems that teenagers experience.

- I So the stories aren't set in fantasy worlds anymore?
- L No, not so much. Some are, the *Hunger Games* books, for example. But most young adult literature is set in the very real world that teenagers live in.
- I Too real for some parents!
- L Yes, that's true. In the past, people often complained that young people's literature had never shown the reality of teenage life. Now, many parents aren't happy to find their children reading books that go into so much detail about relationships with the opposite sex, and about alcohol and drugs.
- I And how do you feel about that?
- L Well, these problems are part of life for teenagers today, and I think it helps if they see people learning to get through them. What I don't like is when young adult novels end miserably – I know most teenagers like to be miserable sometimes, but I think they're looking for a happy ending really!

### 9.9 The train journey

#### The Storyteller

It was a hot afternoon, and the hour-long train journey had only just begun. There were five people in the railway carriage – two young girls and their brother, sitting with their aunt, and a young man, who was sitting alone in the corner. The young man had already begun to think he'd chosen the wrong carriage to sit in.

The children were hot, tired, and bored, and behaving badly. The youngest girl was singing the

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first line of a song, over and over again. Everything the aunt said began with 'Don't!' and everything the children said began with 'Why?'

'Don't put your feet on the seat, Cyril!'

'Why not?'

'Because you'll make it dirty. And don't stare at the man. Oh, look at those sheep in that field!'

Nearly every field the train had travelled past had had sheep in it, so the aunt's surprise was difficult to explain.

'Why is that man taking the sheep into the other field?' asked the younger girl.

'Perhaps there's more grass in that field,' replied the aunt.

'But there's lots of grass in both fields.'

'Well, perhaps the grass is better in the other field.'

'Why is it better?' came the immediate question from Cyril.

The young man was looking annoyed. 'I imagine he doesn't like children,' the aunt thought.

'Come and sit over here, all of you, and I'll tell you a story', she said.

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The children did not look at all excited by the aunt's offer. They'd obviously heard her stories before, and this one was very boring indeed. It was about a beautiful young girl who worked very hard and behaved perfectly. Everyone in the village loved her. One day she fell into a lake, and of course, everybody ran to save her immediately.

'So they saved her because she was so good?' asked the bigger girl.

'Exactly so,' said the aunt.

'But that's silly', said the girl. 'When people are in danger, you always try to save them – you don't ask whether they're good or not.'

'Well, perhaps they ran a little faster to save her because she was so good,' the aunt replied.

'Oh, how stupid!' said the girl.

'It's definitely the most stupid story I've ever heard,' said Cyril.

'It was so stupid I didn't even listen to it,' the younger girl said, and began singing the first line of her song again.

'You're not a great success as a storyteller,' said the young man suddenly from the corner.

'Well, it's not easy to tell stories that young people can understand and enjoy,' the aunt replied, sounding stressed.

'I don't agree,' said the young man.

'Well, perhaps you would like to tell them a story then?' she suggested.

'OK,' said the young man. And he began.

### 9.11 The young man's story

'Once upon a time, a long time ago, there was a little girl called Bertha, who was very, very good.'

The children looked disappointed. They had hoped for a better story from him.

'She was always well-behaved, and worked hard at school because she wanted to please her parents and teachers. She was never late, never dirty or untidy, never rude, and she never told lies.'

'Was she pretty?' asked the small girl.

'Not as pretty as you', the young man said. 'But she was horribly good.'

The children were suddenly interested. Using the



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word 'horribly' with 'good' was unusual, and they liked how true it sounded.

'Bertha was so good that she'd won three medals for it – one said 'Never late', one said 'Always polite', and the third said 'Best-behaved child in town'. She wore them every day as she walked around town, so that everyone knew how good she was.'

'Horribly good,' Cyril reminded him.

'Yes. Well, the King had heard how good this girl was, and he invited Bertha to tea at the Royal Palace. Bertha wore her best dress, which was very white and clean, put on her medals, and walked through the woods towards the King's palace. But in the woods, there lived a big hungry wolf. He quickly saw Bertha's clean white dress through the trees. "Aha!" thought the wolf. "Lunch!" He moved quickly and quietly through the trees towards Bertha. Bertha saw the wolf and ran, but it was difficult to run fast because of the medals. She hid in some bushes, but she was shaking with fear, and the wolf could hear the medals clinking together. He caught her, and ate every bit of her – except for the medals, of course.'

### 9.12

'What a terrible story to tell young children!' the aunt complained.

'No, it's not! It's the most beautiful story I've ever heard!' said the smaller girl.

'It's the only beautiful story I've ever heard!' said Cyril.

'Well, at least I did manage to keep them quiet for a while,' said the young man as he got up to leave the train. 'Goodbye!'

### 9.13 How did you feel?

- 1 I was scared because the lights had gone out.
- 2 I was jealous because my sister got the biggest bedroom.
- 3 I was nervous because I hadn't sung in public before.
- 4 I was upset because my best friend had forgotten my birthday.
- 5 I was disappointed because the restaurant wasn't very good.
- 6 I was proud because my photo won first prize.

### 9.14 Talking about feelings

- 1 **A** Sometimes I feel really homesick.  
**B** I'm sure you do. What do you miss the most?
- 2 **A** I've got too much work to do!  
**B** You'll manage. You're just stressed right now.
- 3 **A** I'm worried about my driving test.  
**B** It's normal! I was nervous when I took mine.
- 4 **A** We're going to have a baby!  
**B** Oh, that's fabulous! I'm delighted for you both!
- 5 **A** I get upset when people are so horrible.  
**B** Well, remember that people can be really nice, too!

### 9.15 Exclamations with *so* and *such*

That was such an amazing film!

I was so scared!

### 9.16 Exclamations with *so* and *such*

I was so surprised!

It was such a shock!

I've had such an awful day!

You have such crazy ideas!

We had such terrible weather!

There were so many people in town!

She sings so beautifully!

I've got so much work!

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### 9.17

- 1 This is such a good novel! You must read it!  
Do you want to borrow it now?
- 2 Don't watch that film on your own! It's so scary!  
I had my eyes closed for a lot of it!
- 3 Susie and John are such nice people!  
They're always so friendly and helpful.
- 4 There are so many pizzas to choose from!  
I can't decide which one to order!
- 5 Why are you driving so fast?!  
We're not in any hurry!
- 6 Oh! You've made such a mess in the kitchen!  
Come and clean it up now!
- 7 I've spent so much money this week!  
I should leave my credit card at home!
- 8 That was such an amazing experience!  
It's the first time I've been to an IMAX cinema!

## 10 All-time greats!

### 10.1 The best video game ever!

#### TETRIS

**"The best-selling video game ever!"**

Over 35 years old and it is still played all over the world. It is said that it's difficult to find a video-game player who has never heard of Tetris – over 495 million have been sold worldwide and it's still selling!

#### The game has a long and unusual history

- It was created in Russia, in 1984, by Alexey Pajitnov, an Artificial Intelligence researcher at the Russian Academy of Science in Moscow.
- Pajitnov invented games as a hobby and many of them were enjoyed by his colleagues at the academy – Tetris most of all.
- The game became so popular it spread from

- Moscow to Budapest, and in 1989 it was discovered by a British software publisher and then exported to the US.
- Tetris is the biggest-selling video game by far. Minecraft is the only other video game to have sold over 100 million units.

#### Why has it remained so popular for so many years?

There are a great many classic video games – so what is it about Tetris that has made it so universally popular?

- It is an easy puzzle game to play. It's made up of coloured squares – simple enough to be played by everyone, young and old, but ... it is mastered by only a few.
- It can be played on any computer – you don't need the latest model and people in every country can play.
- Its simplicity means you can play as you go, anywhere, any time – you don't have to sit and play for long periods of time.
- In 1989, the Nintendo Game Boy was launched in Japan, and Tetris was the perfect game for this, the first handheld computer – as, of course, it is today with the smartphone.
- It is played by generations of people, on tablets, laptops, smartphones and game consoles. There is little doubt that years from now it will be downloaded by our children and grandchildren – the latest and new version of the most important video game in history.

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### 10.2 Inventions that changed the world

- 1 Paper was invented by a Chinese government official, called T'sai Lun, in 105 AD. The first paper was made from a mixture of plants and cloth. Since the 18th century, paper has been made of wood because it is much stronger than cloth.
- 2 The printing press was invented in 1440 by a German printer called Johannes Gutenberg. Today, everything is done by computer and more words are printed every second than were printed every year in the 15th and 16th centuries.
- 3 Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone in 1876. Bell was born in Scotland, but he moved to America and became a scientist and teacher of the deaf. He worked with his assistant, Thomas Watson, and the first sentence he ever sent was 'Watson, come here; I want you.'
- 4 Guglielmo Marconi was an Italian physicist. He invented the radio in 1895. In 1909 he was awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics. The company he founded, The Marconi Company Ltd., was bought by the Swedish firm, Ericsson, in 2006.
- 5 Television was invented by a Scottish engineer, John Logie Baird, in 1924. The first BBC television broadcasts in 1929 were made with Baird's system. In 2006, Logie Baird was named one of the ten greatest Scottish scientists in history.
- 6 The first ballpoint pen was invented by the Hungarian journalist, László Bíró, in 1938. Many other ballpoint pens have been designed over the years, but in the UK they are still called Birs.
- 7 The Apple PC was invented by two American computer engineers, Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak, in 1976. The name Apple was chosen because it was Jobs' favourite fruit. Apple computers have always been highly praised for being both user-friendly and beautifully designed.

### 10.3 Statistics worldwide

- 1 60% of video games are bought by men and 40% by women.
- 2 Nearly 75 trillion emails are sent every year.
- 3 Over 40,000 questions are answered by Google every second.
- 4 eBay was invented in 1995.
- 5 Facebook has been translated into 76 languages since it began.
- 6 The first Twitter message was sent in 2006.
- 7 Airbnb was founded in San Francisco in 2008.
- 8 Amazon.com was founded in 1994.

### 10.4 Questions and answers

- 1 **A** How many video games are bought by men and women?  
**B** 60% are bought by men, 40% by women. And did you know the average age of a video game player is 38?
- 2 **A** How many emails are sent every year?  
**B** Nearly 75 trillion. The average office worker receives 121 emails a day.
- 3 **A** How many questions are answered by Google every second?  
**B** Over 40,000 a second! About 15% of these have not been asked before.
- 4 **A** When was eBay invented?  
**B** In 1995. Pierre Omidyar was 28 when he invented it – he was a billionaire by the time he was 31.
- 5 **A** How many languages has Facebook been translated into?  
**B** 76. There are now over 2 billion Facebook users – of these 83 million are fake profiles.
- 6 **A** When was the first Twitter message sent?  
**B** In 2006, by Jack Dawsey. Now 500 million tweets are sent every day by 328 million users.

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- 7 A** Where and when was Airbnb invented?  
**B** In San Francisco in 2008. It is now used by 150 million people in 191 countries.
- 8 A** When was Amazon.com founded?  
**B** In 1994. Jeff Besoz started it from his garage. It is now the world's greatest online shopping company with over 300 million customers.

### 10.5 Noun + noun

video + game = video game  
 text + message = text message  
 Face + book = Facebook  
 lap + top = laptop

### 10.6 Noun + noun

business call  
 business card  
 business deal  
 football team  
 football ground  
 football game  
 phone number  
 phone call  
 computer program  
 computer game  
 computer virus

### 10.7 Adverb + past participle

- 1** She has a wonderful job. She's very well paid.  
**2** I didn't enjoy that novel. It was really badly written.  
**3** You don't need to spend a lot of money on clothes to look well dressed.  
**4** Our office is really well equipped. We have all the latest machines.  
**5** I hope they don't bring their dogs. They're so badly behaved.

- 6** Can I have my steak very well done, please? I don't like it rare.  
**7** Surely you've heard of Ed Sheeran. He's a really well-known singer.

### 10.8 Talking about you

- 1 A** Do you ever play computer games?  
**B** No, but my nephew does, all the time.
- 2 A** Do you send a lot of text messages?  
**B** Of course I do. Doesn't everybody? I text all the time.
- 3 A** Do you take a lot of photos?  
**B** I do. I have hundreds on my phone, too many really. I put them on Facebook sometimes.
- 4 A** Who does the most housework in your home?  
**B** Not me or my dad! My mum always says: 'Oh I'll do it, you're too slow.'
- 5 A** How do you like your steak?  
**B** Medium rare. I don't like it well done.
- 6 A** Is your school well equipped?  
**B** It's OK – we have a lot of technical equipment – trouble is, it sometimes breaks down – the teacher can't fix it – but there's a tech genius in our class who usually can.
- 7 A** What do you think is the most important discovery ever made?  
**B** Mmmm! A difficult one. There are so many. The discovery of DNA is pretty important I think.

### 10.9 Part 1 – The world's number one habit – chewing gum!

**P** = Presenter **I** = interviewer **LW** = Lilian Wood **A** = girl interviewee **B** = boy interviewee

- P** This week on Worldly Wise we look at the world's most common habit ... chewing gum! Yes, chewing gum! – every year 374 trillion sticks of chewing gum are made, and we chew 100,000 tons of it. So why do we do it and how many of us know what it's made of?

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**I** Excuse me, I see you are chewing gum.

**A** Yeah.

**I** And ... er ... do you have any idea what it's made of?

**A** Made of? Nah – I've never thought about it.

**I** What about you? Do you know?

**B** Er ... no idea – rubber maybe.

**I** And ... er ... do you know who invented it?

**A** Erm ... the Americans?

**B** Yeah – the Americans – I bet it was invented in the US.

**I** And finally, tell me – why do you chew it?

**A & B** Why?!

**A** Er ... I dunno – it's cool ... it's cool to chew gum.

**B** It's something to do.

**P** Cool or not – chewing gum isn't made of rubber and it wasn't invented by the Americans. It was invented by the Swedes. The Swedes!? I hear you say. But listen to Lilian Wood, a chewing gum expert. Lilian, welcome!

**LW** Thank you. Well, the history of chewing gum goes back thousands of years. In Sweden in 1993 a skeleton of a teenage boy was found – this boy was 9,000 years old and in his mouth was some gum. It was made of tree sap and honey – and this is the first known chewing gum.

**P** That's amazing. Perhaps we've always needed to chew things. After all babies are born wanting to chew – they put everything into their mouths. So, Lilian, why do we chew gum?

**LW** We chew to clean our teeth and freshen our breath, but also just because we like chewing – it keeps us calm.

**P** Yeah – 'Keep calm and chew gum!'

**LW** Yes – the ancient Greeks chewed a gum called mastica – it's a type of tree sap. The Greeks thought it was good for the health and it made the breath sweet-smelling. We also know that in the first century AD the Mayan Indians in

South America enjoyed chewing gum – they chewed a tree sap called chiclay. They wrapped it in leaves and put it in their mouths ...

**P** The first packet of chewing gum!

**LW** Yes indeed – the first packet of gum.

### 10.10 Part 2 – The history of modern chewing gum

**P** = Presenter **LW** = Lilian Wood

**P** So, what's the history of modern chewing gum?

Well, in 1871 Thomas Adams, an American inventor, introduced chewing gum from Mexico to the US ... and it became popular very quickly with American kids.

**LW** Yes, but it was in 1892 when a very clever young man called William Wrigley decided chewing gum was the thing of the future. He was a business genius – he was the first to use advertising to help sell his products.

**P** Really? What did he do?

**LW** He hired hundreds of pretty young girls – he called them, 'The Wrigley girls', and they walked up and down the streets of New York and Chicago handing out free chewing gum. Millions of pieces were given away.

**P** Very clever, very modern!

**LW** Yes, he also had huge electric billboards made – one billboard was a mile long and ran along the side of a train track. So, of course, Wrigley's gum soon became very popular all over the US.

**P** But how did the rest of the world get to love chewing gum?

**LW** Well, during the Second World War, American soldiers were given Wrigley's gum to help them stay calm. In fact, in 1944 all chewing gum production went to the US Army and they took it overseas and gave it to children. Soon they were followed everywhere with the cry, 'Got any gum, chum?' So, of course, it spread worldwide.

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**P** Yes, I believe it's even taken into space by the astronauts. So, Lilian, what is it made of?

**LW** Well, the strangest thing about gum today is that nobody knows exactly what it's made of – the recipe is secret!

**P** Hah! Thank you Lilian. That's all fascinating ... but there's a problem with gum. It's a favourite habit, but when the flavour has gone and we finish chewing, what do we do? We throw it away – chewing gum litter covers the streets of all our towns. Did you know that the cost of cleaning it from the streets of London is more than £10 million a year?! Now that's a fact worth chewing on!

### 10.11 On the phone

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0115 496 0499

0800 142 2466

### 10.12

#### 1 Patrick and John

**P** Hi, John? It's Pat.

**J** Hi, Pat! Where are you?

**P** I'm at the station on my way home from work.

**J** I thought I could hear a lot of noise in the background.

**P** I'll be quick 'cos my train's due. I just wanted to ask you ...

**J** Sorry, you're breaking up. I couldn't hear that.

**P** I know, it's not a good signal. But, listen, I'm calling because I can't make it on Thursday.

**J** What's that?

**P** I said, I can't make Thursday.

**J** You can't make Thursday?

**P** Yeah. Are you free on Friday instead?

**J** Friday? I'm not sure. Can I get back to you?

**P** Sure. That's fine. Oh, there's my train! Speak later!

**J** Yeah! Speak to you later, then. Bye!

#### 2 John and Emma

**E** Hello.

**J** Hello, Emma, it's John. I'm trying to get hold of Patrick.

**E** I'm afraid he's not in. Have you tried his mobile?

**J** Yeah. I tried that first, but he's not answering.

**E** It's probably switched off. He's at the cinema with Richard.

**J** Oh, OK. Can you give him a message then?

**E** Of course.

**J** Just tell him Friday's fine.

**E** OK, I'll tell him as soon as he's back.

**J** Thanks, Emma. Anyway, how are you? Why aren't you at the cinema?

**E** Oh, I was tired and I had to finish some work.

**J** Well, tell that husband of yours I'll see him Friday straight after work.

#### 3 Chantal, Harriet, Patrick, and Teresa

**C** Good morning. Wells and Marriot International. Chantal speaking. How can I help you?

**H** Hello, could I speak to Patrick Doyle, please?

**C** I'm afraid his line's busy. Would you like to hold?

**H** Yes, please.

**C** It's ringing for you now.

**H** Thank you.

**T** Hello. Patrick Doyle's office. Teresa speaking.

**H** Hello. Can I speak to Patrick Doyle, please?

**T** Who's speaking, please?

**H** This is Harriet Smith from Digby and Moss Associates.

**T** Oh, good morning, Ms Smith. I'll put you through immediately.

**H** Thank you.

**T** It's Harriet Smith on the line for you, Patrick.

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**P** Harriet! Good to hear from you!. Are you back from that conference in New York?

**H** Yes, and I wondered ...

### 4 Teresa and Emma

**T** Hello. Patrick Doyle's office.

**E** Hi Teresa, it's Emma

**T** Oh, hello, Mrs Doyle.

**E** Can I speak to Patrick, please?

**T** Oh, I'm afraid he has someone with him at the moment, Mrs Doyle. Is it urgent? Do you want me to interrupt him?

**E** No, no, it's not urgent. It can wait until this evening. I've got a meeting myself in a few minutes. Just tell him I rang and I'll see him this evening at home.

**T** Will do. I hope there isn't a problem.

**E** No, no, not a problem. Good news, actually. Bye, Teresa.

**T** Ooh? Bye, Mrs Doyle.

## 11 People with a passion

### 11.1 Brian Cox – from pop star to professor

**1 A** When did he start being interested in the stars?

**B** When he was three.

**2 A** How long has he been interested in the stars?

**B** Since he was three.

**3 A** When did he start doing research at CERN?

**B** When he was 29.

**4 A** How long has he been doing research at CERN?

**B** For over 20 years.

**5 A** When did he make his first TV programme?

**B** In 2005.

**6 A** How long has he been making TV programmes?

**B** Since 2005.

**7 A** How many programmes has he made?

**B** A great many.

**8 A** Where has he been touring recently?

**B** All over Europe and Australia.

### 11.2 Questions with *How long ... ?*

**1 A** My sister's working in New York.

**B** How long has she been working there?

**A** Only a couple of months.

**2 A** I'm training to run the marathon.

**B** How long have you been training?

**A** Since Christmas. Wish me luck!

**3 A** My boss is on holiday.

**B** How long has he been away?

**A** Two weeks. It's great without him!

**4 A** I'm learning how to drive.

**B** How long have you been learning?

**A** Nearly two years. I've failed my test three times already.

**5 A** I know Maria very well.

**B** How long have you known her?

**A** Since we were at school together.

**6 A** I have the new iPhone.

**B** How long have you had it?

**A** I only got it yesterday.

### 11.3 What have they been doing?

**1 A** Why are the students bored?

**B** Because the teacher's been talking for hours and they haven't understood a word.

**2 A** Why are they so tired and dirty?

**B** Because they've been playing rugby, but they're happy because they've won the match.

**3 A** Why is she hot and tired?

**B** Because she's been cooking all morning. She's made two huge chocolate cakes for the party.

**4 A** Why has he got backache?

**B** Because he's been digging the garden. He's planted six rows of cabbages.

**5 A** Why is she covered in paint?

**B** Because she's been decorating her flat. She's painted two walls already.

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- 6 A** Why have they got no money left?  
**B** Because they've been shopping. They've spent over £200!

### 11.4 Martha Lane Fox – co-founder of lastminute.com

#### Tense review

- 1 Q** Where did she study?  
**A** At Oxford University.
- 2 Q** How long has she been working in digital technology?  
**A** Since 1994, when she joined an IT company called Spectrum.
- 3 Q** Who did she meet while she was working at Spectrum?  
**A** Brent Hoberman. She founded lastminute.com with him.
- 4 Q** How much did they sell lastminute.com for?  
**A** £577 million in 2005.
- 5 Q** Where was she driving when she had a car crash?  
**A** In Morocco.
- 6 Q** Has she fully recovered from the accident?  
**A** No, she hasn't. She still walks with a stick.
- 7 Q** What has she been doing since 2007?  
**A** She's been doing a lot of work for charities.
- 8 Q** How long has she been director of Twitter?  
How many followers does she have?  
**A** Since 2016. She has over 186,000 followers.

### 11.5 My kind of thing!

#### 1 Paula

My passion at the moment is horse-riding – it's strange to hear myself say that 'cos I've only been doing it for about a year, and I never thought I'd love it so much. It all happened because I was talking to someone who rode horses, and I said that stupid thing people often say 'Oh, I've always wanted to do that', and she said 'Why don't you then?'. And I thought, 'why not?' I've always liked horses, they're

so big and powerful, but so beautiful when you see them racing round a field or a track. Riding's very physically demanding – your body has to move with the horse, and, of course, I've fallen off a few times, but amazingly the more you fall the less it hurts. I've been learning how to give really clear instructions – you have to understand your horse – they have moods, you never know what a ride is going to be like – a horse you had a fantastic ride on one week, can be slow and miserable the next week. I like that about horses – they have personalities.

#### 2 Andrew

I'm passionate about poetry. I studied English Literature at university, but it wasn't until after I graduated that I really saw the point of poetry and started writing it myself. I've been trying to write for about ten years now – I'm not sure it's any good, but I keep trying. I've met some other hopeful poets, like me, and I've heard them reading it aloud – it was amazing – I felt the power of the words. The thing I like so much about it is that you can say so much with just a few words – a little means a lot. Each word, each noun, verb, adjective, preposition has to work hard. There's a poem by Simon Armitage called To His Lost Lover – it's a poem of regret, about not saying the things you wish you had said to a past lover. This poem really speaks to me – poetry's all about saying what often goes unsaid and with passion. It can be such a help in your life. If you feel tired or depressed, you can always find a poem that will help.

#### 3 James

The thing I'm passionate about, and this may surprise many people, is ... um ... British weather. I've been interested in it ever since I was a child. I loved all our rainy holidays by the English seaside. I



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know everyone complains about the weather, but I love it. It means there's always something to talk about, and it's a great way of starting a conversation at a bus stop. Also, you know, it's the rain that gives us our green, green fields. I think if you live somewhere like California and there are 365 days of sunshine, it's boring. But here ... perhaps it's been raining all morning, and then suddenly the sun comes out, and you really appreciate that sunshine. It's magic – raindrops are like diamonds in the sun. And it's not true that it rains all the time in Britain, it doesn't – it just rains quite a lot. You know that joke – 'if you don't like English weather – wait ten minutes' – that's why it's always interesting.

### 11.6 Alison's life

I didn't marry until quite late. I met my husband Ben when I was 30, and we didn't marry until I was 33 – that was in 2012. We got married in a church near where my mum lives. Ben and I had a great honeymoon, we toured America, we were away for three weeks. And soon after that I found I was pregnant. That was Ellen, our first baby. She was born the year after we got married, and two years after that, in 2015, we had the twins, Tessa and Tom. They've been keeping us busy ever since! I'm exhausted most of the time, but they're great fun. I'm really glad I married Ben – he's a great dad. I want it to be forever. My mum and dad divorced when I was just 13, and I don't want us to do that. My mum helps me with the kids, but my dad died last year – he had a heart attack. I miss him a lot.

### 11.7 Finding the right words

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- A** Helen had the baby last night.  
**B** Wow! Oh! Congratulations! Was it a boy or girl?  
**A** A boy.  
**B** How much did he weigh?  
**A** 4.1 kilos.

- B** Ooh! A big boy! What's he called?  
**A** William James, after both of our fathers.  
**B** That's nice. How are mother and baby doing?  
**A** They're fine.  
**B** That's wonderful. Give Helen my love when you see her.  
**A** I will do. Thanks.

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- A** Alfie and I have got engaged.  
**B** That's fantastic news! Congratulations!  
**A** Do you like my ring?  
**B** Wow! Diamonds! It's beautiful. When's the wedding?  
**A** We're thinking of getting married next spring.  
**B** I hope I'm invited.  
**A** Of course you are. I want you to be a bridesmaid.  
**B** Really? I'd love that. I've never been one before.

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- A** Have you heard about Bill and Josie?  
**B** No! What's happened?  
**A** Well, they've been having a tough time recently.  
**B** I know, they haven't been getting on well at all.  
**A** Mm. Well, they've finally decided to split up.  
**B** I'm so sorry to hear that. What a shame!  
**A** Yes, I always thought they were so good together.

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- A** We lost Grandpa last week.  
**B** I know. Your dad told me. I'm so sorry. He was such a lovely man. Everyone was really fond of him.  
**A** He and Grandma were together over 60 years.  
**B** That's incredible. How old was he?  
**A** Eighty-eight.  
**B** And how's your Grandma coping?  
**A** She's OK. She's got her family around her.  
**B** Well, I'm sure you all have wonderful memories of him.

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### 11.8 My vision for the 21st century – Part 1: Reasons to be optimistic

Although the world is facing many serious problems at the moment, I am generally optimistic about the future. We've been worrying about the end of civilization for over a hundred years now, but we've always found ways to deal with the problems we face, and I believe we can do the same in the future. Life could actually become much better for us all with improvements in healthcare and technology.

We've already made big improvements in life expectancy. People have been living longer and longer lives since the 1950s, when most Americans lived for about 50 years. Nowadays, life expectancy is nearly 80 years, and in future, most people will live to be 100. People often say that they don't want to live to be 100, but that's because they imagine living in an old and broken body. We've already discovered how to grow new cells to repair parts of the body, and when we can grow new hearts, kidneys, and livers outside of the body, we'll be able to use them like the spare parts of a car, keeping our bodies fit and healthy until we die.

People worry about world population becoming an even bigger problem if people live longer. However, when people become more educated and richer, they don't need or want to have so many children. The challenge therefore is to use the technology we have to educate people better and to use robots to create wealth that we can share more equally.

In recent times, many people have been demanding independence and wanting more control of their own countries. I think we need to go the other way. I strongly believe that there will be a world government in future because our problems and resources will have to be managed at a global level.

### 11.9 My vision for the 21st century – Part 2: Reasons to be pessimistic

There are reasons to be pessimistic. There have always been selfish and greedy people, and there always will be. These people will refuse to accept that we need to look after our planet and use our resources carefully. They won't be interested in finding ways to live happily without spending money on more and more material things. These people will always want to fight wars to get what they want. We have the technology to make our lives better, but we need the wisdom to go with it. The big question is – how can we stop the most selfish and greedy people being in the positions of power in the world?

## 12 You never know ...

### 12.1 It all depends

**H** = Holly **L** = Lewis

**H** What are you doing this weekend?

**L** Er, I think my brother's coming home from university for the weekend, but he's not sure. If he comes, I'll go to the football with him on Saturday. If he doesn't come, I'll probably play video games with Oliver at his house. What about you?

**H** It depends on the weather. If it's nice on Sunday, I might go to my uncle's with my parents. He's having a barbecue. But I won't go if it rains – I might just stay at home. I don't like typical English barbecues – with umbrellas!

**L** Yeah, I know what you mean!

### 12.2 What are you doing this weekend?

**1** What are you doing this weekend?

If the weather's good, I'll go to the beach.

**2** What are you doing this weekend?

If I have time, I'll meet friends for coffee.

**3** What are you doing this weekend?

If it doesn't rain, I'll do some gardening.

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**4** What are you doing this weekend?  
 If it rains, I won't go out. I'll stay in and watch TV.

**5** What are you doing this weekend?  
 If I don't have any work to do, I'll spend a day in London.

**6** What are you doing this weekend?  
 If there's a good film on, I'll go to the cinema.

### 12.3 Holly's plans

**H** = Holly **L** = Lewis

**L** Have you decided which university you're going to yet?

**H** Mmm, I'm still not sure. I might go to Liverpool, or I might go to Manchester. I'm definitely going to have a gap year though. I need a break from studying.

**L** Great! What are you going to do?

**H** I'm going to travel round South America.

**L** Sounds great! Is that just travelling, or working?

**H** I'd like to just travel, but I'm going to look for work, because I'll need the money! I might get a job picking fruit, or I might teach English somewhere.

### 12.4 Giving advice

**L** = Lewis

**1** **L** I can't decide what to study at university, French or economics.

**A** If you study French, you'll have to spend a year in France!

**B** If you study economics, it might be more useful in life.

**2** **L** I'm not sure where to go, Bristol or Edinburgh.

**A** If you go to Bristol, you'll be nearer home.

**B** If you go to Edinburgh, it'll be a new experience!

**3** **L** I don't know whether to live on campus, or in the city.

**A** You'll get to know more people if you live on campus.

**B** You might learn more about real life if you live in the city.

**4** **L** I don't know whether to get a part-time job or take out a big loan.

**A** If you get a part-time job, you'll have less time to study.

**B** If you take out a big loan, it might take a long time to pay it back.

**5** **L** I'm wondering whether to start next year or have a gap year.

**A** You won't forget what you've learned at school if you start next year

**B** You'll have a wonderful break from studying if you have a gap year.

### 12.5 Why is Robert worried?

**S** = Scott **R** = Robert

**S** Hi, Robert! How's it going?

**R** Not good, Scott. My company's losing money, and they're making a lot of cuts.

**S** Oh, no! Is your job safe?

**R** No, not at all. I'm really worried. If I lose my job, what will I do?

**S** Well, it's not always the end of the world, you know.

**R** Oh, easy for you to say – your company's doing really well. But what if it were you? If you lost your job, what would you do?

**S** Well, that's very unlikely – we're looking for new people at the moment! But if it happened ... I'd start my own business.

**R** Mmm. I can't do that. It's a shame – if I were in sales, your company would probably give me a job.

**S** Oh they would, for sure! If I were you, I'd retrain!

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### 12.6

#### Charlie's dream

I'd like to be bigger. I play rugby, and if I were bigger and stronger, and I'd be in the first team. And if I played really well, I might be captain. And then if I trained really hard, maybe one day I could play for England, and I would take my dad to meet the team. He would be so proud of me!

#### Jessica's dream

I love my kids, but I'd really like to have more time to myself. If I had a weekend without kids, I'd have a long lie-in. If there was a good film on, I'd go to the cinema in the afternoon, with a friend. On Sunday, if the weather was nice, I'd have a nice long walk somewhere, maybe on my own. Heaven!

### 12.7 Dan

The doctor says I need to do more exercise. I hate doing exercise.

And I'm not interested in cycling to work – I like driving.

I can't drink less coffee. I need ten cups a day.

I don't want to eat less junk food. I like junk food.

I can't cook, and I don't want to learn.

Why should I watch less TV? It's my only hobby!

I like going to bed really late.

I am not going to meditate! It's really boring!

### 12.8 At a crossroads in life

#### Jamie

I'm in my second year at university. I'm doing Physics, and I like my course. But the thing is, I sing and play guitar, and I joined a local band in my first year. The other band members aren't students – I met one of them in a pub. And, I love playing in the band – I'm discovering I'm more of a musician than I

thought I was, and ... well, we're actually pretty good, and our last few concerts sold out completely. So, the other guys want to give up their jobs and try to make a living from it. It might not be much of a living, but if we were prepared to go on the road and travel, we'd get plenty of gigs in pubs and local halls. And if we recorded some of our songs, we could put them online and make some money from downloads. But obviously, I'd have to drop out of university, and ... my parents would go crazy! I don't know how easy it would be to get back onto a course later, so ... it feels like it would be a stupid thing to do really.

#### Sylvia

I'm a lawyer, and I've been with the same law firm for 11 years now. It's difficult work sometimes, but I love it, and I'm doing very well. Although I'm only 37, I'm one of the most senior people here. I know that if I continue in this job, when a certain person retires next year, I'll probably become one of the partners in the firm. That would be amazing. But ... well, I've never been sure whether I really want to have children – it's never seemed the most important thing to me. That's probably because it would mean giving up work for a year or two – I wouldn't want to go back to work too soon and try and do this job, and deal with a baby. But now that the clock is ticking fast, it's time to make a final decision. If I left now to have a baby, I don't think I'd get the partnership in the firm. I think they'd give it to someone else next year. But if I decided not to have children, I wonder if I'd really regret it later.

#### Donna

My husband died three years ago. He'd been very ill for a long time, so it wasn't a shock, but it hasn't been easy. We were married for 41 years. I couldn't imagine life without him when it happened, but ... here I am, and I need to decide what to do with my life now. I'm thinking of selling this house. It's nice

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that it's full of nice memories of our lives together, but I wouldn't lose those memories if I moved out. It's way too big for me really, and I think I'll feel happier and more relaxed if I live somewhere smaller. If I get a flat in the right area, in town, there'll be lots of people around, and I'd like that. But, my daughter really wants me to go and live with them – she says she could make part of their house a 'granny flat'. It's kind of them, and I love being around my grandchildren, but, oh, granny flat! That sounds so horrible! I'm still young – I'm only 68! And if I lived with them, I wouldn't feel independent any more.

### 12.9 What happened next?

#### Jamie

Well, I surprised myself! The scientist in me told me to continue with my course, but, the artist in me suddenly felt stronger, so I dropped out! I know I'll be able to get back onto a course somehow if I change my mind, and I felt I'd really regret it if I didn't try this weird and wonderful life I'm living. We're doing OK, just. And who knows, if we start selling a lot more downloads, we might make the big time!

#### Sylvia

It was an easy decision in the end. Nature is clever, and I started having really strong feelings about wanting to have a baby! I don't know how I'd live without little Oscar now – he's gorgeous! They've been great at work – they gave the partnership to someone else, but they say there'll be another one coming up in a few years, and I'll be first in line for that one.

#### Donna

I sold the house and decided to buy a flat. It's not in town, but it's not far away, so I can easily go there if I feel like I need to be among people. And it's not very far from my daughter's either, so she's happy that I'm close. She often comes round and brings the children

to visit me. And I go to theirs for dinner a couple of times a week, but I still feel very independent.

### 12.10 *Bring and take, come and go*

- 1 **A** Bye everyone! I'm going on holiday tomorrow.  
**B** Where are you going?  
**A** Australia. I'm taking my kids to meet their cousins in Sydney.  
**B** Lucky you! When you come back, will you bring me a boomerang?
- 2 **A** OK class, it's nearly time to go home. Don't forget to bring your money for the school trip tomorrow. We're going to the Natural History Museum.  
**B** Oh, Miss Jones, can't you take us somewhere more exciting?
- 3 **A** Jake, you were very late last night. What time did you come home?  
**B** It was before midnight, Mum, honest! Ryan brought me home in his car.
- 4 **A** I've got a new flat. You must come and visit soon. And bring Emma and Dan with you. I'll cook you a meal.  
**B** Great! We'll bring some champagne to toast your new home!
- 5 **A** I'm going to Ireland tomorrow. Deirdre's coming round this evening – she's bringing a present she wants me to take to her sister in Dublin.  
**B** Have a good trip! Bring me a bottle of Guinness back!

### 12.11 *Words that go together*

- 1 I usually order a takeaway on Friday evenings – I like the ones from my local Indian restaurant.
- 2 I had to take the jumper I bought back to the shop because it had a hole in it.
- 3 I sing in a choir, and I think music is a great way to bring people together.
- 4 I don't know if it's possible to bring peace to the world – some people seem to love fighting.

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- 5 Colin went a bit crazy when his girlfriend left him.  
6 I find it difficult to go to sleep if the room isn't completely dark.  
7 I always came last in sports competitions at school.  
8 When we took little Marc to Disneyland he thought his dreams had come true!

### 12.12 Thank you and goodbye!

- 1 **A** It's late! We must be going now. Thank you so much for a lovely evening.  
**B** Our pleasure! Thank you for coming.  
**C** The meal was fantastic!  
**B** I'm glad you liked it! Bye! Drive safely!  
**A** I will. Bye! And thanks again!
- 2 **A** Thanks so much! It's so kind of you.  
**B** That's OK.  
**A** I'm so grateful for all your help.  
**B** Don't mention it! It's been fun.  
**A** Well, er, would you mind helping me with just one more thing?  
**B** Of course not! No problem!
- 3 **A** I hope you have a good flight. Who's picking you up?  
**B** My sister, Lara.  
**A** Well give her my love.  
**B** Will do. OK, I'd better go through security now. It takes ages. Bye!  
**A** Goodbye! Look after yourself!
- 4 **A** Thanks for having me. I've really enjoyed my stay.  
**B** You're very welcome! It's been a pleasure. Come back and see us again soon!  
**A** That's very kind of you. Maybe next year!  
**B** That would be lovely!
- 5 **A** Have a safe journey!  
**B** Thanks. I'll text you when I arrive.  
**A** And say hello to your parents from me.  
**B** I will. OK, I'd better get on.  
**A** OK. Bye! Take care!  
**B** And you! See you soon. Bye!

- 6 **A** Goodbye! Thanks for everything! It's been great fun!  
**B** Thank you! I've really enjoyed being your teacher!  
**C** Well, we've learned so much with you!  
**B** I'm glad to hear it. Good luck with your English in future! And keep in touch!  
**A** We will! Bye!

