

Listening 1

- Eddie** Hello, I think you're Helena's sister, aren't you?
Clara Yes, that's right. I'm Clara.
Eddie I'm Eddie. I work for the same company as Helena.
Clara Oh, right. Well, nice to meet you, Eddie. Are you an accountant, too?
Eddie No, I'm not. But let's not talk about work. It's a party! Are you having a good time?
Clara Yes...but I can't stay late. I have to get up early tomorrow.
Eddie Do you work on Sundays, then?
Clara No, but my daughter has a piano lesson at nine in the morning and after that I take my son to football practice.
Eddie Oh, yes. These days children do a lot of activities at the weekend. My little niece is learning to play the violin. And she goes to swimming lessons as well. I think she can swim better than me – and she's only six years old!
Clara That's great. I couldn't swim when I was a child.
Eddie Me neither. I could play the piano quite well – but I haven't played recently. I don't have time.
Clara Why not? What do you do at the weekend?
Eddie Oh well, I'm usually away from home. I often travel with work. I've just come back from Tokyo.
Clara Fantastic. I'd really like to go to Japan – just for the food. I love sushi.
Eddie Well, they eat a lot of rice. I had it for breakfast every morning.
Clara Really?
Eddie Yes, and in China, too.
Clara Oh, where have you been in China?
Eddie Beijing, Shanghai, Chengdu. I'm going to be in Beijing again on Monday.
Clara For work – but you didn't tell me your job. What do you do?
Eddie I'm a pilot.

Listening 2

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I think a lot of people like the summer, which is July and August here, but I don't really like hot weather. I prefer September. It's so nice to go for a walk in the park and look at the red and yellow leaves on the trees. And it's still quite warm so I can sit outside my favourite café with a cup of tea.

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Well, sometimes I go to the gym or go swimming on Saturday mornings. Then in the evening I go out with my friends and we have a good time. We go dancing or have dinner in a restaurant. And on Sundays I just read the newspaper, spend time with my family, and have a long bath before bed.

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I like all kinds. Well, except jazz. That's awful! At the moment, I'm listening to classical music because it helps me to relax when I'm studying for my exams. When I'm exercising or cooking, I enjoy listening to pop music, but I think I prefer classical, really. My favourite composers are Chopin and Bach.

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No, I haven't, but my friend went in April and said it's a beautiful city. She shared her photos on Facebook and the Golden Gate Bridge looks amazing. I have been to California, but it was a business trip and we only saw Los Angeles – but one day I'd like to go back and visit San Francisco.

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We don't usually go out, but this year some friends who live in London have invited us to spend the holiday with them. So we're going to have a meal together at their house. Then at midnight we're going to watch the fireworks from their balcony.