

Language focus

Discourse markers

Exercise 1

Rosie (1) This book is an unexpected choice for me.
(2) I don't consider myself a very musical person.

Clive (3) It's not for music specialists, then?

Rosie No, it's (4) aimed at the general public, and (5) she makes the point that we're all far more musical than we might realize. I'm (6) one of those people she talks about who claim to be tone-deaf. (7) Nearly a fifth of the population believe that.

Exercise 2

Star voices

A Have you been watching Star Voices?

B Well, (1) **funnily enough** / **as you'd expect**, I've just got into it. I caught last week's show and, (2) **seriously** / **predictably**, I'm hooked.

A So did you see the semi-final last night?

B No, (3) **inevitably** / **unfortunately** I was out, but I've recorded it. Was it good?

A Well, (4) **actually** / **naturally** I was a bit disappointed. (5) **Bizarrely** / **Frankly**, Anna, the blonde girl, didn't get through to the final, even though she was (6) **apparently** / **obviously** the best by far. (7) **Surprisingly** / **Conveniently**, she seemed fine about it, though.

B Oh, she was my favourite, too! Well, (8) **no doubt** / **admittedly** she'll get a recording contract anyway. (9) **Alarmingly** / **Amazingly**, her performance from last week has had over a million **YouTube** hits.

