

1 Nice to meet you!

1.1 The alphabet

A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S,
T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z

1.2 At a conference

A Hello. What's your first name?

B My name's Ryan.

A And what's your surname?

B Thompson.

A How do you spell that?

B T-H-O-M-P-S-O-N.

A And where are you from, Ryan?

B I'm from Sydney. I'm Australian.

A Thank you very much.

1.3 Meeting people

C = Cathy **D** = Dan

C Hello. My name's Cathy. What's your name?

D Dan.

C Where are you from, Dan?

D I'm from Cambridge. Where are you from?

C I'm from Cambridge, too!

D Oh, nice to meet you!

1.4 Personal information

1 A What's his surname?

B Thompson.

2 A What's his first name?

B Ryan.

3 A Where's he from?

B Sydney.

4 A How old is he?

B 30.

5 A What's his phone number?

B 312-555-0749

6 A What's his email address?

B rythompson@tmail.com

7 A Is he married?

B No, he isn't.

1.5 Questions about Charlotta

1 What's her surname?

2 What's her first name?

3 Where's she from?

4 How old is she?

5 What's her phone number?

6 What's her email address?

7 Is she married?

1.6 Jason's family

My name's Jason Cole, and I'm from London. I'm 21 years old, and I'm a student. I go to University College London. I have a brother and a sister. My brother's name is Ethan. He's 16 and he's at school. My sister's name is Emily. She's 25 and she's married. I live with my parents and my brother in a house in West London. My father, Andrew, is a lawyer, and my mother, Megan, is a teacher. I'm not married, but I have a girlfriend. Her name's Amy. She's lovely! My family really like her!

1.7

1 I go to University College London.

2 I have a brother and a sister.

3 I live with my parents in a house in West London.

4 My family really like Amy!

1.8 The verb to be

1 Where are you from?

2 A Are you from London?

B Yes, I am.

3 A How old are you?

B I'm 17.

4 A Are your sisters married?

B No, they aren't.

5 I like you. You're my friend.

6 Marta isn't from Italy, she's from Hungary.

7 A Is your mother a doctor?

B No, she isn't.

8 I'm not German, I'm French

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1.9 Pronunciation

- 1 She's from Italy.
- 2 What's his name?
- 3 We aren't English.
- 4 He's a teacher from England.
- 5 My sister isn't married.
- 6 Your French is good.

1.10

Names

- 1 My name's Vanessa. That's V-A-N-E-double S-A.
- 2 My first name's Joseph. That's J-O-S-E-P-H. My surname's Bowen. That's B-O-W-E-N.
- 3 My name's Katie Matthews. That's Katie, K-A-T-I-E, and Matthews, M-A-double-T-H-E-W-S.

Email addresses

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That's Zac, Z-A-C, dot Yates, Y-A-T-E-S, at plusmail dot co dot uk.

1.11 Maria's blog

Day 1: Welcome to my new page! All the posts are in English!

Hello! I'm a Spanish student. I'm in Notting Hill, London, England. I'm here to learn English.

My English family's name is Cole. Andrew (the husband) and Megan (the wife) have three children: Ethan (16), Jason (21), and Emily (25). Emily's married. They're all very friendly, but they speak very fast! It's difficult to understand them.

Day 3: My first day at school!

Today is my first English class at St Martin's College. It's a big school in the centre of London, in Covent Garden. It's near a lot of shops, cafes, and theatres. It's great! My class is very international! The students are from Italy, Hungary, Japan, China, Egypt, and Switzerland. Our teacher's name is Debbie. She's

very young and she's very nice. I really like her. She's a good teacher.

Day 10: I love London!

Hello again! It's great here. I love London! It's big and very interesting. I like shopping here, but it's very expensive. I go to the museums and galleries. The National Gallery is free! And I go to the parks. They are really beautiful. I go by bus or by Underground – it's very easy. The weather's OK. It's cold, but sunny. And the food is great! There are lots of Spanish restaurants in London! Check out my photos.

1.12 Questions about Maria

- 1 **A** Where's Maria from?
B Spain.
- 2 **A** Where's her school?
B In the centre of London.
- 3 **A** What's her English family's name?
B Cole.
- 4 **A** Where's their house?
B In Notting Hill, in West London.
- 5 **A** How old are the two brothers?
B Ethan is 16 and Jason is 21.
- 6 **A** What's Debbie's job?
B She's a teacher.
- 7 **A** Is the weather OK?
B Yes, it is. It's cold, but sunny.

1.13 Where's Maria?

A = Andrew **M** = Maria **D** = Debbie **C** = Carlos
W = Woman

- 1 **A** Goodbye, Maria! Have a good day at school!
M Thank you. And you have a good day at work!
- 2 **D** Good morning, Maria! Where's your homework?
M It's here, Debbie.
- 3 **M** Hello, Carlos! Where are you from?
C I'm from Mexico.
- 4 **M** One student ticket, please.
A The National Gallery is free.
M Oh, great! Thank you!

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- 5 M** Tortilla, and a coke, please!
W Certainly. ... Here you are.
M Thank you.

1.14 Max's family

My family isn't very big. I have a brother, Jacob, he's 25, and a sister, Lily, she's 18. They're not married. I'm married, my wife's name is Michelle. We have two children, a daughter, Sophie, that's S-O-P-H-I-E, she's 4, and a son, Sam, he's only six months old. We live near my parents. My dad's name is Tom, and my mum's name is Nicole, that's N-I-C-O-L-E. She's French. My grandmother lives with them – her name's Claire. She's my dad's mum.

1.15 Everyday conversations

- 1 A** Hello, John! How are you?
B I'm OK, thank you. And you?
A Good, thanks.
- 2 A** Hi, Jill! How are you?
B I'm all right, thanks. And you?
A Not bad, thanks.
- 3 A** Good morning, Mr Jones. How are you today?
B I'm very well, thank you. And you?
A I'm fine, thank you.
- 4 A** Hello, Mrs Fox. How are you?
B Fine, thank you. And you?
A Not bad, thanks.

1.16 Everyday conversations

- 1 A** It's time for school. Bye, Mum!
B Goodbye, darling! Have a good day!
A Thanks. See you later!
- 2 C** Morning! How are you today?
D I'm fine, thanks. Can I have an espresso, please?
C Yes, of course. Anything else?
D No, thanks.
- 3 E** Good afternoon! Can I help you?
F No, thank you. We're just looking.
E That's fine.

- 4 G** Bob, this is Jane. She's from our New York office.
H Hello, Jane. Pleased to meet you.
I Hello, Bob. Nice to meet you, too.
- 5 J** Thank goodness it's Friday! Bye, Simon!
K Bye, Jeff. Have a good weekend!
J Thanks. Same to you.
K See you on Monday.
- 6 L** Good night! Sleep well!
M Nigh' night! See you in the morning!

2 Work and family life

2.1

James Stuart, Fireman

James, 26, is a fireman. He comes from Scotland, but now he lives in Sussex, England. He works at a small fire station near Brighton. James drives the fire engines. He works 10 days a month. He's at work for 24 hours, and then he has 48 hours off. It's a difficult job, but he likes it.

He's married, with two children, and on his free days he takes Lara (6) to school and enjoys playing with Max (4). He also goes to the gym, and he plays snooker.

Maggie Howell, Zoologist

Maggie, 45, is a zoologist. She studies wolves and she's the Director of the Wolf Conservation Centre in New York State. She lives in Connecticut and works with her husband, Spencer. Maggie also visits schools and teaches children about wolves. She works 5 days a week, but she goes to the Wolf Centre on Sundays, too, because she likes it there!

In her free time she reads a lot, and watches TV with her daughter, Eleanor. She also plays tennis, and walks their dog, Drew.

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2.2 Pronunciation

/s/

likes, works, visits, walks

/z/

comes, lives, goes, plays

/ɪz/

teaches, watches

2.3 James and Maggie

- 1 James is a fireman. Maggie is a zoologist.
- 2 She comes from the US. He comes from Scotland.
- 3 James lives in England. Maggie lives in Connecticut.
- 4 She works at the Wolf Centre. He works at a fire station.
- 5 He drives fire engines. She visits schools and teaches children about wolves.
- 6 Maggie likes her job, and James likes his job, too.
- 7 He goes to the gym in his free time. She walks her dog.
- 8 She plays tennis. He plays snooker.
- 9 Maggie is married. Her husband's name is Spencer. James is married, too.

2.4 Questions and negatives

- 1 A What does James do?
B He's a fireman.
- 2 A Where does he come from?
B He comes from Scotland.
- 3 A Does he live in Scotland?
B No, he doesn't.
- 4 A Does he live in England?
B Yes, he does.
- 5 A Does he play tennis?
B No, he doesn't play tennis. He plays snooker.

2.5 Grammar and pronunciation

- A Does he play football?
B Yes, he does.
C No, he doesn't.

2.6 Questions and answers about James

- 1 A Where does James work?
B At a fire station.
- 2 A Does he drive the fire engines?
B Yes, he does.
- 3 A How many days a month does he work?
B Ten.
- 4 A What does he do in his free time?
B He goes to the gym and he plays snooker.
- 5 A Does he like his job?
B Yes, he does.
- 6 A Does he have a dog?
B No, he doesn't.

2.7 Natalie Portman & Gareth Bale

- 1 Natalie lives in England.
- 2 She comes from France.
- 3 She speaks German.
- 4 She goes to the gym in her free time.
- 5 Gareth comes from Scotland.
- 6 He works in Barcelona.
- 7 He speaks Italian.
- 8 He plays football in his free time.

2.8 Stress and intonation

- 1 A Natalie lives in England.
B No, she doesn't. She lives in the US.
- 2 A She comes from France.
B No, she doesn't. She comes from Israel.
- 3 A She speaks German.
B No, she doesn't. She speaks English, Hebrew, and French.
- 4 A She goes to the gym in her free time.
B No, she doesn't. She reads, dances, and goes ice-skating.

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- 5 **A** Gareth comes from Scotland.
B No, he doesn't. He comes from Wales.
- 6 **A** He works in Barcelona.
B No, he doesn't. He works in Madrid.
- 7 **A** He speaks Italian.
B No, he doesn't. He speaks English and Spanish.
- 8 **A** He plays football in his free time.
B No, he doesn't. He plays golf in his free time.

2.9 Talking about family and friends

- 1 **A** My husband comes from Peru.
B Where exactly in Peru?
A From the capital, Lima.
- 2 **A** My grandmother lives very near us.
B Does she visit you often?
A Yes, she does. Every weekend.
- 3 **A** My mother loves reading.
B What does she read?
A She likes detective stories.
- 4 **A** My father travels a lot in his job.
B Where does he go?
A He goes to Germany a lot. He's in Berlin this week.
- 5 **A** My sister speaks Spanish very well. She wants to learn Italian, too.
B Does she want to be an interpreter?
A No, she doesn't. She wants to be a teacher.
- 6 **A** My brother plays video games all the time.
B What does he like playing?
A He plays the FIFA football game a lot.
- 7 **A** My friend Jim writes an Internet blog.
B What does he write about?
A It's all about films and film stars.

2.10 Five conversations

- 1 **A** Does Richard like his new job?
B No, he doesn't. He works ten hours a day and it's very difficult.

- 2 **A** Your friend Marta speaks English very well.
B Yes, she does. She goes to England every year. She speaks French, too.
- 3 **A** Is your sister a student?
B Yes. She goes to Bristol University. She studies medicine and she wants to be a doctor.
- 4 **A** What does your grandfather do all the time?
B Well, he watches TV a lot, but he plays golf with friends, and he likes dancing, too.
- 5 **A** Does your son drive?
B Yes. He loves driving his old Mini to school every day. He drives my BMW at the weekend, too!

2.11 What do you hear?

- 1 He likes his job.
2 She loves working.
3 Does he like English?
4 Does she have three children?
5 Where does he go in his free time?

2.12 Jobs

- 1 She's a hairdresser. She cuts hair.
2 He's a pilot. He flies from Heathrow.
3 She's a receptionist. She works in a hotel.
4 She's an architect. She designs buildings.
5 He's a lawyer. He works for a top law firm.
6 He's a taxi driver. He drives all day.
7 They're journalists. They write news stories.
8 She's a dentist. She looks after people's teeth.
9 She's a nurse. She works in the City Hospital.
10 He's an accountant. He likes working with money.

2.13 What do they do?

- 1 **A** What does Michael do?
B He's a journalist. He writes for *The Times* newspaper.
A Oh, that's interesting.

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- 2 C** What does your father do?
D He's an architect. He designs houses and apartment buildings.
C And your mother? What does she do?
D She's a teacher. She teaches French and Spanish.
- 3 E** Does your sister work in the town centre?
F Yes. She's a receptionist. She works in the Ritz Hotel.
- 4 G** Are you a doctor?
H No, I'm not. I'm a nurse.
G Oh, but I want to see a doctor.
- 5 I** My brother's a pilot with British Airways. He travels all around the world.
J My brother travels a lot, too – in London! He's a taxi driver.

2.14 What time is it?

- a** It's five o'clock.
b It's eight o'clock.
c It's half past five.
d It's half past eleven.
e It's quarter past five.
f It's quarter past two.
g It's quarter to six.
h It's quarter to nine.
i It's five past five.
j It's ten past five.
k It's twenty past five.
l It's twenty-five past seven.
m It's twenty-five to six.
n It's twenty past three.
o It's ten to six.
p It's five to ten.

2.15

- c** It's five-thirty.
e It's five fifteen.
g It's five-forty-five.
l It's five-oh-five.

2.16 Just after four

- 1** It's just after four o'clock.
 It's three minutes past four.
2 It's nearly three o'clock.
 It's two minutes to three.
3 I think it's about half past two.

2.17

- A** It's twenty to twelve.
B It's eight fifteen.
C It's ten past three.
D It's nearly two o'clock.

2.18 What's the time?

- 1 A** Excuse me. Can you tell me the time, please?
B Yes, of course. It's just after eight o'clock.
A Thank you very much.
- 2 C** What's the time in Sydney right now?
D It's nearly eleven o'clock at night.
C Oh! That's why you want more coffee!
- 3 E** What time does your watch say?
F Er, it says it's eight fifty-seven.
E Ah, I think my watch is wrong. It says eight fifty-two.
- 4 G** Excuse me. What time does the gym close?
H At ten o'clock.
G And what time is it now?
H It's twenty-five to. You're OK. No need to hurry.
G Thank you.

2.19 Natalie Portman

Natalie Portman is American and Israeli. Portman is her grandmother's name – Natalie's real name is Hershlag. Her father is a doctor and her mother is an artist. She lives in Los Angeles now – she likes it because 'everyone smiles there'. Natalie works all over the world. Paris and Berlin are two of her favourite cities and she loves to visit them.

Natalie is married to the French dancer Benjamin Millepied. They have two children – their names are Aleph and Amalia.

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She dances and ice-skates in her free time, and loves cooking. She's a vegetarian – she says she doesn't want to eat animals because she loves them so much.

Natalie has an IQ of 140. She's very interested in psychology and has a degree in it from Harvard University. She's only 5' 3" (160 cm), but she's an actress with a very big name.

3 Time off

3.1 Sport is my life

'I work hard ... but I'm lucky! I love what I do', says Logan Cooper. Logan Cooper is 19 years old. He comes from Perth, Australia, but he now lives in Newcastle, in the north of England. He's a rugby player. He plays rugby for *The Newcastle Rebels* and he trains every day from Monday to Friday for the BIG game on Saturday. Sunday is his one free day, his day off! He doesn't do much on Sundays. He has a flat near the sports ground with Tony, another player from the team. Every summer he goes back to Australia for one month. One day he hopes to play rugby for his country.

3.2 Questions and negatives

I = interviewer L = Logan

- 1 I Where do you come from?
L Perth, Australia.
- 2 I Where do you live now?
L Newcastle, in the north of England.
- 3 I Do you like rugby a lot?
L Yes, I do. I love it.
- 4 I Do you train hard?
L Yes, we do.
- 5 I Do you relax on Saturdays?
L No, I don't. We always play matches.
- 6 I Do you play rugby on Sundays?
L No, we don't. It's our day off.

3.3 'I live for my sport. I love it!'

'I live for my sport - I love it. We train hard every weekday, usually at the sports ground, but sometimes we go running or cycling in the countryside. We cycle for miles, often to the sea. I really love the beaches near Newcastle, they're beautiful, but I don't go swimming there – I never swim – the North Sea is too cold. It's freezing, summer and winter, not like in Australia! Tony goes swimming sometimes – but then he doesn't feel the cold ... he's from Newcastle! Saturday is the BIG day, Match Day! On Friday evening, Tony always cooks a huge meal for us, white rice or potatoes, with chicken and green vegetables, but of course we don't drink any alcohol! I love the excitement on Saturday – especially when we win! Sunday? ... Sunday, we don't do much, we're so tired. We just relax and watch TV – sport of course. My favourite is the skiing, 'Ski Sunday', and football, I'm a *Newcastle United* fan – of course. Oh, and I 'Skype' my mum and dad in Australia. I miss them a lot. They want me to play for Australia one day.'

3.4 An interview with Logan

J = journalist L = Logan

- J Hi, Logan. Good to meet you. You're a great rugby player. Can I ask you some questions?
- L Yes, of course.
- J Now, tell me, where exactly do you come from?
- L From Perth, Australia.
- J Ah, yes. I know Perth, it's a lovely city. And do you like living here in Newcastle?
- L I do. I love the countryside and the beaches are beautiful ... but ... not like in Australia!
- J Yeah, sorry about that – the sea's really cold here. And where do you live in Newcastle?
- L I live near the sports ground – I have a flat with another player on the team, Tony Jones.
- J Great! It's nice to share with a friend. I know you work hard for your sport. How often do you train?
- L We train every day – all day.

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- J** And do you always train at the sports ground?
- L** No, we don't. We often get out of the city – we go running or cycling in the countryside ...
- J** ... or on the beach?
- L** Yeah, we run there – but I don't go swimming. Tony does, but then he's a Newcastle boy!
- J** I see! And what do you and Tony do on Fridays, before Saturday's match? Go to the pub?
- L** Of course not! Tony always cooks a huge meal for us – he's a great cook. We have chicken, rice, vegetables ... stuff like that. No beer – that's for after the match.
- J** And do you relax on Sundays?
- L** Oh yes, it's our day off. We don't do much at all – just watch TV – sport of course.
- J** Just rugby? Or do you like any other sports?
- L** Not always rugby! I like watching skiing and football, too. I'm a Newcastle United fan now.
- J** Good for you! Last question Logan: do you miss your family in Perth?
- L** Of course – but I Skype them every Sunday evening. They love to hear my news, and I love to hear theirs. They want me to play rugby for Australia one day.
- J** I'm sure they do. And I'm sure you will one day. Great to talk to you. Thanks very much.
- L** My pleasure.

3.5 Talking about you

- 1 Q** What time do you get up?
A At about seven o'clock.
- 2 Q** Who do you live with?
A My parents and my sister.
- 3 Q** How do you travel to school?
A I always walk.
- 4 Q** Do you go out on Fridays?
A Yes, I do sometimes.
- 5 Q** What do you do on Sundays?
A I don't do much. I like to relax.
- 6 Q** Where do you go on holiday?
A We often go to Spain.

- 7 Q** Why do you like to go there?
A Because it's always sunny.
- 8 Q** When do you go to bed?
A Usually late, about midnight.

3.6 What we do in our free time

1 Anna

- A** I play tennis a lot. I'm no good, but I like playing.
- B** When do you play?
A Oh, in summer I play every weekend.
B Just in summer?
A No, sometimes in spring and autumn, too, if it's sunny.

2 Roger

- R** My favourite sport is skiing. I go skiing with my family every year. We all love it.
- B** When do you go?
R Always in January or February, after Christmas. We go to France.
B And are you a good skier?
R I'm OK. My wife's good, the kids are really good – but I'm just OK.

3 Linda

- A** Do you go to the gym every day?
L Yes, I do, every day, every morning before work.
A And do you go swimming there?
L Yes. I swim every morning, too. Do you go to the gym?
A Well – er no, I don't. I like my bed in the morning!

4 Adam & Josh

- A** Adam, you like a lot of sports, don't you?
B Oh yeah, my favourite is windsurfing. Me and my brother, Josh, go to surf school every summer and we play golf and football, of course.
A So, all outdoor sports?
B Er – no, we watch sport a lot on TV and we play computer games after school.
A Not a lot of time for homework then?
B Well – er ...

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5 Sue & Bob

- A** Sue, what do you and Bob do in your free time?
S Well, in winter we love evenings at home.
A What do you do? Watch TV?
S Yes, we do sometimes. We like cookery programmes. I love cooking.
B I like cooking, too ... but you know our family. We also love our music. I often just sit down at the piano and play! And our son plays the guitar.
A That's great! You're a really musical family.

3.7 Words that go together

- 1 I'm a big fan of jazz and rock.
- 2 I often watch sport on TV. I like the rugby.
- 3 I always listen to music in the car.
- 4 I go horse riding every weekend at a pony club.
- 5 I get up very late on Sundays – sometimes at lunchtime.
- 6 I like to put on my pyjamas after work and watch TV.
- 7 I set off for work at about 7.30 every morning.
- 8 I never win any competitions.
- 9 I often cook dinner for my friends.

3.8 Dr Susan Hall – an expert on work–life balance

Of course, work or study is important for us all – it gives structure to our everyday lives. But, for a happy, balanced life it's also important to 'play' sometimes. It's important to find time to relax with friends and family. It's not good to think about work all the time. I know from my work as a doctor that it's sometimes difficult not to take your work problems home – but if you take your problems home, you never relax and it's difficult for your family and bad for your health. Don't live to work, work to live! Life is more than work. How many people do you know who really love their work? How many people just work for the money? You know what they say, 'If you love your job, you never have to work again!' I think that's true.

3.9 Social expressions

- 1 **A** Bye! Have a nice day!
B Thanks. Same to you. See you later.
- 2 **A** I'm sorry I'm late. The traffic's very bad this morning.
B Never mind. Come and sit down.
- 3 **A** Can I sit next to you, Karina?
B Yes, of course. I'll move my bag.
- 4 **A** Is that a new shirt? It looks good!
B Thanks. Glad you like it, but it's really old!
- 5 **A** What's the matter? Do you have a problem?
B Yes. What does 'bilingual' mean?
- 6 **A** Please can I open the window? It's really warm in here.
B Sure. Good idea. This room's really hot today.
- 7 **A** Can we have a break?
B OK. I think we all need one. But just fifteen minutes!
- 8 **A** Can I have a large Americano, please?
B Is that to have here or take away?
- 9 **A** How was your day?
B Really good, thanks. Our teacher's great. And you?

3.10

- 1 **A** Bye! Have a nice day!
B Thanks. Same to you. See you later.
A Right. About four o'clock?
B School doesn't finish till four.
A OK! About 4.30, then.
- 2 **A** I'm sorry I'm late. The traffic's very bad this morning.
B Never mind. Come and sit down.
A Thanks.
B We're on page 28.
- 3 **A** Can I sit next to you, Karina?
B Yes, of course. I'll move my bag.
A Thanks a lot. What ... ?
B Shh! I want to watch the video.

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- 4 **A** Is that a new shirt? It looks good!
B Thanks. Glad you like it, but it's really old!
A Is it? It looks new.
- 5 **A** What's the matter? Do you have a problem?
B Yes. What does 'bilingual' mean?
A It means 'in two languages'. Look, you have a bilingual dictionary.
- 6 **A** Please can I open the window? It's really warm in here.
B Sure. Good idea. This room's really hot today.
A Lee – you're near the window. Can you open it for us?
- 7 **A** Can we have a break?
B OK. I think we all need one. But just fifteen minutes.
A No problem, we just want a coffee.
- 8 **A** Can I have a large Americano, please?
B Is that to have here or take away?
A Have here.
B That's £2.60. Anything else?
- 9 **A** How was your day?
B Really good, thanks. Our teacher's great. And you?
A Oh, not bad, but thank goodness it's Friday. I love the weekend.

4 House and home

4.1 Where in the house

living room: sofa, shelves, lamp, armchair

kitchen: cooker, fridge, kettle, plates

bathroom: shower, towel, mirror, toilet

4.2 A flat to rent

R = Rachel **E** = Emma

R Ooh, there's a flat to rent in Medway Road!

E Is it big?

R There's a big living room.

E Mmm!

R And there are two bedrooms.

E Great! What about the kitchen?

R There's a new kitchen.

E Really? How many bathrooms are there?

R Er ... there's just one bathroom.

E Is there a garden?

R No, there isn't a garden. But it's opposite the park.

E Oh, it doesn't matter, then. It sounds great!

4.3 Questions about the flat

A Is there a shower?

B Yes, there is.

A Is there a fridge?

B Yes, there is.

A Is there a dining room?

B No, there isn't.

A How many bedrooms are there?

B There are two.

A How many bathrooms are there?

B There's one.

A How many parking spaces are there?

B There are two.

A Are there any carpets?

B No, there aren't.

A Are there any bookshelves?

B Yes, there are.

A Are there any curtains?

B No, there aren't.

4.4 Prepositions of place

1 The flat is in Medway Road, and it's on the first floor.

2 It's above a sports shop and it's next to a café. It's between the café and a newsagent's. There's a post office near the flat.

3 There's a dog outside the newsagent's, and there's a woman inside the newsagent's.

4 The park is opposite the flat.

5 There's a bus stop in front of the park gate. There are two people at the bus stop.

6 There's a bicycle on the road, behind a car.

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- 7 There's a playground in the park, and there's a girl on the swing.
8 There's a park bench under a tree.

4.5 some/any/a lot of

- 1 She has some plates.
2 She has a lot of cups.
3 She doesn't have any curtains.
4 She has some pictures.
5 She has a lot of books.
6 She has some bookshelves.
7 She doesn't have any towels.
8 She doesn't have any lamps.
9 She has some cushions.
10 She doesn't have any glasses.

4.6 How much is that?

E = Emma R = Rachel A = shop assistant

- 1 E How much is this lamp, please?
A It's £25.
2 E I love that picture!
R Yes, it's lovely!
3 E How much are these curtains?
A They're £60.
4 E I like those towels!
R Yes, they are nice!
5 E Look at those cushions!
R They're fabulous!
6 E Do you like that kettle?
R Yeah! It's a nice colour!
7 E How much are these glasses?
A £4 each.
8 E Look at this handbag!
R You don't need any more handbags!

4.7 What's in your bag?

What's in my bag? Well, there's my phone and my purse, of course. My purse has some money in it, and credit cards, oh, and I have a diary – I don't use my phone for that – and I have some pens, a blue one and a red one. I have ... some water, a bottle of

water, and some keys – my house keys and my car keys. That's all!

4.8 Verbs and places

- 1 You drink in a pub.
2 You sleep in a bedroom.
3 You sit on a bench.
4 You eat in a dining room.
5 You work in an office.
6 You exercise in a gym.
7 You live in a house.
8 You use a toilet.

4.9

It's wonderful!

They're awful!

She's fantastic!

4.10 It's fantastic!

- 1 A Jerry has a new flat!
B Wow! Where is it?
A It's in the centre of town.
B Is it nice?
A Oh, yes, it's fantastic! The living room is fabulous!
2 A What a horrible day!
B Yes, it is. Rain, rain, rain. The weather's terrible at the moment!
A Oh, well, tomorrow's another day – there's always hope!
3 A Mmm, this is a lovely meal!
B Thank you. I'm glad you like it.
A And the wine is wonderful, too. Where's it from?
B I think it's French. Yes, it is, it's French.
4 A I love your new shoes! They're great!
B They're nice, aren't they? They're Italian.
A What an amazing colour! Bright red! Wow!
5 A We have a new maths teacher. Her name's Mrs Porter.
B Is she nice?
A No, I think she's awful. I really don't like her.

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B Oh, why?

A She talks too much. And she gives us horrible tests all the time.

4.11 Adverb + adjective

1 A Do you like my new jeans?

B Yeah, they're really nice! What make are they?

A They're Armani.

B Oh, how much were they?

A Oh, they weren't expensive. Well, not very expensive.

2 A Look, that's Adam's new girlfriend!

B Mmm. She looks nice. How old is she?

A She's 38.

B Thirty-eight! Wow, she's really old!

A Thirty-eight! That's not very old! I'm 36!

3 A Mmm, this hotel isn't great, is it?

B It's OK, but my room's not very big.

A My room's really small. And this place isn't cheap, you know!

B Well, yes, but it's not very expensive either.

4 A Dan's really clever, isn't he?

B Oh yes, he's very intelligent.

A Do you like him?

B Mmm, no, not really. He's not very nice to talk to.

A Yeah, I know what you mean. He thinks he knows everything.

4.12 Numbers

eight, ten, twelve, fifteen, twenty, thirty-two, forty-five, sixty, seventy-six, ninety-nine, a hundred and eighty-seven, two hundred and fifty, seven hundred, one thousand, one thousand three hundred, one million

4.13 How do we say it?

One and a half

Two and a quarter

Six point eight

Seventeen point five

Oh seven eight six one, five double six, seven eight

4.14 What numbers do you hear?

1 There are thirty-two students in my class – seventeen boys and fifteen girls.

2 I live at 62 Station Road. My mobile number is 07629 34480.

3 A kilogram is 2.2 pounds. A mile is about one and a half kilometres.

4 My father works in a big hotel. There are 460 rooms on thirteen floors.

5 The population of my town is 280,000.

4.15 Prices and numbers

1 A How much is this book?

B Six pounds fifty.

2 A How much are these pictures?

B They're £24 each.

3 I only earn £18,000 a year.

4 A How much is this car?

B £9,999.

5 A Just this postcard, please.

B That's 60p, then.

6 A I'd like these jeans, please.

B Sure. That's \$49.

7 A How much is a return ticket from Hamburg to Berlin?

B It's €78.

8 At the moment you get €1.2 to the pound.

4.16 My new flat

My new flat is near the centre of town, so I often walk to work. It's not very big, but it's very comfortable! There's just one bedroom, a living room, and quite a big kitchen with a table in the centre. That's good because I love cooking and I can invite my friends to dinner. The living room has one big window. It faces south, so it's always very sunny. I have two comfortable, old armchairs, but I don't have a sofa because the room is quite small.

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There isn't a garden but there's a small balcony. I want to put a chair there, so I can sit in the sun on summer evenings.

I love my new flat for many reasons – the big kitchen, and the sunny living room – 11 but most of all, I love it because it's my first home!

5 Super U!

5.1 Superheroes

Superman: Fantastic Superman! – he comes from the Planet Krypton. He can fly at the speed of light, he can jump very high, up to 250 metres, he can speak every language in the world. There's nothing Superman can't do!

Batman: Brilliant Batman! He's a scientist. He's rich and very clever, he's a brilliant detective. He can solve crimes easily. He's a superhero, but he doesn't have any super powers. He has wings, but he can't fly! He's called Batman, but he can't fly!

Spiderman: Powerful Spiderman! He has spider powers. He can't fly, but he's very strong – he can climb buildings and he can jump very high. He can also read people's minds.

Wonder Woman: Wonderful Wonder Woman! Daughter of Zeus. She's a princess. She's very strong – she can fight very well, she can run very fast, and she can fly. She can also talk to animals and understand them.

5.2 Ben's birthday present

K = Kate **B** = Ben

K Happy birthday, Ben!!

B Wow! Thanks! My two favourite superheroes!

K Hmm! So, what can they do, these superheroes?

B Well, Superman can do everything! He can speak every language in the world and he can fly at the speed of light.

K Surely *all* superheroes can fly?

B Batman can't. He's 'Batman', but he can't fly.

K Really? Well, I'm pleased you like the present. 32 years old today ... and still a boy at heart! You can play with my six-year-old nephew!

5.3

K = Kate **B** = Ben

K 32 years old today and still a boy at heart! You can play Superheroes with my six-year-old nephew!

B Yeah, Dexter and I have great times together!

K I know! And Dex can do a lot of things you can't do.

B Huh? Like what?

K He can speak Spanish fluently for a start.

B His mother's Spanish, so of course he can.

K But you can't speak any foreign languages at all.

B I can speak French a little bit. I can say *bonjour* and *merci*.

K And Dex is very musical – he can play the guitar, he can sing brilliantly, and he can ...

B OK, OK ... there's nothing young Dexter can't do! He's 'Super Boy'!

K Well, you're a super-enough man for me! Happy birthday!

5.4 Grammar and pronunciation

A I can speak French. Can you speak French?

B Yes, I can.

C No, I can't.

5.5 *can* or *can't*

1 He can play the guitar.

2 I can't hear you.

3 She can't speak French or German.

4 They can meet us at 6.30.

5 You can't always get what you want.

6 Can you do the homework?

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5.6 Ben can't speak Spanish. Can you?

D = Dexter B = Ben

D Happy birthday, Uncle Ben! Wow – Superheroes!
Can I play with them?

B Yeah, of course you can. Which is your favourite?

D Superman of course. He's amazing! There's
nothing Superman can't do – he can fly and he
can speak every language in the world.

B I know ... but you can speak Spanish fluently. I
can only speak French a bit, a very little bit.

D Yeah – but I can't fly. But look! I can run really
fast.

B Yes, so you can. I like running, too. I go running
every morning, but I can't run fast.

D But you can ski really well.

B Yes, I can. I love skiing.

D I can't ski at all ... but I want to learn. Can you
teach me?

B Yes, I'd love to. But what can you teach me?
Spanish?

D Er no, not Spanish ... but I can play the guitar
quite well. I can teach you that!

B Great! I can't play any musical instrument. Hey –
and I hear you can sing brilliantly, too. I can't sing
at all.

D Everyone can sing.

B Well, I can't.

D I can't ride a bike yet.

B Ah ... now, it's important to learn that. I could ride
a bike when I was six. And now, I can ride a
motorbike.

D There's Mum. Dinner's ready. Mmm ... Mum's a
great cook! I can't cook. Can you cook, Uncle
Ben?

B Yeah, I can ... I'm quite good in fact.

5.7 What day was it yesterday?

1 What day is it today? What day was it yesterday?

2 What month is it now? What month was it last
month?

3 Is it sunny today? Was it sunny yesterday?

4 Where are you now? Where were you yesterday?

5 Where are your parents now? Where were your
parents yesterday?

6 Are you in New York now? Were you in New York
last year?

7 Can you play the guitar? Could you play the guitar
when you were ten?

8 Can your teacher speak a lot of languages? Could
your teacher speak English when she was seven?

5.8 Grammar and pronunciation

1 It was Monday.

2 We were at school.

3 Was it sunny?
Yes, it was.

4 Was it cold?
No, it wasn't.

5 Were you at school?
Yes, we were.

6 Were they at school?
No, they weren't.

5.9 Great talents

1 Pablo Picasso was an artist. He was born on
October 25th, 1881 in Malaga, Spain. He was a
very clever child. He could draw before he could
walk, when he was just 2 years old. His most
famous painting is 'Guernica', painted in 1937.

2 Marie Curie was a scientist. She was born on
November 7th, 1867 in Warsaw, Poland. She was
a very clever child. She could read when she was
four and she could remember being just three
months old! She's most famous for her work on
radioactivity.

3 John Lennon was a singer/songwriter. He was
born on October 9th, 1940 in Liverpool, England.
He could play the banjo and the guitar when he
was eleven. He was a member of The Beatles –
perhaps the world's most famous pop group. One
of his most famous songs is 'Imagine'.

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- 4 Serena Williams is a tennis player. She was born on September 26th, 1981 in Michigan, America. She could play tennis when she was just three. She often plays tennis with her sister Venus. Venus is also a talented tennis player.

5.10 Ben's birthday party

E = Eva M = Marcus

E Were you at Ben's birthday party?

M Yes, I was. But why weren't you there?

E Oh, I couldn't come.

M Why?

E Well, I wasn't very well. I was in bed with flu.

M Oh, you poor thing! It was a fantastic party – nice people, good food, and great music.

E Hmm – I'm sure it was amazing. Ben and Kate always have good parties. Were there many people there?

M Yeah, everyone was there, all the gang. It's such a shame that you couldn't be with us. Are you better now?

E Mmm ... I'm OK. I'm back at work, but I'm still not great.

5.11 The Kanneh-Masons

Is this the most talented family in Britain? This was the question asked by the TV and music producer, Simon Cowell, when six of the seven brothers and sisters were on the TV show 'Britain's Got Talent' in 2015. The children are often called 'prodigies', but their mother doesn't like this. She knows they are talented musicians, but says that they are successful because they work very hard.

In 2016, **Sheku**, one of the two brothers and a brilliant cellist, was the *BBC Young Musician of the Year*. He was just 17 years old. His sister **Isata**, 19, was also a finalist in the BBC competition in 2014. She is a pianist and a violinist. But, amazingly, they are not the only talented musicians in the family. Their brother **Braimah**, 18, and sisters, **Konya**, 15, **Jeneba**, 13, **Aminata**, 10, and little **Mariatu**, 6, can

all play musical instruments really well.

Isata and Braimah are full-time students at the Royal Academy of Music in London. Isata has a scholarship from the singer/songwriter **Elton John**. She plays the piano, violin, and viola. Braimah plays the violin. Next is Sheku. He could play the cello when he was six and now attends the junior school of the Royal Academy. He gets up at 4.30 a.m. every Saturday and goes by train to London. His sisters go with him.

The family live in Nottingham, England. Mother, **Kadie**, is from Sierra Leone, West Africa, and the father, **Stuart**, comes from Antigua, in the Caribbean. They are both very musical – Stuart plays the cello and Kadie the clarinet, so you could always hear some music in their home. But they say that their children's amazing musical talent is still a shock to them and they now have an orchestra in their house. Isata, the eldest, was the first to start playing (the piano), and so when the others were born it was normal to hear music in their house. Their home has four pianos, three cellos, four violins, and a viola, and the children practise for two hours a day, sometimes more.

The family aren't rich. Money is always a worry. Instruments are very expensive – one cello string costs £80! Their car is very old and they never buy new clothes or go on holiday. But the parents are very proud of their children. Their father, Stuart, says, 'A lot of teenage boys, especially, feel it isn't 'cool' to play an instrument.' He's really pleased that his children don't think that.

5.12 Words that go together

1 A Excuse me! Is there a coffee shop near here?

B Yes. Can you see the traffic lights?

A Yes, I can.

B Well, it's near the traffic lights. Next to the bus stop.

A Thanks.

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- 2 **A** I can't find my sunglasses.
B Not again! Look in your handbag!
A Where's my handbag?
B It's in the living room.
A Oh yes! There it is and there they are!
- 3 **A** Oh no! We'll be late. Look at all the traffic on the motorway!
B Don't worry. We can pass all the cars on my motorbike.
A Oh dear! Don't go too fast. You know I don't like going fast on this thing.
B Hang on! I'm a good driver. Off we go!
A Help! Can we stop at a railway station? I want to go by train!

6 Lessons in life

6.1 A museum today

Madame Tussauds waxworks museum is one of London's most popular tourist attractions. You often see long queues of people waiting to visit their favourite lifelike stars, from Star Wars' characters and the US President, to Prince William and Kate. It is amazing that in our technologically advanced world, people still want to touch and stand next to models made of wax.

It takes four months to make a model and costs about £150,000. There are Madame Tussauds museums all over the world, from Hollywood to Beijing.

So, where and when was the museum born? And who was Madame Tussaud?

6.2 Who was Madame Tussaud?

Marie Tussaud was born in 1761 in Strasburg. Her father, a soldier, died before she was born. When Marie was still very young, her mother moved to Switzerland, where she worked as a housekeeper for a doctor called Philippe Curtius. Marie and her mother lived with the doctor. He could make brilliant

wax models. Marie loved these and wanted to learn how to make them. In 1766, Curtius moved to Paris. A year later, Marie and her mother joined him. Marie showed real talent for wax modelling and during the 1780s she worked on them with Curtius. It was the time of the French Revolution, and a frightened Marie started making death masks for people who were guillotined, including King Louis XVI and Queen Marie Antoinette.

6.3 Questions and answers

- 1 **A** When did Marie's father die?
B Before she was born.
- 2 **A** Did Marie and her mother move to London?
B No, they didn't. They moved to Switzerland.
- 3 **A** What did her mother do?
B She worked as a housekeeper.
- 4 **A** Who did they live with?
B Dr Philippe Curtius.
- 5 **A** What did Marie want to learn?
B How to make wax models.
- 6 **A** Did she like making wax models?
B Yes, she did. She loved making them.
- 7 **A** When did she start making death masks?
B During the French Revolution.

6.4 The move to England

Philippe Curtius died in 1794 and Marie inherited his waxworks. One year later, she married François Tussaud and two sons were born, but the marriage was not successful. In 1802, Marie moved to England with the waxworks and her son, Joseph. François stayed in France with the other son. Marie couldn't speak a word of English, but she worked hard, and she started touring the country with her models. She visited over 70 towns in 33 years! The English were fascinated by the wax masks of dead French aristocrats.

In 1835, she opened her first museum in Baker Street, London and she worked there until 1842. She died in London on 16 April, 1850 – she was 88. In

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1884, her grandsons moved the museum to the Marylebone Road, where it still is today.

6.5 Questions and answers

- 1 **Q** When did Philippe Curtius die?
A In 1794.
- 2 **Q** Who did Marie marry?
A François Tussaud.
- 3 **Q** How many children did she have?
A Two. Both sons.
- 4 **Q** When did she move to England?
A In 1802.
- 5 **Q** Did she speak any English?
A No, she didn't. She couldn't speak a word.
- 6 **Q** Did the English like the death masks?
A Yes, they did. They loved them.
- 7 **Q** Where and when did she open the first museum?
A In Baker Street, London, in 1835.
- 8 **Q** Did she die in London? How old was she?
A Yes, she did. She died in London when she was 88.

6.6 Pronunciation

/t/

worked

/d/

lived

/ɪd/

started

6.7

cleaned, received, visited, wanted, moved, talked,
watched, interviewed, opened, decided

6.8 Irregular verbs

became, began, came, cost, gave, went, flew, made,
met, paid, spent, took, won

6.9 2001 – the year you were born

L = Liam **D** = Dad

- L** Hey, Dad! This is a really cool card!
- D** Yeah, it's really interesting, isn't it? Did you know any of the events on it?
- L** Well, obviously I knew about 9/11 ...
- D** Yeah – you were born just two weeks after that – on September 25th.
- L** Yeah, exactly two weeks after. And, of course, I knew that Bush was the US president at that time, but I didn't know Putin was the Russian prime minister. What do you remember of 2001?
- D** Well, of course the best bit was when you came into the world.
- L** That goes without saying, but what about the rest?
- D** Let's see the card – oh, I remember the foot and mouth crisis – that was terrible, the poor farmers. It went on and on – your mum and I couldn't go walking in the countryside and I couldn't play golf, the club was closed, and you know how I love my golf.
- L** I do – so do you remember Tiger Woods being 'Player of the Year'?
- D** Oh yes, Tiger Woods, I remember that. And I remember buying my first iPod – that was great – all my favourite songs in one place. You know I'm a big Beatles fan ...
- L** ... so you obviously remember when George Harrison died.
- D** Yes, I do, but it wasn't as shocking as when John Lennon was killed in New York in 1980.
- L** Yeah, I know about that. What about Harry Potter? Did you know that the first film came out in 2001?
- D** No, I had no idea when it came out. I saw the film years later with you.
- L** Yeah – I loved all the Harry Potter books and the movies. Now, the last thing ... the Tower of Pisa.

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Didn't we have a holiday in Italy when I was very young?

- D** Yeah, you were five, I think, but we weren't near the Tower of Pisa – I know nothing about that – I don't know anything about its history at all.
- L** I'll look it up on Wikipedia – I didn't know that began the year I was born. Did you know, Dad?
- D** No, I didn't. Your card is full of surprises.

6.10 When a businessman met a fisherman

B = businessman **F** = fisherman **C** = fisherman's children

- B** Good morning. What beautiful tuna! How long did it take to catch them?
- F** Oh, about two hours.
- B** Only two hours! Amazing! Why didn't you fish for longer and catch more?
- F** I didn't want to fish for longer. With this I have enough fish for my family.
- B** But what do you do with the rest of your day?
- F** I have a long lunch, play with my children, watch football, and take a siesta with my wife.
- Sometimes in the evenings I walk to the village to see my friends, play the guitar, and sing some songs.
- B** Really? That's all you do? Look, I am a very successful businessman. I went to Harvard University and I studied business. I can help you. Fish for four hours every day and sell the extra fish you catch.
- F** But ...
- B** ... then, you can buy a bigger boat, catch more and earn more money.
- F** But ...
- B** ... then buy a second boat, a third, and so on, until you have a big fleet of fishing boats.
- F** But ...
- B** ... and you can export the fish and leave this village and move to Mexico City, or LA, or New York, and start a fishing business.
- F** OK, OK, but how long will all this take?

B Er – let me think – er probably about 15 to 20 years.

F 15 to 20 years! And then what, señor?

B Why, that's the best part. You can sell your business and become very rich, a millionaire.

F A millionaire? Really? But what do I do with all the money?

B Well, let me think. Er – I know, you can stop work and – er move to a lovely, old fishing village where you can have long lunches, play with your grandchildren, watch football, take a siesta with your wife, and walk to the village in the evenings where you can play the guitar and sing with your friends all you want.

F Mmm – well ...

C Papa, Papa, did you catch many fish?

F I caught enough for us today and tomorrow and also some for this gentleman. Please, señor, have some of my beautiful fish. Goodbye, señor. Come on children, let's go home to Mama.

6.11 How I feel

I'm bored because I have nothing to do and nowhere to go.

I'm excited because my football team won the cup.

I'm tired because I couldn't sleep last night.

I'm disappointed because I didn't do well in the test.

I'm worried because I can't find my passport.

I'm annoyed because I got another parking ticket.

6.12 It was really exciting!

1 A Did you enjoy the film?

B No, I didn't. I was bored from start to finish.

A What?! It wasn't boring at all. It was really exciting and very funny.

B Well, I didn't laugh once!

2 C How was your exam?

D Awful. I'm really worried. I don't think I'll pass.

C But you worked really hard.

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D I know, I studied until two in the morning, but then I was so tired today I couldn't read the questions.

C Don't worry. I'm sure you'll be OK.

- 3 E** I'm so disappointed. I really wanted my team to win this week.

F Did they lose again?

E No, it was a draw, nil-nil!

F What a boring game!

E I know, and now I'm so annoyed because I paid £45 for my ticket!

- 4 A** When's Nina's birthday party?

B You mean 'when was it'. It was last Friday, on her birthday.

A Oh no! Was she annoyed that I forgot?

B No, she was just disappointed that you didn't come to her party.

6.13 Dates

first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, tenth, twelfth, thirteenth, sixteenth, seventeenth, twentieth, twenty-second, thirtieth, thirty-first

6.14 Ways of saying dates

- 1** The first of April. April the first.
- 2** The second of March. March the second.
- 3** The seventeenth of September. September the seventeenth.
- 4** The nineteenth of November. November the nineteenth.
- 5** The twenty-third of June. June the twenty-third.
- 6** The twenty-ninth of February, nineteen seventy-six.
- 7** December the nineteenth, nineteen eighty-three.
- 8** The third of October, nineteen ninety-nine.
- 9** May the thirty-first, two thousand and four.
- 10** January the fifteenth, twenty nineteen.

6.15 Listen and write the dates

- 1** October the thirty-first.
- 2** The thirtieth of January.

3 July the fifteenth.

4 March the fourth, twenty twelve.

5 The eighteenth of February, twenty twenty.

6 The sixth of August, nineteen sixty.

6.16 The multimillionaire – Ben Way

Ben Way is 37 years old and he runs a company called 'Rainmakers'. Ben's a computer millionaire. However, he wasn't always so successful. As a child he was dyslexic, so he didn't do well at school. He didn't read or write until he was nine and his father gave him a computer. He wrote his first software program when he was 11. He didn't go to university because at 15 he started his own company. He first became a millionaire when he was just 17. He continued to be very successful until he was 21. He won a business award in 2000, but then in 2001 he lost it all. One year later he started 'Rainmakers', and now he's a millionaire again.

7 Remember when ...

7.1 20th-century quiz

- 1 b** Henry Ford sold the first Model-T motor car in 1908. It cost \$825 and came in grey, green, blue, and red – but not black!
- 2 b** The Russian Revolution was in 1917. It started in St Petersburg.
- 3 c** About 50 million people died of flu between 1918 and 1919. It was more than died in the First World War.
- 4 c** Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin in 1928. He discovered it by accident.
- 5 a** Superman first appeared in a comic collection in 1938, but the first Superman only comic appeared in 1939.
- 6 b** John Atanasoff invented the very first digital computer in the 1930s, but the first programmable computers began to appear about 65 years ago.

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- 7 c** The first colour TV cost \$1,295 in 1955. In the 1970s, they cost around \$350. This was still very expensive at the time.
- 8 a** Neil Armstrong landed on the Moon on 20th July 1969. The second man to walk there was Buzz Aldrin.
- 9 c** The Berlin Wall came down on November 9th, 1989. It was the beginning of the end for Communist Europe and the Soviet Union.
- 10 a** Universities developed systems of communication between computers in the 1970s and 80s, but the general public first began to use the Internet about 25 years ago.

7.2 The good old days

B = Billy **R** = Roger

- B** Grandad, when you were a boy, did you have television?
- R** Of course we had television! But it wasn't colour TV like now – it was black and white. The screens weren't very big, like they are now. And there weren't many channels.
- B** How many channels were there then?
- R** Only two! But that was enough. We loved it! But there were no programmes in the morning.
- B** What?! So what time did programmes begin?
- R** They didn't start till after four o'clock, when I got home from school – that's when the children's programmes were on. There were some brilliant programmes for children – I was always sad when they stopped at six o'clock and the grown-up programmes started. That's when I did my homework!
- B** Did your mum and dad give you pocket money?
- R** Yes, but I worked for it! I did the washing-up every day – we didn't have dishwashers in those days.

7.3 Billy's questions

- 1** Did you have television?
- 2** How many TV channels were there?
- 3** So what time did programmes begin?

- 4** How much pocket money did you get?
- 5** What sort of comics did you buy?
- 6** So where did you go on holiday?
- 7** How did you get there?
- 8** Why did you always go to the same place?

7.4 Questions and answers

- 1 A** Where did you go?
B To the shops.
- 2 A** When did you go?
B Yesterday.
- 3 A** Who did you go with?
B A friend from work.
- 4 A** How did you get there?
B By bus.
- 5 A** Why did you go?
B Because I wanted some new clothes.
- 6 A** What did you buy?
B Some shirts and jumpers.
- 7 A** How many did you buy?
B Three shirts and two jumpers.
- 8 A** How much did you pay?
B £150.

7.5 Listening and pronunciation

- 1** Where did you want to go?
- 2** I didn't go to college.
- 3** Where was he?
- 4** Do you like it?
- 5** Why did she come?
- 6** They weren't here.

7.6 At a party

N = Nicole **O** = Owen

- O** You aren't English, are you Nicole? Where are you from?
- N** No, I'm French. I was born in Toulouse.
- O** Is that where you grew up?
- N** Yes. I lived with my parents and my brother in a house near the university there. My father worked at the university.

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- O** Oh, how interesting! What did he do? Was he a teacher?
- N** Yes, he was a professor of music.
- O** Really! What does he play?
- N** He's a brilliant pianist.
- O** How wonderful! And what about your mother? What's her job?
- N** She's retired now, but she was a doctor. She worked in the hospital.
- O** So did you go to school in Toulouse?
- N** Yes, I went to a Catholic high school. I was there for ten years. Then I went to university.
- O** What did you study?
- N** I studied English and Education in Paris, and then I studied for one year in London.
- O** Ah! That's why your English is so good! And did you start work straight after that?
- N** No, I travelled around Africa for a few months, then I taught in a school in Senegal.
- O** That sounds great! And what's your job now?
- N** I teach in a high school in Paris. I teach English and French.
- O** I'm sure you're a brilliant teacher!
- N** Anyway ... what about you?

7.7 Noises in the night!

It was about two o'clock in the morning. Suddenly, I woke up. I heard noises downstairs. I got out of bed silently and went slowly downstairs. There was a light on in the living room. I listened carefully. I could hear two men talking very quietly – they said something about the police. 'Burglars!' I thought. Immediately, I ran back upstairs and phoned the police. Obviously, I was very frightened. Fortunately, the police came quickly. They opened the front door and went into the living room. Then they came upstairs to see me. 'It's all right now, sir', they explained calmly. 'We turned off the television for you.'

7.8 Special occasions

- 1** Happy birthday to you.
Happy birthday to you.
Happy birthday, dear Joseph.
Happy birthday to you.
- 2** **A** Did you get any cards?
B Yes, I did. Listen to this ...
Roses are red, violets are blue.
You are my Valentine,
And I love you.
A Wow! Do you know who it's from?
B I'm not sure. I know who I want it to be from!
- 3** **C** Mummy! Daddy! Wake up! It's Christmas!
D Mmmm. What time is it ...? Hmm six o'clock ...
C Yes, it's morning! Look at the present Father Christmas left for me!
E Oh, that's lovely! Merry Christmas, darling!
- 4** **F & G** Trick or treat!
H Wow, what fantastic Halloween costumes! You two look very scary!
F Have you got any sweets to give us?
H Of course I have. Here you are, two chocolates each.
- 5** **I** It's midnight! Happy New Year everyone!
J/K/L Happy New Year! *Should old acquaintance be forgot ...*
- 6** **M** Wake up, Mummy! Happy Mother's Day!
N Thank you, darling! Oh, what beautiful flowers! And chocolates! And a cup of tea!! Well, aren't I lucky!
M And we made you a card!
N Oh, that's wonderful! Aren't you clever children!
- 7** **O** Congratulations! It's great news!
P Thank you! We're both very happy!
O So when's the wedding day?
P May 5th. You'll get an invitation!

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8 Love it or hate it!

8.1 Food and drink

A tea, coffee, wine, cheese, yoghurt, pasta, ice cream, apple juice, bread, milk, chocolate, broccoli, chicken

B bananas, apples, strawberries, potatoes, carrots, peas, onions, tomatoes, eggs, biscuits, crisps, chips, sausages

8.2 Were you a fussy eater?

M = Matt **J** = Jake

M Oh, good, we have some tomatoes.

J Sorry, Matt. No tomatoes for me. I hate them.

M Come on Jake! Tomatoes are really good for you. I didn't like them much when I was a kid, but I love them now.

J Hmm – I didn't like a lot of things when I was a kid.

M Ah – you were a fussy eater! What didn't you like?

J I didn't like any vegetables. Well, I liked potatoes, but only chips – and I hated all green vegetables.

M Do you like them now?

J Mmm! Not really. I quite like peas, but I still can't eat broccoli. I hate it.

M What about fruit? Did you like any fruit?

J I liked some fruit, but not all. I quite liked bananas and apples, but not strawberries. And I liked fruit juice. I drank a lot of orange juice.

M Yeah, and now you drink a lot of beer!

J Yeah – and coffee. But I didn't like coffee or tea when I was a kid.

M A lot of kids don't like coffee. I didn't like it until I was 16. So what did you like? What were your favourite foods?

J I liked all the usual things kids like – ice cream, chocolate, crisps, biscuits, and oh and sausages – I loved sausages.

M All the unhealthy things!

J Sausages aren't unhealthy! And I liked pasta, too ... with tomato sauce and some cheese on top – that's healthy.

M Tomato sauce!? But you hate tomatoes.

J Tomato sauce is different. Hey, let's not cook tonight. Let's go out to Mimmo's.

M Great idea! It's my favourite Italian restaurant and it isn't too expensive.

8.3 In an Italian restaurant

W = waitress **M** = Matt **J** = Jake

W Good evening, guys. What would you like?

M I'd like the Spaghetti Bolognese, please.

J Same for me, please. I really like spaghetti.

W Fine! And would you like the wine list?

J No, thanks. Just a glass of wine for me. Do you like red wine, Matt?

M Yeah. Let's get a bottle of house red.

J Fine! And some water too, please.

W Of course. Would you like sparkling or still?

M Just some tap water, please.

W No problem. Thanks guys.

J Hey, it's our turn to cook for the others tomorrow. What would you like to cook?

M I'd like to cook my very favourite meal.

J And what's that?

M 'Toad in the Hole'. My mum makes the best 'Toad in the Hole' – I can get her recipe.

J 'Toad in the Hole'! Ugh! What's it made of? Toads?

M Of course not! It's made with sausages ... and you like sausages.

J I love them. Everyone likes sausages.

8.4 Would you like? / Do you like?

1 A Excuse me, are you ready to order?

B Yes. I'd like a steak, please.

2 A Would you like a sandwich?

B No, thanks. I'm not hungry.

3 A Do you like Ella?

B Yes. She's very nice.

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4 A Would you like a cold drink?

B Yes, please. I'd love one.

5 A Can I help you?

B Yes. We'd like a table for two, please.

6 A What do you do in your free time?

B Well, I like going to the gym.

8.5

1 What kind of wine do you like?

2 Would you like a cheese and ham sandwich?

3 Who's your favourite author?

4 What do you want for your birthday?

5 Do you have any pets?

6 Would you like some ice cream for dessert?

8.6 Listen and check

1 A What kind of wine do you like?

B I like French wine, especially red.

2 A Would you like a cheese and ham sandwich?

B Just cheese, please. I don't like ham.

3 A Who's your favourite author?

B I like books by Jodi Picoult.

4 A What do you want for your birthday?

B I'd like a new computer.

5 A Do you have any pets?

B I'd like a dog, but Dad says no.

6 A Do you want some ice cream for dessert?

B No, thanks. I don't like ice cream.

8.7 The shopping list

M = Matt J = Jake

M Mum's recipe for 'Toad in the Hole' looks easy.

J Good! Would you like me to help?

M It's OK. I like cooking. You can help make the shopping list.

J OK.

M Now, do we have any eggs? And how much milk and flour is there?

J Well, we have some eggs, but not many, just two. How many do we need?

M Three.

J OK, put eggs on the list.

M And milk? We need a lot of milk.

J No problem. We have a lot. And we have a lot of flour, too.

M Great! And vegetable oil? How much oil is there?

J There's some, but not a lot. ... Look!

M That'll do! What about herbs? Do we have any thyme?

J I can't see any.

M OK, we need thyme. Now, what else?

J Sausages! They're very important. We have two, but they look really old and sad! How many do we need?

M Eight! Put sausages on the list. Oh, and a large packet of frozen peas. Is that it?

J Yeah! So first the supermarket, then the cooking. I can't wait to try this!

8.8 much or many?

1 A How much toast would you like?

B Just one piece, please.

2 A How much ice cream do we have left?

B Not a lot. Just some vanilla.

3 A How many people were at the wedding?

B About 150.

4 A How much money do you have in your pocket?

B Just fifty p.

5 A How much petrol is there in the car?

B It's full.

6 A How many children does your brother have?

B Two. A boy and a girl.

7 A How many days is it until your birthday?

B It's tomorrow!

8 A How much time did you need for this exercise?

B Just three minutes.

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8.9 The History of ice cream

'Who invented ice cream?'

There is no sure answer to this question. Perhaps it was the Chinese in 200 BC – they used ice to freeze rice with milk. Perhaps it was Alexander the Great, or the Roman Emperor Nero AD 37–68 – they both liked snow flavoured with fruit and honey.

The 13th century. China > Italy.

In 1269, Marco Polo travelled to East Asia. He returned home 24 years later with many 'Marvels of the World', including a recipe for ice cream from China. So, the Italians became the first people in Europe to enjoy this luxury.

The 16th–17th century. Italy > France > England.

Italian noblewoman, Catherine de Medici, was a great fan of ice cream. In 1533, she married Henri II of France and introduced him to the delicious dessert. Later, Charles I of England became an ice cream fan when his French chef made it for a royal banquet. He called it 'cream ice' and paid his chef £500 to keep the recipe secret. However, in 1665 it appeared in an English cookery book by Lady Anne Fanshaw. She called it 'Icy cream'.

For many years, ice cream was a luxury, enjoyed only by royalty and the rich. It wasn't until 1686 that ice cream first appeared on a restaurant menu. A Sicilian, Procopio dei Coltelli, opened the Café Procope in Paris and introduced Italian Gelato. It was made of milk, cream, butter and eggs – more like the ice cream we know today.

18th – 21st century. America and the world.

We don't know exactly when ice cream arrived in America, but it was probably with European settlers in the early 1700s. We do know that the first advertisement appeared in the *New York Gazette* in 1777, and the first ice cream parlour opened in New York City in 1790. We also know that the first ice

cream factory opened in Baltimore in 1851, but grocery shops didn't start selling it until the 1930s.

The popularity of ice cream grew and grew. In 1946, the Americans celebrated victory in World War II with ice cream, and in 1984, US President Ronald Reagan made July 'National Ice Cream Month'.

8.10 Ice cream – some amazing facts

- 1 The most popular ice cream flavour is vanilla, followed by chocolate and strawberry.
- 2 Some of the most unusual flavours are toothpaste, fish & chips, garlic, and pizza.
- 3 President George Washington once spent \$200 on ice cream (about \$3,000 today!).
- 4 NASA says that ice cream is one of the things most missed by astronauts in space.
- 5 In the early days of TV, mashed potato was used in cooking shows because ice cream melted under the lights.
- 6 The busiest day for selling ice cream is Sunday.
- 7 Americans eat on average 27 litres of ice cream a year, but New Zealanders love it more. They eat 28 litres.
- 8 The US ice cream industry makes \$21 billion a year.

8.11 A meal to remember

1 John

For me it has to be this. I was with my girlfriend in France, in Nimes in the south. We were students, studying the language, and, of course, we didn't have any money ... well ... very little money. We knew a cheap, but good, café near where we lived, but we could still only afford one meal between us. We ordered one small steak and some chips to share – we finished it in minutes. The man at the next table had a mountain of mussels and some bread and wine. He looked at us and smiled, then he said – er – in French, of course, 'I'm not so hungry this evening – would you like some of these?' And he gave us a big bowl of his mussels.

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The café owner saw this and smiled, and then he came over to our table with two bottles of really good white wine and four glasses. And so we all – the café patron, the kind man, my girlfriend and I, sat down together and enjoyed delicious food and drink, excellent conversation and a lot of laughs. It was a great evening and a meal to remember for the rest of my life!

2 Alison

This – er – is a very memorable meal for me, from many years ago. My husband and I were living and working in East Africa, on the coast – er, in a town called Tanga in Tanzania. Er – Tanga's a port, so lots of boats came there from all over the world – and – some from North Africa – and – er, we often had Arab dhows there, selling rugs. We bought one, a really beautiful one – and we still have it. Anyway, because of this, we were invited to a meal on board one of the dhows. We were really excited. What an experience! We took our ten-month-old daughter with us and sailed out to the dhow. We could smell the most fabulous smell as we got near to it. The men welcomed us warmly and helped us aboard with the baby. And there, in the middle of the deck, was one huge bowl of the most delicious chicken curry, er – it looked and smelt fantastic! Then, ... all the men, and my husband, sat down on the deck round the bowl and started eating, just with their hands, taking out large pieces of chicken. Unfortunately, according to custom, because I was a woman, I couldn't eat with them. I just held the baby and watched. Finally, they finished and it was my turn – the only problem was that there was no chicken left in the curry! Just some sauce! That didn't please me at all and – er – it's why I will always remember that meal!

8.12 Shopping list

aspirin, plasters, deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, suncream, batteries, scissors, adaptor, notebook, pens and pencils, envelopes, sellotape, magazine, chocolate

8.13 Shopping in the High Street

- 1 **A** I'd like some batteries, please.
B What sort do you want?
A Double-A, please.
B Would you like a packet of four or six?
A Six is too many. Four is enough.
B Anything else?
A That's all, thanks.
- 2 **C** Have you got any baby shampoo, please?
D Yes, we have. Small or large?
C The large is too big. The small is fine.
D Anything else?
C No, thanks. How much is that?
- 3 **E** I'm looking for a nice pen for a present.
F What about this one? It's £25.
E No, that's too much. I don't want to spend that much.
F Well, this one is £12.
E That's better. And I need some pencils as well.
F There are ten pencils in this packet.
E But I only want two!
F I'm afraid I only have packets of ten. Sorry.

8.14 Sounding polite

I'd like a latte, please.

I want a hot chocolate.

Give me some cheesecake!

Can I have an egg sandwich, please?

Two cups of tea.

Could you bring me some ketchup?

9 Life in the city

9.1 London or New York?

- 1 It's on the River Thames.
- 2 It was first called New Amsterdam.
- 3 It's sometimes called 'The Big Apple.'
- 4 It's home to Wembley Stadium.
- 5 It has 5,800 skyscrapers.
- 6 The highest building is 310 m.
- 7 The people living there speak 800 different languages.
- 8 Paddington Bear went to stay there.

9.2 Listen and check

- 1 London is on the River Thames.
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- 8 Paddington Bear went to stay in London.

9.3 Which do you prefer?

- A** Which do you prefer, London or New York?
- B** Well, I'm American, so of course I love New York more.
- A** I think London's more interesting. And it's a lot bigger than New York.
- B** True, New York is much smaller than London. But the buildings are so much taller, and for me, that's more exciting!
- A** Mmm. I guess the weather's better in New York.
- B** Well, people think so, but it's worse than London for rain!
- A** Really?!

9.4 I think it's taller

I think the Freedom Tower is taller than the Shard, but I think the Shard is more beautiful.

I think the Underground is more expensive than the Subway, and the trains are more crowded.

There are more parks in London, and they are bigger – and nicer, I think.

I think the weather in New York is hotter in summer and colder in winter. It's also wetter, but I think New York is sunnier.

I think the people in New York are friendlier, but I think Londoners are more polite.

9.5 Larry – an American living and working in London

Well, I like both New York and London, but they're good for different things. New York is easier to walk around, because it's smaller. The Underground is better than the Subway – it's much nicer ... but it is more expensive. Of course, there are a lot of older buildings here, so it's kind of more interesting. And I really love the parks here. My favourite is Regent's Park, but there are so many. I read that nearly half of London is green – that's amazing! I like it here in summer – it's a lot hotter in New York, and it can get way too hot there. Winters are warmer here in London, but they're so grey! In New York winters are colder, and snowier, but sunnier! As for the people, well, generally Americans are friendlier to strangers than the British. Life is faster in New York, though, and Londoners are probably more polite.

9.6 Comparing cities

- 1 **A** New York is older than London.
B No, it isn't! New York is much more modern!
- 2 **A** Tokyo is cheaper than Bangkok.
B No, it isn't! Tokyo is much more expensive!
- 3 **A** Amsterdam is bigger than Paris.
B No, it isn't! Amsterdam is much smaller!

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4 A Johannesburg is safer than Cape Town.

B No, it isn't! Johannesburg is much more dangerous!

5 A The traffic in Mexico City is better than in São Paulo.

B No, it isn't! It's much worse!

9.7 A Brit in New York

I = interviewer **G** = Gemma

I So, Gemma, you're British, but you live in New York, yes?

G Yes, that's right. I'm from Manchester.

I And ... er, here in New York, do you live on your own?

G No, I'm here with my husband, Luke. We *both* come from Manchester.

I I see. And have you both got jobs here?

G Yes, I've got a really good job. I work for a fashion company.

I Oh, great! And has Luke got a good job, too?

G Yes, he's got a wonderful job! He's a gardener, and he works in Central Park!

I Wow! Nice place to work! So where do you live? Have you got an apartment?

G Yes, we've got a lovely apartment in Brooklyn. We take the subway to work.

I So you haven't got a car here?

G No, we haven't. We had a car in Manchester, but here we go everywhere on public transport. It's much easier – the traffic's terrible in New York!

I I know. Well, thanks for answering my questions. Have a nice day!

9.8 *have got*

1 I've got a nice car.

2 We've got three children.

3 He's got a business in south London.

4 Have you got a lot of friends?

5 How many brothers and sisters have you got?

6 I haven't got any brothers. I've got a sister called Emily.

7 Jack hasn't got a sister.

8 Have we got any homework today?

9.9 New York's Central Park

Central Park is one of the most amazing sights in the world – an enormous swimming pool of green, surrounded by skyscrapers! Central Park is America's oldest and biggest city park, and the most popular. It appears in more than 350 movies! It's busiest on Sundays, with nearly a quarter of a million visitors, so try and find a quieter time to visit. Here's a guide to some of the best things to see.

Bow Bridge is one of the most beautiful old iron bridges in the world. Perhaps you recognize it – it's the most popular movie location in the park.

The Carousel is the largest in North America. With its 58 brightly-coloured horses, it's obviously a favourite with children.

Wollman Ice Rink: The most wonderful thing you can do on a winter's evening is go ice-skating here. You can skate to the music under the skyscrapers and stars!

Cleopatra's Needle is definitely the oldest thing in the park – it's from Egypt and is 3½ thousand years old!

Belvedere Castle is the highest point in the park, so you can get the best views from here.

Strawberry Fields is a garden named after one of the most famous Beatles' songs. John Lennon lived and died in New York. The *Imagine* mosaic here is in memory of him.

9.10 It's the biggest

1 The tallest building in Europe is the Federation Tower in Moscow. It's 374 metres.

2 The most expensive hotel in London is the Lanesborough. The Royal Suite there costs £27,000 per night!

3 The world's biggest car park is at the West Edmonton Mall in Canada. It has 20,000 spaces.

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- 4 The most popular tourist attraction is the Las Vegas Strip. It has 40 million visitors a year.
- 5 The hottest city in the world is Ahwaz, in Iran. The highest temperature ever reached there was 54°C.
- 6 The oldest city is Jericho in the Palestinian Territories. It dates back 11,000 years.

9.11 Satnav directions

Continue along George Street, past the Bristol Hotel and over the bridge. At the roundabout, take the first exit on the left and drive down Park Hill. In 200 yards, at the junction, turn right onto Bagley Wood Road. Continue up the hill along Bagley Wood Road and through the wood. Drive under the railway bridge and the destination is on your right – Sherford Petrol Station.

9.12 Directions

- 1 Go along George Street, past the hotel and over the river. Turn right at the roundabout, go along Lake Road, with the lake on your left, and then take the first turning on the left, onto Station Road. Keep going along Station Road and you'll see it in front of you. The road stops there, so you can't miss it.
- 2 Continue along George Street. At the roundabout, take the third exit onto Lake Road. Continue along Lake Road. In 100 yards, at the roundabout, turn left onto High Street. Continue along High Street and drive under the bridge. The destination is on your right.
- 3 Go over the bridge and when you come to the roundabout, follow the sign to the town centre. You'll come to another roundabout, and you want to go straight over that one and drive into Town Hall square. Keep left, past the statue, and take the road on the left, where there's traffic lights. You'll see it on your right and there's a car park nearby.

10 What are you up to?

10.1 A call in the night

C = Colin **M** = Millie

C Who ... ?

M It's me Dad!

C Oh ... Millie! Millie, are you all right?

M Hi Dad, I'm just phoning to see how you and Mum are!

C Millie, we're fine, but it's two o'clock in the morning here. We're in bed, sleeping – well, I'm not sleeping now!

M Oh sorry, Dad. I forgot ... the time difference!

C Sssh – your mum's still sleeping. How are you doing? Is everything OK?

M It's great. It's lunchtime here in Oz – we're having a barbecue on the beach. We're cooking steak and sausages.

C That's wonderful, honey ... but I'm so tired. I'll call you tomorrow morning – eight o'clock our time and seven your time. OK?

M OK, Dad! Love you!

10.2 What are they doing?

A What's Millie doing?

B She's phoning her parents.

A Why is she phoning?

B Because she wants to know how they are.

A What's her dad doing?

B He's talking to Millie. He's not sleeping.

A What's her mum doing?

B She's sleeping.

A What are Millie's friends doing?

B They're having a barbecue.

A Where are they having the barbecue.

B On the beach.

A What are they cooking?

B Steak and sausages.

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10.3 Where are you going?

T = Tony M = mum N = Nina J = Jane

Conversation 1 On a train

T Hi, Mum!

M Hi, Tony! Where are you?

T I'm on the train. I'm just doing a bit of work on my laptop.

M Oh, where are you going?

T I'm going to Birmingham for the day to see some friends – you know, Ed and Kay.

M Oh, yes! Do they live in Birmingham?

T No, they don't, but they're staying with Ed's mum at the moment. She's not feeling very well.

M Oh dear! I hope she's better soon. Well, I'm just phoning to see how you are ...

Conversation 2 Packing to go

N Jane!

J Hi, Nina! Am I disturbing you?

N No, no! You're not. I'm just packing for Dubai. I'm trying to decide which clothes to take.

J So, what's the temperature in Dubai at the moment?

N 34 degrees!

J Phew! Well, I'm just phoning to wish you 'good luck' and 'bon voyage'!

N Thanks, Jane. I'm really nervous.

J You'll be great. You always speak so well at conferences.

N Thanks, Jane.

10.4 What are they doing?

1 A What are you reading?

B A detective story. I love detective stories.

2 A What are you watching?

B The news. I always watch the ten o'clock news.

3 A Where are you going?

B To my bedroom. I need an early night.

4 A Why are you crying?

B Because it's a sad film. I didn't know it was so sad.

5 A Who are you texting?

B My girlfriend. She says she loves me!

10.5 Correct the sentences

1 She's reading a magazine.

2 He's playing a video game.

3 He's going out with friends.

4 She's laughing because it's a funny film.

5 He's phoning his girlfriend.

10.6 Who's who at the art exhibition?

A Oh, dear! I don't know anybody. Who are they all?

B Don't worry. They're all very nice. I'll tell you who everybody is. Can you see that man over there?

A The man who's standing in front of the window?

B Yes. The man wearing the bow tie. That's Eric. He's American, from New York. He has an art shop there. He often visits London to buy pictures. He's very rich. And very funny.

A Ah, yes. I can see that – the woman next to him is laughing a lot. Who is she?

B That's Charlotte. She's lovely, very clever. She's a professor at the university. She teaches art history.

A Mmm. I like her bag. And who's that on their left? She's wearing a beautiful pink scarf and drinking champagne.

B That's Helena. She's a writer. She writes stories for children. They're excellent. A very nice lady.

A And who's the man she's talking to? He's got a beard and he's wearing a big black hat.

B Ah, that's Anton, he's an artist, a very interesting man. He lives and works in Paris most of the time. That picture over there is one of his. It's called 'The Tree.'

A Really? Wow! It's beautiful! OK – so that's Eric and Charlotte ... Helena and Anton ... Now, who are those two over there? The guys with the brochure – they're looking at Anton's painting.

B Oh yes. That's Leon and Peter Vine. They're brothers and they're both art dealers.

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- A** And do they work in London?
B Yes, they do. They have an art gallery in Bond Street. Come with me, I'll introduce you to them and I'll get you a brochure.
A Thank you.

10.7

- 1 A** Where does Eric come from?
B New York.
A Who is he talking to?
B Charlotte.
2 A What does Charlotte do?
B She's a professor.
A What is she doing?
B She's laughing at Eric's joke.
3 A What is Helena drinking?
B Champagne.
A What does she write?
B Stories for children.
4 A What is Anton wearing?
B A big black hat.
A Where does he live?
B Paris.
5 A Where do Leon and Peter work?
B In Bond Street in London.
A What are they looking at?
B Anton's painting.

10.8 Whose is it?

- 1** Whose is the black hat?
 It's Anton's.
 Whose is the black hat?
 It's his.
2 Whose are the glasses?
 They're Charlotte's.
 Whose are the glasses?
 They're hers.
3 Whose is the brochure?
 It's Leon's and Peter's.
 Whose is the brochure?
 It's theirs.

10.9 Who's or Whose?

- A** That's an amazing video game. Who's winning?
B Wow! Look at that sports car! Whose is it?
C Whose phone is this? It's not mine.
D I'm going to the pub. Who's coming?
E Do you know whose scarf this is?
F Who's the tallest in our class?
G Ava and Lena are identical twins. I can never tell who's who!
H There are books all over the floor. Whose are they?

10.10 Whose is it?

- A** Whose is this tennis racket?
B It's mine.
A What's it doing here?
B I'm playing tennis this afternoon.
A Have a good game!

10.11 What's happening in the world right now?

- 1** At this moment, 116 people are getting married.
 The longest marriage ever lasted an amazing 90 years. In 1925, Karam Chand, then 20 years old, married his wife Kartari, age 13, in India. They celebrated their 90th anniversary in 2015. Karam died just six weeks later.
2 At this moment, 257 babies are being born and 107 people are dying. On average about 132 million people are born and 55 million die every year.
3 At this moment, 10,000 planes are flying above the Earth. There are also 1071 satellites going round the Earth, one of which is the International Space Station.
4 At this moment, 48 million people are making phone calls. Do you know that more people in the world have mobile phones than toilets and the average person checks his or her phone 110 times a day?

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- 5 At this moment, 144 million people are sending emails. People also text a lot. Worldwide they send nearly nine trillion texts every year.
- 6 At this moment, 15,000 people are downloading songs on iTunes. There are 26 million songs you can download on iTunes. *I Gotta Feeling* by The Black Eyed Peas is the most downloaded song ever.
- 7 At this moment, the top ten billionaires are earning on average \$20,732 every minute. Sad to say that the average person worldwide is earning just \$0.013 in this same minute. Bill Gates, the American businessman who founded Microsoft, is the richest billionaire in the world – he is worth \$76.6 billion.
- 8 At this moment, 4,500 people are buying McDonald's hamburgers. McDonald's has more than 34,000 restaurants worldwide and employs 1.8 million people.
- 9 At this moment, we are throwing away 2,500 tons of rubbish. Every year, we create about 1.4 trillion kilos of rubbish worldwide. 46% is food waste, 27% is paper and plastic.
- 10 At this moment, 14 meteors are falling to Earth. The world's biggest meteor fell on Namibia in Africa about 80,000 years ago. It's called Hoba and is between 190 and 410 million years old.
- 11 At this moment, lightning is striking the Earth in 360 places. The average temperature of lightning is around 20,000°C hotter than the Sun!
- 12 At this moment, 0.15 of an animal is becoming extinct. Animals in danger include the Black Rhino and the Mountain Gorilla in Africa and many species of frog.

10.12 Describing people

- 1 She looks happy – she's smiling. It's a cold day, so she's wearing a warm, red scarf and hat, and long, black boots. She's walking in the snow.

- 2 He's got a dark beard and he's wearing a cap and ... sunglasses – but I don't know why, it's not a very sunny day.
- 3 He's not very tall – his friend's much taller. He's wearing shorts and trainers and carrying a ball – I think it's a basketball.
- 4 She's really pretty – she's got beautiful, long red hair and I think she's in love – she looks very happy.

10.13 Everyday situations

- 1 **A** Beautiful day, isn't it?
B Yes, it's definitely getting warmer now.
A Yes. I didn't even bring a jacket today.
B Me neither.
- 2 **A** Sorry, I'm late again!
B Not to worry. We're just starting.
A It's the trains! Another cancellation this morning!
B I know. It's awful, isn't it. OK, let's get started ...
- 3 **A** Can I help you, sir?
B Yes, I'm looking for a bike for my 11-year-old son.
A OK. How about this mountain bike?
B That looks good. How much is it?
- 4 **A** Would you like to go out for a drink after work?
B I'd love to. Which pub?
A The Red Lion. A lot of us are going.
B Great! See you later.
- 5 **A** Excuse me! This machine isn't working.
B Oh dear! Let me have a look. It breaks all the time.
A I put my money in and nothing happened.
B Don't worry. I'll give you the money back.
- 6 **A** I can't find my phone.
B Oh not again! You had it in the coffee bar. Did you leave it there?
A No, I'm sure I didn't. Oh it's here somewhere. Call my number! ... There it is! It's in one of the shopping bags.
- 7 **A** Thanks for the dinner invite, but I'm afraid I can't come. Sorry!

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- B** Ah that's a pity. Maybe another time.
A I'm going away on business that weekend.
B Never mind. We'll meet up when you're back.
8 A Patrick and I are expecting a baby!
B Wow! That's fantastic news! Congratulations!
A Thanks. We're both pretty excited. And a bit nervous.
B We can understand that.
9 A Bye! Have a good journey!
B Thanks. See you in a couple of days.
A I hope you have a good time.
B I'm sure we will. Bye!

11 Going for it!

11.1 That's the plan!

1 Jeff

When I get home, I'm going to take my dogs for a walk.

2 Jenni and family

When we arrive in Corfu, we're going to jump straight in the hotel pool.

3 Jamie

When I grow up, I'm going to play for Arsenal!

4 Derek

When I retire, I'm going to learn to play golf.

5 Grace and Molly

When we finish work, we're going to see a film.

6 Hannah

When the kids are in bed, I'm going to sit down and have a glass of wine.

7 Karl and Petra

When this lesson ends, we're going to have a coffee together.

11.2

- A** What's Jeff going to do?
B He's going to take his dogs for a walk.

11.3 Correct the plans

- 1** When Jeff gets home, he's going to do some work.
 He isn't going to do any work. He's going to take his dogs for a walk.
2 When Jenni and family arrive in Corfu, they're going to do some shopping.
 They aren't going to do any shopping. They're going to jump straight in the hotel pool.
3 When Jamie grows up, he's going to play for Chelsea!
 He isn't going to play for Chelsea. He's going to play for Arsenal.
4 When Derek retires, he's going to do nothing all day.
 He isn't going to do nothing all day. He's going to learn to play golf.
5 When Grace and Molly finish work, they're going to see a play.
 They aren't going to see a play. They're going to see a film.
6 When the kids are in bed, Hannah's going to do the washing.
 She isn't going to do the washing. She's going to sit down and have a glass of wine.
7 When this lesson ends, Karl and Petra are going to do their homework.
 They aren't going to do their homework. They're going to have a coffee.

11.4 What's going to happen?

- 1 A** Where's Jamie gone? I can't see him anywhere!
B Look! He's up there! Careful, Jamie! Oh no! He's going to fall off that wall!
2 A Oh no, that's my sister with her new boyfriend!
B Oooh, so in love, aren't they?! Ugh! Don't look! They're going to kiss each other!
3 A Can we not watch the film yet?
B No, sorry. The WiFi's really slow at the moment. It's going to take ages to download!

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- 4 **A** What lovely singing! There's so much talent in this village! Who's next?
B It's Jeff's wife, Lucy! She's going to play the cello.
- 5 **A** How are Alice and Theo these days?
B I think they're busy getting everything ready. She's going to have the baby very soon.
- 6 **A** What are those men doing outside Mrs Simpson's house?
B Ooh, I don't know. Look, they've got a ladder, and ... Oh! They're going to clean her windows!
- 7 **A** Come on Annabel! Come on! You can do it!
B Look, she's moving in front! Woah! She's going to win the race!
- 8 **A** This is hopeless!
B I know. I think there's an accident ahead – nothing's moving. We're going to miss our flight!

11.5 It sounds like ...

- 1 *(Sound of a car driving and then screeching of brakes as it veers across the road – Pause – Sound of a big crash, and a man shouting, 'You stupid idiot!')*
- 2 *(Sound of a man making the 'ah ... ah ... ah' noises that people make as they're going to sneeze – Pause – then the huge sneeze, and someone saying 'Bless you!')*
- 3 *(Sound of doorbell ringing twice and then a woman's voice shouting, 'I'll go!' – Pause – Sound of door being opened and woman saying 'Hi, Angie!')*
- 4 *(Sound of a man yawning long and loud, and then making a contented noise as he settles down to sleep. – Pause – Sound of loud snoring)*
- 5 *(Sound of police car siren, police braking, policemen jumping out and shouting, 'Oi, you, stop!' – Pause – Sound of policeman saying 'You're under arrest!' and man saying 'OK, OK, I'll come quietly!')*

- 6 *(Sound of a bee getting louder and louder and angrier and angrier. – Pause – Sound of a boy screaming and crying after being stung)*
- 7 *(Woman's voice saying, 'Oh, it's so sad!', sniffing, and then making noises of being about to burst into tears. – Pause – Then bursting into tears)*
- 8 *(Sound of a plane taxiing and then going full thrust as it speeds down the runway – Pause – Then shift in sound to be quieter as it takes off)*

11.6 Rob's schedule

A = Angela **R** = Rob

- A** Next week's very busy. You have a car to the airport at 6.30 a.m. on Monday morning.
R To get a flight to where?
A Brussels. Remember?
R Ah yes. And, er, why am I going there?
A To give a presentation at the ExMed conference.
R Oh, yes, of course.
A You're coming back on Tuesday morning, and you're going to Restaurant Victoire at 1.00, to have lunch with our chairman.

11.7 Rob's diary

R = Rob **A** = Angela

- R** Oh, Angela, this is our last diary meeting! I can't believe you're leaving the company! I don't know what I'm going to do without you!
A Mmm. Yes, well, ... As always, next week's very busy. You have a car to the airport at 6.30 a.m. on Monday morning.
R To get a flight to where?
A Brussels, remember?
R Ah yes. And, er, why am I going there?
A To give a presentation at the ExMed Conference.
R Oh, yes, of course.
A You're coming back on Tuesday morning and you're going to Restaurant Victoire at 1.00 to have lunch with our chairman. Then your driver's going to take you to St John's School to pick Molly up.

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- R** Ah, yes, Susan can't pick her up on Tuesday. But what do I do with Molly?
- A** It's her best friend's birthday party, you're taking her there.
- R** Oh, yes, I can leave her there and come back to work.
- A** But don't forget, you're going to the barber's at 4.30.
- R** Oh yes, to have a haircut ... finally.
- A** Mmm, yes, it certainly is time for that. And then the driver's taking you to the station, to get the 5.30 train to Paddington.
- R** What? Why am I going to London?!
- A** You're going to the theatre, to see a play with your wife.
- R** Oh, yes, ... Susan's in London that day, and Molly's staying at her friend's, because we're going to see *Romeo and Juliet*.
- A** And you're celebrating ... ?
- R** Yes! It's our wedding anniversary! Oh, did you remember to order the flowers?
- A** Yes, of course. And I got a nice present for her in that new jewellery shop.
- R** Brilliant! Oh, Angela, you think of everything! I'm going to be so lost without you.
- A** Mmm. I know ...

11.8 What's the weather going to be like?

P = presenter **C** = Carol

- P** And here's Carol with the weather forecast for Europe.
- C** Thanks, Andrew. Well, at the moment there's some wet and windy weather over the UK and Scandinavia, and this is going to move to the east over Poland and Germany. Temperatures in Berlin and Warsaw are about 21° Celsius right now, but it's cooler in London, more like 18°, and cooler still in Oslo – around 17° there. Further east, it's cool and cloudy in Moscow, where the temperature is a welcome 15° after all the extreme summer heat there. To the south it's a bit

warmer, 23° in Budapest, and even warmer as we get further south, so 26° in Rome, but it's going to be cloudy and showery across the north of Italy before long, so temperatures aren't going to stay as high there. In northern Turkey, there's some heavy rain, and it's already getting stormy, so temperatures won't get much higher than 21° in Istanbul. France is going to be cool and cloudy in the north, 20° in Paris, but much warmer and sunnier in the south, with a high of 27° in Nice. The rest of the Mediterranean is going to be warm and dry, too. Portugal and Spain will see plenty of late summer sunshine, with temperatures as high as 29° in Madrid and Lisbon. It's going to be warmer still in Greece, and we're probably going to reach 30° in Athens. And that's your European weather for the next 24 hours. I'll be back at lunchtime with an update.

P Thanks, Carol. And now ...

11.9

What's the weather like?

11.10 What's the weather like today?

- A** What's the weather like today?
- B** It's cool and cloudy.
- A** And what was it like yesterday?
- B** Oh, it was wet and windy.
- A** And what's it going to be like tomorrow?
- B** I think it's going to be warm and sunny.

11.11 Making suggestions

1 Good weather

- A** What a lovely day!
- B** Yeah, it's really warm and sunny! What shall we do?
- A** Shall we go for a walk?

2 Bad weather

- A** What an awful day! It's raining again!
- B** I know. It's so cold and wet! What shall we do?
- A** Let's stay in and watch a film.

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1 Good weather

- A** What a lovely day!
B Yeah, it's really warm and sunny! What shall we do?
A Shall we go for a walk?
B Oh no! It's too hot to walk!
A OK, why don't we go to the beach?
B Good idea! We could take a picnic!
A I'll help you make it.

2 Bad weather

- A** What an awful day! It's raining again!
B I know. It's so cold and wet! What shall we do?
A Let's stay in and watch a film.
B No, that's boring! We did that last night!
A OK then, why don't we go out for a coffee?
B Yes! We could go to Cafe Nero.
A Great! I'll get my coat and an umbrella.

11.13 Matthew and Emma's holiday

- A** Where are they going?
B To the south of France.
A When are they going?
B On May 21st.
A How are they travelling?
B By plane and hired car.
A How long are they staying?
B For ten days.
A Where are they staying?
B In a house in a village.
A What are they going to do?
B They're going to swim, go shopping in the markets, read and relax, and eat in good restaurants.

12 Have you ever ...?

12.1 He's been everywhere!

R = Rudd **L** = Lexi

- R** Hi, Lexi! I hear you and Abby are planning a trip to Europe.
L Oh ... Hi, Rudd! Yeah, we leave next Monday for Rome.
R Ah, Rome, I know it well. I've been to Rome many times.
L Well, I've never been there. It's my first time in Europe.
R Really? Never?! That's amazing. I've ...
L I know – you've travelled a lot!
R Yes, I have. But what about your friend Abby? Is it her first time?
L No, she's been to London and Paris before, but she hasn't been to Rome.
R Ah, London and Paris. Wonderful cities! You know I studied in Paris for a year before I went to work in New York – another wonderful city. Now, have you ever been to the US?
L No, Rudd, of course I haven't, I haven't travelled much at all.
R Oh, I've been to North and South America so many times and I've ...
L OK, Rudd – you've been everywhere, I've been nowhere.
R Well, I ...
L Oh dear, look at the time! Got to go! Abby's waiting for me. We've got so much to do. Bye, Rudd. Maybe one day you can tell me more about your travels! Yeah, one day never!!

12.2

- 1** I've been to Rome many times.
2 I've never been there.
3 She's been to London and Paris.
4 She hasn't been to Rome.
5 Have you ever been to the US?

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- 6 I haven't travelled much at all.
7 I've been to North and South America.
8 You've been everywhere, I've been nowhere.

12.3 Have you ever ...?

- A Have you ever been to Australia?
B No, I haven't.
A Have you ever been to Italy?
B Yes, I have.
A When did you go?
B Two years ago.
A Where did you go?
B Rome, Florence and Venice.
A Wow! Did you have a good time?
B Yes, I did. It was fantastic!

12.4 Are we ready yet?

- A = Abby L = Lexi
A Where's the list?
L I've got it.
A OK, let's check through. Er – we've already bought new backpacks. We did that a while ago.
L They look quite big. I hope we can carry them.
A No worries. I haven't finished packing mine yet. Have you?
L Not yet, just one or two more things to go in. Oh, have you collected the euros from the bank?
A Yup. I've just collected five hundred for you and five hundred for me.
L All our savings. I hope it's enough!
A No worries. We can stay with my aunt in London.
L Have you emailed her yet?
A Yes, she's just emailed back. She's going to meet us at the airport when we fly in to London from Rome.
L Fantastic. Hey, look, I've just found out the weather in Rome for next week. Hot and sunny!
A Yeah, it's going to be so good. We're going leave winter here and arrive in the middle of summer in Europe.
L What about the tickets?

- A I think we only need passports, but I've printed e-tickets. I haven't checked in online yet. You can only do that 24 hours before the flight.
L Oh Abby! I am so excited. I can't wait.

12.5 just, already and yet

- 1 Q Have you finished packing?
A No, not yet. I've only just started.
2 Q Do you need to buy a new backpack?
A No, I've already got one. I bought it last week.
3 Q Have you heard from your aunt yet?
A Yes, I've just had an email from her, but I haven't read it yet.

12.6 Europe here we come!

I'm really excited about my trip to Europe. I haven't travelled much outside Australia before. Just once, two years ago when I went on holiday to Bali with my family, but I've never been to Europe or the US. I often travel inside Australia. Last year, I flew to Perth to visit my cousin, who lives there. It's a five-hour flight from Sydney, where I live. Australia's a big country! Also, I've been up to Cairns in the north three times. I learned to scuba dive there on the Great Barrier Reef. We've just finished packing. The taxi hasn't arrived yet. We're waiting for it to take us to the airport. I've never flown on a 747 before. It's a very long flight. It takes 20 hours to get to Rome, but I'm not going to sleep on the journey – I'm going to watch films all the way. It's so exciting! I can't wait!

12.7 No, not yet!

- 1 A Have you checked your emails yet?
B Yes, I've just checked them, but there wasn't one from you.
2 A Have you had breakfast yet?
B No, I've just got up. I don't want much breakfast – just a coffee and some toast.
3 A Have you made the coffee yet?
B No, I haven't! Why don't you make it!
4 A Have you done the shopping yet?

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B No, I haven't. I don't think we need anything from the shops.

5 A Have you tidied your room yet?

B Yes, I have! It took ages! Go and look if you don't believe me!

6 A Have you taken the dog for a walk yet?

B No, I haven't. It's just started to rain.

7 A Have you met the new student yet?

B Yes, I just have. I met her on the way to school this morning.

8 A Have you finished the exercise?

B Yes, I've just finished it. Thank goodness!

12.8 Who is this famous explorer?

1 He was an Italian explorer, but it was the Spanish King who paid for his voyages. He wanted to sail west from Europe, not east like other explorers. He sailed four times across the Atlantic Ocean. During his first voyage in 1492, he landed in what we now call America.

2 He was born in Iceland. His father, Erik the Red, was also an explorer. He was the first European to discover North America many years before Christopher Columbus.

3 He was an American astronaut who became the first person to walk on the moon. He was the commander of Apollo 11 which landed on the moon on 20 July, 1969. He and his co-pilot, Buzz Aldrin, spent two and a half hours walking on the surface.

4 He was a mountaineer from New Zealand. On 29 May, 1953, he and Sherpa Tenzing were the first people to climb to the summit of Mount Everest. Some years later he went overland to the South and North Poles and so became the first person to reach the Poles and Everest.

12.9 Conversations with *take* and *get*

1 A Is it me or is this room really hot?

B It's you! Why don't you take off your jumper?

2 A Is your office near where you live?

B No, it takes a long time to get to work most days.

3 A Why was your dad so angry?

B Well, I didn't get home until after midnight last night. I was at Rob's party.

4 A Excuse me! How often are there exhibitions in the museum?

B They take place regularly, every two months. Here's an information brochure.

5 A Do you like learning English?

B It's OK, but sometimes I get really bored! It takes forever to become really fluent.

12.10 *take* or *get*?

1 The best way to get to the airport is to take a taxi.

2 How long does it take if you go by train?

3 I haven't got a camera. I always take photos with my phone.

4 Sue has taken her driving test three times, and she's failed every time.

5 Are you still getting ready? We're going to be so late!

6 The doctor told me to take it easy, if I want to get better soon.

7 It rained on the day we got married. We got very wet, but still had a great day.

8 You can't get on the bus with that big dog. Please, get off!

9 Slow down! Take your time. We're not in a hurry.

10 I get so many emails, I don't have time to answer them all.

12.11 Travel announcements

1 The 11.55 for Newcastle stopping at Peterborough, York and Darlington is now ready to board on Platform 10. There is a buffet car on this train. Please check that you have all your luggage with you.

2 This is the number 22 for Piccadilly Circus. Next stop Green Park. Stand back from the doors, please.

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3 Flight BA 1536 to New York is now ready for boarding at Gate 58. Will passengers in rows 12 to 20 please board first? Passengers are reminded to keep their hand luggage with them at all times.

12.12 Where are they?

Conversation 1

A Next please!
B A return ticket to Oxford, please.
A Are you coming back today?
B Yes, I am.
A Then you'll want a day return. That's £15.40.
B Can I pay contactless?
A Yes, of course.
B Thank you. What time does the next train leave?
A At 9.55. The platform number has just gone up on the departures board.
B Oh, yes. I can see. Thank you very much.
A Have a good journey!

Conversation 2

A Excuse me, does the number 24 go to the Natural History Museum?
B No, it doesn't. You need the 157. It stops just near the museum.
A Where can I get the 157?
B From that bus stop over there.
A And where can I get a ticket?
B There's a machine next to the bus stop.
A Oh, OK. Thanks for your help.
B Don't mention it.

12.13 We're on our way!

X = Check-in **A** = Abby **L** = Lexi
X Good morning! Have you checked in online?
A Yes, we have.
X Fine. How many suitcases have you got?
L We haven't got suitcases, just these backpacks.
X Oh, yes. Can you put them on the scales?
A Here you are ...
X They're fine. And how many pieces of hand luggage?

L Just these two bags.
X They're fine too. You board from Gate 9 at 10.20.
L Where do we go now?
X To the security check and departure gate. They're over there. Have a nice flight!
A Thanks very much. Goodbye.

12.14 A poem – Why did you leave?

When did you leave?

I left at four in the morning.

When did you leave?

When the house was asleep.

Where have you gone?

To a huge, crowded city.

Where have you gone?

To a place where no one knows me.

What did you take?

Some money. Not my mobile phone.

What did you take?

Not much. Just memories.

How did you travel?

By taxi. By plane.

How did you travel?

I travelled alone. I have always travelled alone.

Why did you leave?

Because I wanted to see the world.

Why did you leave?

Because nobody listened. No one has ever listened to me.

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Why don't they listen?

I don't know. I have never known.

Why don't they listen?

Because I have very little to say.

When are you coming home?

When I have become somebody.

Do not wait.