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1 Home and away

1.1 An email home – We're finally on Galapagos!

Hi Mum! Hi Dad!

Thanks for yours – always love news from home.

So, at last, the Galapagos Islands! A dream come true! We've been travelling for two months now – Chile, Argentina, Bolivia, Peru. It's been a-maz-ing!! Can't believe I've seen Machu Picchu and camped in the mountains of Torres del Paine! Ma – you'd go mad for the views! But the Galapagos are a different planet!

We flew to Santa Cruz last Friday – it's one of the biggest islands. And get this! This morning, we snorkelled with sea turtles! Probably the best experience of my life! Kiri and I actually swam alongside them! Also saw sea lions and their pups relaxing on the rocks – so cute! Oh – and some sharks! Don't freak, Mum! They were just babies.

Tomorrow we're taking the ferry to San Cristóbal – time to start work! Kiri's worried because she always gets seasick and it'll be a hot, cramped ride. Our work at the volunteer centre is just for one week – it's going to be mainly farm work. After that, it's on to Isabela Island. It's wildlife heaven – penguins, flamingos, pelicans, and ... coolest of all, the mega-famous giant tortoises! Can't wait to see them!

Missing you loads – but I'll be sad to leave this paradise. Definitely going to come back one day!

Love and hugs,

Nancy xxx (Kiri sends love too).

1.2 Nancy and Kiri's amazing trip!

- 1 **A** How long have they been travelling round South America?
B For two months.
- 2 **A** Which countries have they visited so far?

B They've already been to Chile, Argentina, Bolivia, and Peru.

- 3 **A** When did they arrive in Santa Cruz?
B Last Friday.
- 4 **A** What did they do that morning?
B They snorkelled with sea turtles and swam alongside them.
- 5 **A** What were the sea lions doing?
B They were relaxing on the rocks.
- 6 **A** Why are they going to San Cristóbal tomorrow?
B Because they're going to work there at a volunteer centre.
- 7 **A** Why is Kiri *not* looking forward to the journey?
B Because they're going by ferry and she gets seasick.
- 8 **A** What do they particularly want to see on Isabela Island?
B The giant tortoises.

1.3 Tyler in London

- 1 **A** Where is Tyler spending the year?
B In London.
- 2 **A** Is this his first trip abroad?
B No, it isn't. He's been abroad once before. Last year he went to Mexico.
- 3 **A** Where does Dave live?
B In North London.
- 4 **A** How long is Tyler going to stay with Dave?
B A few days.
- 5 **A** Why did the guy say 'cheers' to Tyler?
B Because he had let him pass.
- 6 **A** What does he think of his host family?
B He thinks they're very nice.
- 7 **A** What are they going to do on Sunday?
B They're going to Stratford-on-Avon, Shakespeare's birthplace.

1.4 Identifying tenses

- 1 **A** I've heard that Hannah's been seeing a lot of Patrick recently.

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B You're kidding! I thought he was going out with Sally.

A You know Patrick! I wouldn't trust him, would you? Poor Sally.

2 A Are you being served, sir?

B Just looking, thank you.

A Well, if you need any help, just call.

3 A I'll be seeing Bill this afternoon. I'll tell him the good news then.

B Actually, I'd rather you didn't say anything to him yet. It's not absolutely certain he'll get the job.

4 A Do you have any idea which address it was sent to?

B Well, she said she'd sent it to *my* address, but it never arrived.

A But you've only just moved. Maybe she doesn't have your new address.

5 A I hadn't seen her since she was a little girl, and she'd changed beyond all recognition.

B Well, 20 years is a long time. It's about 20 years since the family emigrated to Australia, isn't it?

A Yeah, and she was only five then.

6 A Nobody will believe him. He's the kind of guy who isn't believed by anyone.

B Yeah – he always talks big!

A I know. I bet he isn't really going to play for Manchester United.

7 A I haven't been told yet if I've got it. I'll be told in writing sometime next week.

B Well, good luck! I think you're perfect for the job.

A You're my mum! Of course you think that!

8 A Apparently, he was overtaking on a bend at 70 miles per hour when they caught him.

B Yeah, I heard that. He was caught by a speed camera.

A He'll probably lose his licence.

1.5 Talking about you

1 A At weekends, I often don't bother getting up till lunchtime.

B Absolutely! Why bother if you don't have to?

2 A My parents have never had a cross word all their married lives.

B Really? Mine are at it all the time.

3 A I don't think I'll ever master this new phone.

B Come on, you'll get used to it. I use mine to pay for everything now.

4 A I was saying to a friend just the other day that I hadn't seen you for ages.

B I know. How long has it been?

5 A I hate Mondays, because nothing ever goes right on a Monday.

B Only Mondays, eh? Aren't you the lucky one?

6 A I'd just arrived home last night when I realized I'd left my laptop on the bus.

B Well, you won't see *that* again.

7 A I was just getting ready to go out when my grandma rang for a chat.

B I know, and you feel really bad if you say it's a bad time.

8 A I've been told that our teacher wears purple pyjamas in bed!

B Who on earth told you that?!

9 A In my very first English lesson, I was taught to introduce myself and say 'Hello'.

B Well, in my first French lesson, I was taught to say 'The cat runs after the mouse', and other such stuff – useful, huh?!

10 A The reason I'm learning English is because it's spoken all over the world.

B True. But isn't Chinese spoken by more people?

1.6 Missing words out

1 A Heard about Jane and John? Thought not.

B What's happened? I always thought they got on really well.

A Apparently not. John's been seeing his ex-girlfriend.

2 A Leaving already? What's wrong?

B I just have a headache, that's all.

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- 3 **A** Failed again? How many times is that?
B OK, OK. There's no need to rub it in! They say the *best* drivers fail three times.
- 4 **A** Sorry I'm late. Been waiting long?
B No, I've just arrived myself. Got caught in traffic.
- 5 **A** Doing anything interesting this weekend?
B If you call housework interesting. I've just got to tidy my flat this weekend.
- 6 **A** Like the car! When did you get it?
B We've had it a while, actually. Second-hand, you know.
- 7 **A** Bye, Jo! See you later.
B Yeah. I'll be round about eight!
- 8 **A** Just coming! Hang on.
B Get a move on or we'll go without you.
- 9 **A** Want a lift? Hop in.
B Great. Can you drop me in the centre?
- 10 **A** Seen Jim lately?
B No, I haven't. I wonder what he's up to at the moment.

1.7 A short conversation

- A** Morning!
B Morning! Lovely day, isn't it? On your way to the park?
A Unfortunately not. Just off to work.
B Working on a Saturday! Shame!
A I know. Can't be helped.

1.8 The lost boy

It was late at night. We got off the train, and I was so tired that I just sat down at the train station, and I ended up falling asleep.

It was a very scary place to be. I do not think any mother or father would like to have their five-year-old wandering alone in the slums and train stations of Calcutta. I was scared. I didn't know where I was.

I accepted that I was lost and that I could not find my way back home, so I thought it was great that I was going to Australia.

I multiplied the time I was on the train – about 14 hours – with the speed of Indian trains, and I came up with a rough distance – about 1,200 km. When I found it, I zoomed down and *bang* – the waterfall where I used to play!

The last time I saw her she was 34 years old and a pretty lady. I had forgotten that age would get the better of her. But then I recognized her and I said, 'Yes, you are my mother.' She grabbed my hand and took me into her house. She could not say anything to me. She had a bit of trouble grasping that her son, after 25 years, had returned. She had long feared I was dead.

A month after I had disappeared, my brother was found in two pieces on a railway track. We were extremely close. When I left my mother to return to Tasmania, I was heartbroken knowing that my older brother had passed away.

1.9 Things I miss from home

Brenda

There's only one thing I really miss about where I come from, and that's the sea. I'm originally from Yorkshire and, er, although I came to live here in Germany 30 years ago, I still miss the north-east coast of England. Erm – there's just something about the sea. Where I live now, there's a river and there are some nice walks along the banks. It's lovely, but it's not the same. The – the thing about the sea is that it changes all the time, not just every day but every *time* of day. In my hometown, when the tide comes in, the water comes right up to the road, and then, when it goes out, there's just miles and miles of sand. It can take an age to walk to the sea. It's a source of amazement to me every time I see it.

Shona

Er, the thing I miss about Scotland is probably the weather, believe it or not! Up there, the air is quite crisp and clear and the temperature is cooler. I find

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here in Madrid ... erm ... it can be very hot and very humid in summer, and a little bit sticky as well, and then it can be really very cold in winter. I was surprised at how cold. Back home, they think it's always lovely and warm in Spain.

Martin

All right, well, um, I've been living in France for the last 25 years and I suppose the things I miss most about Britain, is ... well ... first of all the obvious things, like every Brit living abroad ... er ... I miss some typical English foods. For me, that means curry, wine gums, erm, digestive biscuits, brown sauce, porridge, and of course good old warm English beer.

Erm ... what else do I miss? Socially, oh, a lot ... I miss meeting friends in pubs. I miss the chat, the banter, just the way that people talk to each other ... I miss ... I miss that sparky British humour on a day-to-day basis.

On a ... on perhaps a more serious note, I miss having a vote. In Britain, you lose your vote once you've been out of the country for more than 15 years – and I didn't even get a vote in the referendum. And because I haven't taken French nationality, I don't have a national vote here. So, I don't get to vote anywhere these days. I guess that's one of the things I miss most.

Oliver

So, things that I miss about the UK. The first would be bread. The bread here in the States seems to stay too fresh for a long time. And it doesn't actually make particularly good toast. And being British, you know, toast is an important thing.

And then, of course, there's work. I've found working in the US surprisingly different from the UK. In the US, it's very important to be very upbeat and positive about what you can do. Which, you know, is true to a certain extent in the UK, but I think in the UK, it's kind

of 'OK – be good at what you do, but just get on with it.' Over here, you're kind of expected to be a salesman, like you should be selling yourself and your abilities. I guess, in a way, the Brits are just a bit more modest at work. And I kind of like that modesty. I'm not particularly good at selling myself, I just like to get on with my job, and I don't feel the need to tell everyone how good I am. But that's kind of the way of things over here.

Artem and Dasha

- D** Erm ... one thing I miss is the food, all the seasonal products and the enjoyment of going to the farmers' market to buy goat's cheese from a lady that your grandma has known since you were little.
- A** That's right. Apricots, melons, tomatoes just don't taste right in this country!
- D** Yeah, and it seems that the most tasteless fruit here is a watermelon. I keep buying them, but every single one is a disappointment. I'll always miss the watermelons we used to get from the south of Ukraine.
- A** Hmm, that's true. But it's not the food I miss most – it's the language, *my* language. There is nothing quite like walking along the street and feeling like you are part of something bigger than yourself ... hearing your own language. I always – I always feel a bit ... erm ... a bit insecure when it's *not* my language. I think ... I think I'm ... I'm missing something. It's hard to explain.
- D** Mmm, I know what you mean. Another thing I find hard is being away from home on our national holidays. We make much more of things like that in Ukraine. Er, you just don't get the same feeling here of people coming together to celebrate in the streets.
- A** Yes, it's not the same.

Carter

I live with my dad on the east coast, but I visit my

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mom in Florida lots of times a year. And the one thing I miss is my drums. I'm in a rock band, but I can't travel with my kit, so I have to leave it at home. It's like torture; I can't wait to get home to Dad's, sit at my drums, and get playing again. My mom says I miss them more than I miss her.

1.10 Compound nouns with *house* and *home*

- 1 **A** Do you think you could possibly water my houseplants for me? I'm away on business for two weeks.
B No problem. I'd be glad to. I'll keep an eye on your whole flat if you like.
A That would be great.
B Don't worry, I know how house-proud you are. I'll make sure everything stays clean and tidy.
A I'll do the same for you any time, you know.
B Thanks.
- 2 **A** Julie, have you heard? Anna's just been made managing director of the UK branch of her firm, so she's coming back from the States!
B Oh, that's great news. Let's give her a spectacular homecoming party when she gets back from New York. Hmmm. She's certainly the career girl of the family.
A Doing really well, isn't she?
B I know, and I'm happy for her. Me? I'm just a housewife. Four kids, homemade cakes and home-grown vegetables!
A And how *are* my wonderful grandchildren?
- 3 **A** We're having a housewarming party on the 12th. Can you come?
B Yeah, you bet! We'd love to! But I didn't know you'd moved.
A Yeah, two weeks ago. It's much bigger than the old one. Huge kitchen and three big bedrooms.
B Sounds great.
A Yeah. Mind you, there's much more housework to do!
B That's a drag!
- 4 **A** Mu ... u ... um? Mu ... u ... um, I want to come

home. I don't like it here.

- B** Oh, Max. Come on now. You were so looking forward to going to scout camp.
- A** But ... but Mu ... u ... um, I hate it here. Why won't you and Dad come and get me?
- B** Max, we can't. I never thought you'd be so homesick, and you'll be home in two days.
- A** Two more days! Oh, no!
- 5 **A** Hey, you going to Carly's on Saturday?
B I dunno.
A It's a free house. It'll be great.
B Cool. Where are her parents, then?
A Carly says they're visiting her grandma – she's sick and housebound so they have to go and help.
B OK. Count me in. I'll be there.

1.11 Casual conversations

- 1 **A** Great to see you. Come on in.
B I was just passing and I thought I'd drop in.
- 2 **A** Excuse me, don't I know you from somewhere?
B No, I don't think so.
- 3 **A** What d'you mean, you're not coming?
B Well, I just don't feel up to going out tonight.
- 4 **A** I think I'll have the chocolate mousse. What about you?
B Let me see. No, actually, I don't think I'll bother with dessert.
- 5 **A** My flatmate can't make your party.
B Really? That's a shame. I was hoping to meet her.
- 6 **A** How come you're not having a holiday this year?
B We just can't afford it.
- 7 **A** You really should take it easy. You look stressed out.
B That's as may be, but we have a lot on at work at the moment.
- 8 **A** I've got you the last two tickets for the show.
B Great stuff! I knew you'd swing it for us.

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1.12 Excuse me, is this yours?

- A** Excuse me, is this yours?
B Oh – let me see. Yes, it is. Thank you. I must have dropped it.
A Are you going far?
B Yeah, all the way to London. What about you?
A I'm getting off at Bristol.
B Oh, d'you live there?
A Actually, no. I work in Bristol but I live in Bath.
B Lucky you! I think Bath's a beautiful city!
A Yeah, you and thousands of others!
B What d'you mean?
A Well, you know, the tourists. There are so many, all year round.
B Ah yes, that's a drag. You don't like tourists, then?
A Well, I shouldn't really complain.
B How come? You can complain if you want.
A I can't. Not really – you see, I'm a travel agent so I make a living from tourists!

1.13 I was just passing

- 1 A** Tony! Hi! Great to see you.
B Well, I was just passing and I thought I'd drop in and say 'Hello'.
A Come on in! Have a drink!
B You sure? You're not too busy?
A Never too busy to talk to you.
B Thanks Jo. It'd be really nice to have a chat.
A Great! Oh, let me take your coat.
2 A Excuse me, don't I know you from somewhere?
B No, I don't think so.
A Weren't you at Gavin's party last week?
B Not me. I don't know anyone called Gavin.
A Well, someone who looked just like you was there.
B Well, that's as may be, but it certainly wasn't me.
A I am sorry!

2 The ends of the earth

2.1 Two women sailors

Jeanne Baret, French circumnavigator, 1740–1807

Jeanne Baret was the first woman to circumnavigate the globe – but she had to do it as a man.

She was born in France in 1740, to a peasant family. She loved plants, and became a self-taught expert on them, working as a herbalist.

In 1767, the French government sent two navy ships to look for new lands, and needed an assistant to the chief botanist Philibert Commerson. Commerson wanted to take Baret, but women weren't allowed in the navy. So, Baret dressed as a man, called herself 'Jean' instead of 'Jeanne', and was given the job.

After crossing the Atlantic, she sailed around South America and discovered many new plants, including Bougainvillea. It was named after the captain of the ship, Louis de Bougainville.

She did hard physical work, just like the rest of the crew, but some of the men were suspicious because 'Jean' never washed or used the toilets with them. On Tahiti, a native recognized that she was a woman, and told the other sailors. She left the ship at the next stop, Mauritius, because she no longer felt safe on a ship full of men.

She married a French sailor on Mauritius, and returned to France six years later, in 1774, completing her seven-year voyage around the world. She died in 1807, aged 67.

Riikka Meretniemi, Finnish circumnavigator, born 1977

Riikka Meretniemi is an IT professional, but since 2016 she's been sailing around the world with her husband, Tuomo ('the captain'), and their three

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children ('the crew'): Aare (7), Kerttu (5), and Martta (3).

They aim to visit 75 countries in 75 months. They set out from Turkey two years ago and sailed around Europe, and they've already crossed the Atlantic to Barbados. They've just passed through the Panama Canal, and have recently been sailing down the coast of Ecuador.

They haven't just been having exciting adventures. As well as being in charge of navigation and food, Riikka has also been teaching the children. She and Tuomo want to show how digital distance-learning can bring education to children in remote parts of the world.

She's been downloading educational programs and games and she's also been teaching the kids about marine conservation projects, and has shown them the problem of plastic pollution.

Of course, it's an education for Riikka, too! They've already visited over 20 countries, and she's met a lot of native people, such as the Kuna Indians on the San Blas islands of Panama. She's seen killer whales and dolphins – hundreds of dolphins! – and also turtles, iguanas, stingrays, and lots of wonderful birds.

2.2 Riikka and family

- 1 She's been watching out for hurricane warnings.
- 2 They've sailed through the Panama Canal.
- 3 The kids have used 3,000 sheets of drawing paper.
- 4 She's baked ten birthday cakes on board.
- 5 They've been using sail power most of the time.
- 6 They've been stung by jellyfish four times.

2.3 Questions and answers

Jeanne Baret

- 1 **A** When and where was she born?
B In 1740, in France.
- 2 **A** How did she get a job in the navy?
B By dressing as a man.

- 3 **A** Which plant did she discover?
B Bougainvillea.
- 4 **A** Why did she leave the ship?
B Because she felt unsafe.
- 5 **A** Who did she marry?
B A French sailor.

Riikka Meretniemi

- 6 **A** Which canal has she just sailed through?
B The Panama Canal.
- 7 **A** Where has she been sailing recently?
B Down the Ecuadorean coast.
- 8 **A** What has she been taking care of?
B The kids' education.
- 9 **A** What has she been teaching them about?
B Marine conservation projects.
- 10 **A** Has she seen a lot of wildlife?
B Yes, including killer whales and dolphins.

2.4 Doing the bucket list

1 Helen

They've always fascinated me, so a couple of years ago, I booked a trip to the north of Norway, and stayed in a treehouse, well, er ... a kind of ... tree-hotel really, and went sledding with husky dogs – that was actually three bucket list items in one trip for me! And ... I did worry beforehand about whether I'd actually get to see them – I mean, it's difficult not to, when you go all that way, pay all that money, and ... well, it's very possible they won't show up at all while you're there. So ... when we got there, um, it was so cold! I know that sounds silly, going up to the Arctic Circle and complaining about it being cold, but oh, I've never experienced cold like that before – it was -25! But ... anyway ... it was worth it, because, well, the first two nights were disappointing, nothing, but then, I felt so lucky ... I saw them the next *two* nights! And they really are so, so beautiful – an amazing shimmering curtain that goes from a greeny to a kind of purpley-red colour. And, an interesting thing is that, er, not everyone hears it, but they make a sound as

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well, a sort of buzzing noise. It's the most incredible experience I've ever had – life-changing, really – it filled me with awe and wonder about the universe.

2 Keith

I've been thinking of doing it for years now, cos I know they're short of people, and, well, I'm glad I've finally done it. And it was an interesting experience! I was anxious on the way there, because ... well, you hear stories of people passing out, which would be so embarrassing, and, you see, I am a bit squeamish! So ... I thought of turning back at one point, but in I went, and, well, it was fine. They took a tiny drop first, for testing – I wanted to make the classic joke and say, 'Is that it? Can I go now?!' And, er, then they put one of those things on your arm, like when you have your blood pressure checked, and look for a vein. I looked away at that point – I mean, why would anyone want to see the needle going in?! It's fine when it does, it's just a short, sharp pain, and then they leave you while the machine takes it out. I didn't want to watch the bag filling up either, because, you know, three quarters of a pint does look like a lot of blood to lose! So, I closed my eyes and waited for the beeping sound when the machine's finished. It was about eight minutes, but it seemed *much* longer. And then of course, I got tea and biscuits! And, er ... I think I'll do it again, because, well, it has made me feel better about myself!

3 Judy

I've always fancied the idea, so when our hotel in Spain said they could organize it, and it was pretty cheap, I went for it! It was cancelled first time, cos of the wind, which was a drag, but the weather was fine two days later. I was really nervous before take-off – that's the worst bit really, cos, well, it's the last chance to say 'I've changed my mind, can I get off?', and, well ... part of me really wanted to do that – I was like, 'Why am I *choosing* to fall to the ground at

180 km an hour?!' Still, once we were off, it was easier, although the seven-minute climb seemed to last *for-e-ver*! And getting to where you jump out was freaky, cos, I mean, I'm used to walking down the aisle on planes, but it's a shock to see this, like, massive hole where the door usually is! But, we jumped straight out, and ... well, you get 60 seconds of freefall, and that is totally amazing! It's, like, a massive rush of air and the ground is, like, spinning, and ... I literally forgot to breathe! And then your shoulders suddenly get pulled back as the chute opens, and then – it's suddenly really quiet, and you're floating through the sky. It's an incredible feeling, as if you've escaped your life completely. So ... would I do it again? Hell yeah, I definitely will! It's made everyday life seem a bit dull!

2.5 *make or do?*

- 1 When you go for a job interview, it's important to make a good impression.
- 2 I think we're all tired, so can I make a suggestion? How about a break?
- 3 A lot of research has been done into the causes of cancer.
- 4 Italy's an important market for us – we do a lot of business there.
- 5 I know you don't like my mother, but you could at least make an effort to be nice to her!
- 6 We need to have this room painted by lunchtime, so we should make a start now.
- 7 I don't mind if we go by train or bus. It makes no difference to me.
- 8 Could you do me a favour, and lend me £10?

2.6 Expressions with *make* and *do*

- 1 Restaurant reviews can do a lot of damage. They can make or break the business, particularly if it's in one of the big newspapers.
- 2 We'll never make the airport in time. We're doing about 10 miles an hour in this traffic. I think there must be a big accident up ahead.

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- 3 **A** What do you do for a living?
B I'm in PR. I do interviews and make speeches, especially when the company's had some bad publicity.
- 4 **A** We'll have to do even more overtime.
B Well, that does it! I'm going to resign. I'm sure I can find a job with better working hours.
- 5 **A** Can we make the cake with this plain flour?
B Yeah, that'll do fine. We just need to add some baking powder.
- 6 **A** I hear you've done a Spanish course!
B Yes. I can just about make myself understood now. We'll see when I'm in Madrid next week!
- 7 **A** So, the boss said you'd done a great job!
B Yes. It really made my day. And maybe that promotion I want is looking more likely!

2.7 Phrasal verbs with *make*

- 1 Thieves broke in to the gallery and made off with three priceless paintings.
- 2 Jake's parents are always buying him toys. They're trying to make up for not spending enough time with him.
- 3 What do you make of Carol's new boyfriend? I quite like him.
- 4 I don't believe his story. I think he made the whole thing up!

2.8 Phrasal verbs with *do*

- 1 I'm thirsty. I could do with a cup of tea.
- 2 We've bought an old farmhouse. We're going to do it up over the next few years.
- 3 I think we should do away with the Royal Family. They're useless and expensive.
- 4 I could never do without my personal assistant. She organizes everything for me.

2.9

- 1 I'll never forget my trip to Giza, and getting my first sight of the pyramids. They stand just on the edge of the desert, taking you back to the time of the

pharaohs. But they're surprisingly near to modern buildings, too. I kind of expected them to be right in the middle of nowhere.

- 2 It's a brilliant city. We did a city tour on the first day to get a feel for the place, starting at the Reichstag. There's a viewing terrace right at the very top of the building, where you get incredible views of the surrounding area. Er, we stayed in what was the east side of the city. And, even though it's been unified since 1989, there's still a different feel to east and west.
- 3 We were staying on the outskirts of the city, so we only had a day for sightseeing. We began at the Capitol Building and walked the two miles to the Lincoln Memorial at the other end of the Mall. It's kind of a national park with gardens and lots of important museums, like the National Museum of American History.
- 4 I wouldn't have missed it for the world. It really is one of India's must-see destinations. It's a magnificent white building, right on the banks of the river, so you get wonderful reflections in the clear water. We also spent some time in Jaipur – I loved the colourful streets in the very heart of the Old City.

3 The kindness of strangers

3.1 The bee professor

- 1 **A** Why *did* Dr Alsous leave his country?
B Because war broke out.
- 2 **A** What had he been doing at Damascus University?
B He'd been researching bees.
- 3 **A** What happened to his beehives?
B They were all destroyed.
- 4 **A** Why did he go to England?
B Because his daughter, Razan, had already moved there.
- 5 **A** Where was Razan living when he arrived?
B In Huddersfield, in the north west.

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- 6 **A** Why couldn't he find a job as a beekeeper?
B Because he was overqualified.
- 7 **A** How was he helped to start a business?
B A lady from Manchester gave him a beehive.
- 8 **A** When and why did he launch the Buzz Project?
B He launched it last year to train refugees and the unemployed in beekeeping.

3.2 Bees, cheese, and refugees!

- 1 Dr Alsous left his home after war broke out.
- 2 His daughter had moved to England a few years before him.
- 3 When he arrived to join her, she was just starting her cheese company.
- 4 Posting on Facebook didn't help him find any work.
- 5 He was helped by a kind lady who gave him a beehive.
- 6 He launched the Buzz Project because he wanted to help people like himself.
- 7 He was interviewed by the BBC because of the project.
- 8 Razan won the World Cheese Award in 2017.

3.3 Heartwarming stories

AIRPORT SECURITY OFFICER'S ACT OF KINDNESS

Canadian artist Maudie Gaouette had forgotten the airport rules about taking liquids onto the planes. So, when she got to airport security, she was forced to give up all her painting supplies. However, when she returned a week later, a security officer was waiting for her in the baggage area with her paints. Not only had he kept them safe for her, he'd also looked up her return date so he could meet her. Maudie was amazed.

£5 NOTES HIDDEN IN BOOKS

Chris Topping, from Liverpool, England, had been browsing through some children's books in his local Waterstones bookshop when, in the pages of one, he came across a £5 note and an anonymous message.

'Hi, if you find this money then know the universe is smiling at you. Have a great day!' Chris said the note had made him smile, so he used the money to buy sandwiches and drinks for some homeless people he'd seen on the street. He hoped that would please the anonymous donor.

NO PARKING TICKET FOR SICK BABY'S MUM

A new mum in Canberra, Australia, had been staying in hospital with her sick baby boy. She returned to her car after being discharged and discovered that she had been given a parking ticket. But, when she opened the envelope on her windscreen, she discovered a note from a kind lady called Laura. Laura had seen the ticket and written, 'I'm sure whatever you were going through in hospital was tough enough, so I've paid it for you. Hope things get better!'

BUS LIFTED BY 100 LONDONERS

A crowd of Londoners worked together to lift up a double-decker bus when a cyclist had become trapped beneath it. Amazing pictures on YouTube showed about 100 commuters in east London lifting the huge number 212 bus, when Anthony Shields had been hit and knocked off his bike. Anthony spent a month in hospital, but has now recovered completely. He said he was 'moved to tears' when he watched the video of his rescue.

3.4 Giving and reacting to news

- A** Did you hear about those amazing London commuters?
- B** No, what did they do?
- A** Well, apparently, they lifted a double-decker bus.
- B** They did what?! You're kidding?
- A** No, they really did.
- B** That's amazing! But, why? Was it a competition?
- A** No, no, not at all. What happened was, a cyclist

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had been knocked off his bike and he had fallen under the bus!

B Oh no! Was he injured? Did he die?

A He was badly injured, but he survived. He's very grateful.

B I bet he is! What number bus was it?

A Why's that important? If you must know – it was the 212.

B Oh, well, it's nice to know there are a lot of kind people in the world. How many were there?

A It says here about 100.

B Good for them!

3.5 *The Clinging Woman*, Part 1

P = presenter, **N** = narrator

P It's five to midnight. And tonight we begin our new bedtime story. It is by that famous crime writer and author of many psychological thrillers, Ruth Rendell – one of her best-known short stories ... *The Clinging Woman*!

N *The Clinging Woman*. Part 1.

The girl was hanging by her hands from the railings of a balcony. The balcony was on the 12th floor of the high-rise block next to his. His flat was on the sixth floor and he had to look up to see her. It was half-past six in the morning. He had been awakened by the sound of an aircraft flying dangerously low overhead, and had got out of bed to look. His sleepy gaze, descending from the blue sky which was empty of clouds, empty of anything but the bright vanishing arrow of the aircraft, alighted – at first with disbelief – on the hanging figure.

3.6 *The Clinging Woman*, Part 2

He really thought he must be dreaming, for this sunrise time was the hour for dreams. Then, when he knew he wasn't, he decided it must be a stunt. This was to be a scene in a film. There were cameramen down there, a whole film unit, and all the correct safety precautions had been taken. Probably the girl

wasn't even a real girl, but a dummy. He opened the window and looked down. The car park, paved courts, grass spaces between the blocks, all were deserted. On the balcony rail one of the dummy's hands moved, clutching its anchorage more tightly, more desperately. He had to believe then what was obviously happening – unbelievable only because melodrama, though a frequent constituent of real life, always is. The girl was trying to kill herself. She had lost her nerve and now was trying to stay alive. All these thoughts and conclusions of his occupied about thirty seconds. Then he acted. He picked up the phone and dialled the emergency number for the police.

The arrival of the police cars and the ultimate rescue of the girl became the focus of gossip and speculation for the tenants of the two blocks.

Someone found out that it was he who had alerted the police and he became an unwilling hero. He was a modest, quiet young man, and, disliking this limelight, was relieved when the talk began to die away, when the novelty of it wore off, and he was able to enter and leave his flat without being pointed at as a kind of St George and sometimes even congratulated.

About a fortnight after that morning of melodrama, he was getting ready to go to the theatre, just putting on his overcoat, when the doorbell rang. He didn't recognize the girl who stood outside. He had never seen her face.

She said, 'I'm Lydia Simpson. You saved my life. I've come to thank you.'

3.7 *The Clinging Woman*, Part 3

N = narration, **P** = presenter

N She said, 'I'm Lydia Simpson. You saved my life. I've come to thank you.'

His embarrassment was acute. 'You shouldn't have,' he said with a nervous smile. 'You really shouldn't. That's not necessary. I only did what

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anyone would have done.'

She was calm and tranquil, not at all his idea of a failed suicide. 'But no one else did,' she said.

'Won't you come in? Have a drink or something?'

'Oh, no, I couldn't think of it. I can see you're just going out. I only wanted to say thank you very, very much.'

'It was nothing.'

'Nothing to save someone's life? I'll always be grateful to you.'

He wished she would either come in or go away. If this went on much longer the people in the other two flats on his floor would hear, would come out, and another of those bravest-deeds-of-the-year committee meetings would be convened. 'Nothing at all,' he said desperately. 'Really, I've almost forgotten it.'

'I shall never forget, never.'

Her manner, calm yet intense, made him feel uncomfortable and he watched her retreat into the lift – smiling pensively with profound relief. Luckily, they weren't likely to meet again. The curious thing was that they did, the next morning at the bus stop.

P And there we leave the story for today. Tune in tomorrow at the same time to find out what happens next. In the meantime, goodnight to you all.

3.8 Asking about a book

1 A Who wrote it?

B Ruth Rendell. Her books are really thrilling. Have you read any of them?

2 A What kind of book is it?

B It's a psychological thriller. I love thrillers and all crime fiction. What's your favourite kind of book?

3 A What's it about?

B It's about a psychologically disturbed young girl and her relationship with a shy young man who saves her life. It's quite scary. I think you'd like it.

4 A Where and when is it set?

B It's set in modern-day London – it's very up-to-date. I like books or films set in places I know.

5 A Who are the main characters?

B A girl called Lydia, and a young man. He's her neighbour and it's strange because he is never named. I think this makes the story even more scary and fascinating.

6 A Has it been made into a film?

B No, it hasn't. But other stories by the same author have been adapted both for film and TV. She had a whole series called Ruth Rendell Mysteries on ITV.

7 A How does it end?

B It has quite a shocking end. This quiet, shy young man does something quite out of character. I'm not going to say what. Read it and find out!

8 A Would you recommend it?

B Yes, I would – absolutely. It's a real page-turner. I couldn't put it down. You'd love it. It's a good holiday read.

9 A What were the reviews like?

B Most said it was a great read. The *Daily Telegraph* critic said that Rendell's a better writer than Agatha Christie!

3.9 Kate Adie, CBE, BBC journalist

Kate Adie, CBE, is an English journalist. She worked for the BBC for 14 years as their Chief News Correspondent, and she currently presents 'From Our Own Correspondent' on BBC Radio 4. In this programme, journalists and writers from all over the world take a closer look at the stories behind the headlines.

Kate herself has travelled widely in her career. She became well known as one of the first British women journalists to face extreme danger in warzones around the world. Her most memorable reports include the Gulf Wars and Belfast during the troubles. Her bestselling autobiography is called *The Kindness of Strangers*.

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Welcome, Kate. What I'd really like to know is why you called your autobiography *The Kindness of Strangers*.

3.10 Interview with Kate Adie

KA = Kate Adie, I = interviewer

KA I think a lot of people think the world is an alien and rather frightening place, I could even say that perhaps the kind of reporting I've done has reinforced that, having been to quite a lot of the difficult, violent, and sometimes rather risky situations, which I'm afraid human life throws up. But I take the opposite view: even in the worst of situations people show extraordinary resources of concern, friendliness, and kindness. In the middle of a riot, someone will help you; in a strange place where you don't even know a word of the language, a kind person will give you a helping hand. I'm an optimist: I'm someone who believes that there's more good than bad in the world.

I That's very refreshing to hear, especially these days with every single thing you ever hear is a down and about ghastliness and horrible people.

KA One of the biggest stories I did was a massacre, where an army opened fire on unarmed people, students and ordinary citizens, without good reason – purely because the old regime disliked protest – and terrible things happened in the night in June. I was there as a reporter alongside a lot of others, but the night it happened, the midnight when the tanks came in, we went out, my crew and I, and we saw people shot round us. How we weren't shot is a matter of pure luck, and time and again, people grabbed hold of our arm, waved to us, beckoned, hid us behind a wall, shouted warnings, which we didn't understand but knew the secret police were after us or there was a tank coming. And these people shielded us, helped us, and on two occasions actually beat off the police, from attacking us and taking our cameras. I owe my lives to these unknown people. I mean, that is

the extreme of kindness. So you get this kind of behaviour and it's happened to me in all the worst of places.

I So, give us ... give us another example, of ... of some kindness of strangers during your career.

KA I was in the Gulf War. I was with 48,000 men of 7th Armoured Brigade in the British Army in the middle of a desert and I was the only woman, and they were great towards me, tolerating the only woman who was in the frontline troops. And there was a lot of pressure and a lot of extraordinarily vicious, misogynistic press at home about 'What's that woman doing there?' – so, I felt quite a lot of responsibility. I found myself in a tent one day and they were throwing gas at us and ... I was very bothered and an older officer came up to me and he just said very quietly, 'Don't worry, we'll get you through it, you're not going to fail. We're going to make sure you can do it.' It was wonderful – it was just what I needed. I thought, 'Oh, I'm not on my own' and – and it was wonderful, and it's that sort of little remark that got me through.

I Fantastic!

KA And another moment I remember – at three one morning I was in Belfast during a major riot during the troubles, and there was everything coming downing the road – sticks, rocks, bricks, rubber bullets – and everybody was very bad-tempered. And I stepped backwards and I fell in a hedge, in the dark! And – never fall in a privet hedge, in the dark, because you can't get out – I completely panicked and I entwined with the privet hedge and was stuck there – and I heard a window above me, above the sound of everything that was going on, squeak open, and there was a habit sometimes of attacking people, by pouring boiling water on them, that happened sometimes in the midst of the trouble and I thought, 'What next?' I was frozen, and a voice from the window said 'You're down there, you want a cup of tea?'

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I Have you encountered the kindness of strangers outside your professional life?

KA If a correspondent is resident in a particular country for a long time, they become much more conscious of what everyday life is like and people are just like them – have trouble paying their bills, complain about the bus service, and cannot, cannot get through the bureaucracy of their government. We all go through so many of the same things and underneath the weirdness, the difference, the language, the climate, all of this – there's a very common thread and often it's kindness.

I Hm, that's so lovely to hear. And, tell me – since writing that book, is your optimism still there, do you still feel that you are surrounded by the kindness of strangers, or do you have a pessimism about the way that mankind is going in their relationships with each other?

KA I'm afraid I have a hard-headed, historical view of that, and that is that war and conflict have been part of humankind and nature. There are major wars and territorial battles happen with almost every creature on this earth – so, you have to be an optimist that we can find a way through it. I'm not a pessimist about it, I'm still very hopeful. I'm aware that smart philosophers will tell you today that the idea of us all getting more tolerant is probably not entirely natural. That we go two steps forward and one step back. If you look back two thousand years or more, you hope that we have the brains and education and technology now to keep it getting better for the large number of people. But you've got to have your fingers crossed and you've got to work at it.

I Well, on that optimistic and kind note, Kate Adie, thank you very much indeed.

KA Thank you.

3.11 Showing interest and surprise

A Jade's got a new boyfriend.

B Has she? Good for her!

A Apparently he lives in a castle.

B A castle? How amazing!

A Yes. She met him in Slovenia.

B Did she? That's interesting.

A Unfortunately, he can't speak much English.

B Can't he? Well, as long as he can say 'I love you'.

3.12 Echo and reply questions

1 A Sam wants to apologize.

B Does he? Why?

A Well, he's broken your mother's Chinese vase.

B My mother's Chinese vase? Oh, no!

2 A We had a terrible holiday.

B Did you?

A Yes. It rained all the time.

B Did it? How awful!

A Yes. And the food was disgusting!

B Was it? What a disaster!

3 A I'm broke.

B Are you? How come?

A Well, I had a £500 vet's bill for my dog.

B £500? Poor Ziggy! What happened?

A He was attacked by another dog in the park.

B Another dog? Where was the owner?

4 A It took me three hours to get here.

B Three hours? But it's only ten miles.

A Yes, but there was a huge traffic jam on the motorway.

B Was there? That's awful!

A We didn't move at all for two hours!

B Didn't you? I bet you were really fed up.

5 A I'm on a mountain, watching the sun set.

B Are you? How lovely.

A It is. And I've got something to ask you.

B Have you? Is it important?

A Yes, you see ... I'd like to marry you.

B Marry me? Wow! How romantic!

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4 A pack of lies

4.1 White lies

- a** Truth is, I was with my mates watching the football, and it went to extra time, and penalties! But I can't tell my girlfriend – she'll be furious. She once told me that I love football more than her.
- b** I don't usually pull sickies, but, honestly, I can't cope with another day of stress in that office right now. I need a break, and it's not as if I don't deserve one – I've been working weekends for ages.
- c** Oh, I hate lying to him, but it's nothing serious. There's this new guy in the office who has a massive crush on me – it's very sweet. And I can't tell Nick cos he gets jealous so easily.
- d** I hate it – it looks like a wig! But I don't want to tell her because she's new, and very nervous. She's trying so hard, and I don't want to wreck her confidence. I'll get it cut properly somewhere else later.
- e** Aaargh! I completely forgot to email it to him! But I can't admit that. He's the boss and he's so unforgiving – he doesn't tolerate mistakes and I don't want to lose my job.
- f** Actually, it hurts like hell seeing Suzi with someone else, but I'm not telling Emily – she's a real gossip. She'll tell everybody, and Suzi too.

4.2 Questions

- 1 A** Who has left this light on all night?
B Oh, sorry, it was me. I thought I'd switched it off.
- 2 A** How often will we need to change the battery?
B About every six months.
- 3 A** Have you any idea who this text is from?
B It says D, with a kiss. It must be Deirdra. Or it could be Diana.
- 4 A** Do you know what time the match is on?
B I think it starts at 7.30.
- 5 A** Haven't we seen this film before?

B I think you may be right. I remember how it ends.

- 6 A** Have you seen what Keri has done with her hair?

B Yes! I think it looks quite nice!

4.3 Negative questions – stress and intonation

- 1 A** Don't you like pizza?
B No. Not everybody likes it, you know!
- 2 A** Don't you live near the park?
B Yes, I do. I go running there most days.

4.4

- 1 A** Don't you like ice cream?
B Oh, I do, but I'm on a diet!
- 2 A** Haven't you got a smartphone?
B No, this one just makes calls and texts, and I'm fine with that.
- 3 A** Can't you swim?
B No, they never taught us at school, and I'm a bit scared of water.
- 4 A** Didn't you watch the match last night?
B No, we had our anniversary meal. I've got it recorded though.
- 5 A** Isn't it your birthday next week?
B Yes, but I'm keeping it quiet. It's a big one – too big!
- 6 A** Didn't you work in Berlin once?
B Yes, I was there from 2015 to 2018. I loved it there!
- 7 A** Don't you play the piano?
B Yes. I'm not very good though – I make a lot of mistakes!
- 8 A** Haven't you got twins?
B Yes, that's right. They're three now, so it's still very hard work!

4.5 Hypocritical Hugo

Hi, I'm Hugo. Let me tell you about my lifestyle and beliefs. I used to be a vegetarian, but now I've gone completely vegan – it's so much healthier! I've given

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up alcohol, too – I feel much better for it, and I find it such a bore now, being with people who drink.

I'm very aware of my carbon footprint, so I don't own a car – I cycle everywhere, rain or shine, or I use public transport. And I'm such a technophobe! I got rid of my phone ages ago – it feels so liberating. I mean, it's laughable to watch how people are glued to their screens all day – total addicts. I never watch TV either, and I hate social media – it's all so trivial!

I'm an atheist, because I think religion is a way of brainwashing people, and it always seems to lead to wars – I'm a total pacifist, obviously. And it goes without saying that I'm an anti-royalist! What a waste of taxpayers' money that whole charade is!

4.6 How come?

- 1 Why is he eating bacon if he's a vegan?
- 2 How come he's eating bacon? He's a vegan!
- 3 Why has he got a Royal Wedding mug if he's an anti-royalist?
- 4 How come he's got a Royal Wedding mug? He's an anti-royalist!

4.7 What a hypocrite!

- 1 If he's a vegetarian, how come he's eating bacon?
- 2 If he's vegan, how come he's drinking cow's milk?
- 3 If he's a teetotaler, how come there's a half-empty bottle of wine on the table?
- 4 If he doesn't own a car, how come there's a car key on the table?
- 5 If he's a technophobe, how come he's got an iPhone?
- 6 If he never watches TV, how come there's a massive TV in the living room?
- 7 If he hates social media, how come Facebook is open on his phone?
- 8 If he's an atheist, how come he's wearing a cross?
- 9 If he's a pacifist, how come he's a member of a gun club?

- 10 If he's an anti-royalist, how come he's got a Royal Wedding mug?

4.8 Asking for more information

- 1 **A** Can I have a word with you, please?
B What about?
- 2 **A** Could you give me a lift?
B Where to?
- 3 **A** I got a lovely email today.
B Who from?
- 4 **A** I bought a lovely birthday card yesterday.
B Who for?
- 5 **A** I need £5,000, urgently.
B What for?
- 6 **A** I'm really worried.
B What about?
- 7 **A** We're going on holiday next week.
B Where to?
- 8 **A** I spoke a lot of English yesterday.
B Who with?

4.9 Guilty secrets

P = presenter, J = Jane, K = Kevin, M = Maggie

- P** So, it's that time in the Wednesday show when we have our regular slot called 'Confessions', when listeners can finally confess to a guilty secret that's been nagging away at their consciences, and see if listeners think they can forgive them. First up is Jane, from York. Jane, what do you want to get off your chest?
- J** Good afternoon, Simon. OK ... when I was 17, I had a Saturday job waitressing at a local restaurant. This restaurant had a famous speciality, an incredible fish soup – it was made to a secret recipe. I'd been given a little to try once, and it really was delicious. And, one night, when a table ordered this speciality, I was called by the chef to collect it from the kitchen. It smelled absolutely fantastic, and I was starving because I hadn't eaten before my shift, so my mouth really was watering. Now, between the kitchen and the

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restaurant, there was a small corridor, which wasn't visible from the kitchen or the dining area, and, well, the temptation was too great. I balanced the heavy soup dish in one hand, and with the other, I put a spoonful of soup into my mouth. What I hadn't considered was that the soup would be scalding hot! There I was in the corridor, wanting to scream, but I couldn't make any noise. It felt like the boiling liquid was peeling the skin away from the roof of my mouth and I was in agony, but I couldn't swallow it, it was so hot. I was terrified that someone might catch me, so I did the only thing I could – I spat the soup back into the dish. Then I heard footsteps from the kitchen, so I put my shoulders back, walked confidently out into the restaurant, and started to serve the soup to the poor unsuspecting diners, who had no idea that there was a little extra ingredient amongst the mussels and monkfish. I ask forgiveness for my dreadful deed. I learned my lesson and never did it again!

P Eurgh! Well, we all have our suspicions about what goes on in restaurant kitchens. And I guess the diners didn't really suffer – as they say, what you don't know can't hurt you! Right, our next caller is Kevin, from London. What have you got to confess, Kevin?

K Thanks, Simon. Well, I'm a lifelong Tottenham Hotspur fan, and a few years ago I found myself in the unfortunate position of marrying into a family of diehard Arsenal supporters – it shows just how much I love my wife Anyway, one Saturday afternoon, not long before Christmas, I was relaxing at home, watching the football results on TV, while my then-four-year-old daughter was at the other end of the sofa, doing her colouring-in book. She suddenly looked up at me and said, 'Daddy, what football team do you support?' So I told her, Tottenham Hotspur, and her next words made my blood run cold. 'Really? I

support Arsenal.' I was horrified. I knew she didn't really know what she was talking about, and it was probably just something that my father-in-law had got her to say, but you never know, these things can get fixed very early, and the idea of my darling daughter becoming an Arsenal fan – that would be my worst nightmare! So, without really thinking, it just came out, I said, 'Oh well, that's a shame, because Father Christmas doesn't come to children who support Arsenal.' My daughter looked at me in horror, and I realized the full weight of what I'd just said. The natural thing to do at this point would have been just to give her a hug and tell her that Daddy was only joking, but, it shames me to say, I gave her a hug and told her not to worry – all she needed to do was become a Spurs fan, and I would ring Father Christmas and she'd be back on his list. She's a teenager now, and she won't remember it, fortunately, but I would still like to beg forgiveness from my lovely daughter for behaving like a four-year-old myself, and for any sleepless nights I may have caused her.

P Well, I'm glad your little girl isn't scarred for life. And is she a Spurs fan now?

K She's not remotely interested in football, actually.

P Ha! Well, you probably put her off! And so, to our last caller. It's Maggie from Cambridge. What's your guilty secret, Maggie?

M Hello there. Right, er, when I was an au pair working in France, I used to travel there by coach and ferry. It was quite a long and difficult journey, and I preferred to travel at night and try to sleep most of the way. Usually, I was lucky enough to sit next to someone who, like me, just wanted to get some shut-eye. But, on one particular occasion, I found myself squashed into a seat with a large, very chatty, and rather smelly man. I politely engaged in conversation, saying very little, in the hope that he would eventually give up, but he

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didn't – he went on and on about his boring job. Finally, between Calais and Paris, the coach stopped at a service station, and most of the passengers got off to stretch their legs. I got off, and after walking around for a while, I was one of the last to get back on the coach, and ... there was no sign of my neighbour. When the driver got back on, he asked if everyone was back on board, and, er, I found I just couldn't speak – I said nothing. I told myself that maybe he'd only been going this far anyway – it was a desperate attempt to feel less guilty, I know, but as we drove off into the night, I looked out of the window and saw the man running across the car park, waving frantically. I never even attempted to get the driver to stop. When I got off the coach in Paris in the cold light of dawn, I disappeared before the driver realized that the man wasn't there, because I knew he'd ask me why I hadn't said he was missing. So, I don't know if I can be forgiven for leaving a poor man stranded in a foreign motorway service station in the dead of night. I've been haunted by the vision of him running after us ever since.

P Oh dear. Well, let's wait for some calls and texts to see what the listeners think about that. Steven, from Chester, what do you ...

4.10 Saying the opposite

- 1 **A** Barry's a very successful businessman, isn't he?
B Yeah, but he's a complete failure as a father. He never sees his kids.
- 2 **A** My grandad's so generous! He gives me a £20 note every time I see him.
B Lucky you! My grandad's famous for his meanness. A fiver every birthday, if he remembers.
- 3 **A** Well, Henry, I'm pleased there's been some improvement in your behaviour this term, but unfortunately your work has got worse.

B It's not fair, sir. You never say anything encouraging about my work.

- 4 **A** The word 'literally' is so overused these days! People drop it into every sentence!
B Yeah, and they don't just use it too much – they misuse it, with a totally wrong meaning!
- 5 **A** Don't worry, I'm confident the jury will find you not guilty.
B They'd better! I'm completely innocent!

4.11 Not exactly ...

- 1 **A** This hotel room is tiny!
B Yes, it's not exactly huge, is it?
- 2 **A** This party's so boring!
B Well, it's certainly not the most exciting party I've been to.
- 3 **A** This bread is stale!
B Mmm, it's not exactly fresh, is it?
- 4 **A** Tony's so stingy, isn't he?
B Well, he's not the most generous person I know.
- 5 **A** That exam was hard, wasn't it?
B It certainly wasn't the easiest we've had.
- 6 **A** This steak is so tough!
B It's not exactly tender, is it?

4.12 Being polite

- 1 Where's the station?
Could you tell me where the station is, please?
- 2 Have you got change for a ten-pound note?
I'm sorry to bother you, but could you possibly change a ten-pound note?

4.13 Which is more polite?

- 1 **a**
A Would you mind if I opened the window?
B I'd rather you didn't, actually. It's not exactly boiling in here.
- 1 **b**
A Can I open the window?
B No, I'm cold.

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2 a

A Can you come to our barbecue next Saturday?

B No, I can't.

2 b

A Can you come to our barbecue next Saturday?

B Oh, sorry, I'm afraid I'm away all next weekend.
What a pity!

3 a

A Can you help me carry this box upstairs?

B Yeah, if you want.

3 b

A Could I ask you a favour? Would you mind giving me a hand carrying this box upstairs?

B No, not at all. I'd be happy to help.

4 a

A Excuse me. Do you think you could turn your music down a bit?

B I'm so sorry. I didn't realize it was so loud. I'll turn it down right away.

4 b

A Can you turn your music down?

B Yeah, all right.

5 a

A Can you check my CV for me?

B Sorry, too busy.

5 b

A Could you possibly have a look at my CV and see if you think it's OK?

B I'm afraid I haven't got time at the moment. Is there anyone else you could ask?

4.14 Saying 'no' politely

1 A Do you think you could check my homework?

B I'm afraid I haven't got time right now. Could you ask me later?

2 A Would you like me to give you a lift?

B That's very kind of you, but my girlfriend's picking me up.

3 A I wonder if I could have a word.

B I'm really sorry, but I'm just about to go to a meeting.

4 A Would you mind if I put some music on?

B I'd rather you didn't, actually. I've got a headache.

5 A I wonder if you could look after my dog on Saturday afternoon.

B I'd love to, but I'm going away this weekend.

6 A Do you happen to know where the toilet is?

B I'm afraid I don't. Try asking that man over there.

7 A I could make you something to eat if you like.

B It's OK, thanks. I've already eaten.

8 A Would you mind lending me a fiver?

B I would if I could, but I haven't got any money on me.

4.15 *Bon appetit*

G = Gavin, C = Camila, S = Sophie, H = Henry

G Camila! Hello! Come on in. Let me take your coat.

C Thanks so much. Oh, these are for you.

S Ah, what lovely flowers! Thank you – that's very kind of you! Now, I'd better get on with preparing dinner.

C I could help if you like?

S Thank you, but there's no need – it's nearly ready. But first let me introduce you to Henry. Henry, this is Camila.

H Hello, Camila. Nice to meet you. I've heard a lot about you.

C Oh, I hope it was all good!

H Of course! So, where exactly are you from, Camila?

C Well, I'm Argentinian. I was born in Buenos Aires, but I've been working in the US for the last couple of years.

H That's interesting. And what are you doing in London?

C Work, I'm afraid. Actually, I'm on my way to Amsterdam for a conference, and I thought I'd stop over in London to see Sophie and Gavin. We used to work together in New York.

H Really? I didn't know that.

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- ...
- G** Now, Camila. Would you like me to get you a drink?
- C** Oh, could I have a glass of red wine? No, sorry, I'll have a glass of white, if that's OK.
- G** Absolutely. I'll just get that for you.
- C** Thanks.
- S** Right, everybody! Dinner's ready! Come and sit down. Camila, could you sit over there, next to Henry?
- C** Yes, of course.
- G** Has everyone got a drink? Great. Cheers, everybody!
- C** Cheers! It's great to be here.
- S** Camila, help yourself. Would you like some cheesy parsnips?
- C** Cheesy parsnips? I don't think I've ever heard of them. What are they?
- S** Well, they're parsnips coated in parmesan cheese and roasted. Would you like to try some?
- C** Well, that sounds very interesting, but I won't, thanks. I'm not keen on parmesan when it's cooked.
- G** Some more wine, perhaps?
- C** No, I'm fine, thanks. But do you think I could have a glass of water?
- G** Yes, of course. Sparkling or still?
- C** Er, just tap water will do. That's great. Thanks a lot.
- H** Well, *bon appetit*, everyone!

5 A future perfect?

5.1 Who is speaking?

- 1** I can't believe it! I did really well in my exams and I got into my first choice university – Birmingham. I'm going to study law with business studies. The course lasts four years. The thing I worry about is the debt I'll have at the end of my studies.
- 2** I play rugby for my school most Saturdays in winter. This week, we're playing against another

local school – we're great rivals, so it'll be a mega exciting game. My dad and my grandpa are coming to watch. My mum isn't – rugby's not really her kind of thing. Kick-off is at 11 o'clock.

- 3** We're having a baby ... due in eight weeks. It's our first, so we're very excited and a bit worried, but I know Lucy'll be a great mum. I hope I'll be an OK dad. We know it's a boy, so we're going to call him Sebastian.
- 4** Well, now we're retired we're going to travel the world! We're off to Sri Lanka for three weeks – our flight leaves at two o'clock this afternoon. This time tomorrow, we'll be sunning ourselves on a tropical beach. It'll be the holiday of a lifetime.
- 5** I've started my own business with a friend: Dan. We're going to work day and night to make it successful! Things will be tough for a few years. We're not going to have any holidays. I've set myself this goal – before I'm 30 I'll have made my first million.
- 6** I work for the tech company Bitnami. And next week I'm off to San Francisco. I'm going to work there for a couple of years. I'll be earning twice as much as I earn here, so I'll be able to rent somewhere nice to live, and by the time I return home I'll have saved enough to buy my own place.

5.2 Questions and answers

- 1** **A** Where are Ted and Pamela going?
B Sri Lanka.
A What will they be doing at this time tomorrow?
B They'll be sunning themselves on a tropical beach.
- 2** **A** What is Francesca going to study?
B Law and business studies.
A How long does her course last?
B Four years.
- 3** **A** Who will be coming to watch Jason?
B His father and grandfather.
A What time does the match start?
B 11 o'clock.

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- 4 **A** Why is Asha going to San Francisco?
B Because she's going to work there.
A Why will she be able to buy her own place?
B Because she will have saved a lot of money in the US.
- 5 **A** Why are Lucy and Mark excited?
B They're going to have their first baby.
A What does Mark hope?
B He hopes he'll be a good father.
- 6 **A** What is Jonathan going to do to ensure success?
B He's going to work very hard.
A What's his ambition?
B He wants to have made £1 million by the time he's 30.

5.3 Forming questions

- 1 **A** What is Francesca worried about?
B The amount of debt she'll have.
- 2 **A** Why is Jason's match going to be very exciting?
B Because the teams are great rivals.
- 3 **A** What are Lucy and Mark going to call the baby?
B Sebastian.
- 4 **A** What time does Ted and Pamela's flight leave?
B Two o'clock.
- 5 **A** Are Jonathan and Dan going to have any holidays?
B No, they're not. It's all work, work, work!
- 6 **A** How much will Asha be earning?
B Twice what she's earning now.

5.4 This is your captain speaking ...

Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome aboard this Virgin Atlantic flight to Boston. In a short time, we'll be taking off. Our flight time today will be approximately six and a half hours, and we'll be flying at 37,000 feet at a cruising speed of 575 miles per hour. We'll be coming in over the coast of Newfoundland before heading down to Boston. We arrive in Boston at about 20.45 US time.

The cabin crew will be serving an evening meal during the flight. If you need any assistance, just press the call button and a flight attendant will come to help you. In case of turbulence, will you please keep your seatbelt fastened when in your seat?

...

In a few moments' time, the cabin crew will be giving out landing cards for those who need them.

In 20 minutes, we will be landing at Boston Logan airport where the temperature is a chilly 5° Celsius. Please put your seats in the upright position and remain seated until the plane comes to a complete standstill. We hope you have enjoyed your flight with Virgin Atlantic.

5.5 Holiday plans

- A** Where are you going on holiday this year?
B The South of France. We always go to France.
- A** Lucky you! When are you going?
B End of July – when the school holidays begin.
- A** Oh yes! How are you getting there? Are you flying or going by Eurostar?
B Neither – we'll be driving as usual. We always drive – we take the dog.
- A** Driving with three children and a dog! I don't envy you. The roads will be really busy in July.
B I know. I'm not looking forward to the journey.
- A** Are you staying in a hotel?
B Well, we'll be staying in a hotel overnight on the way down, but we're camping this year.
- A** Camping! Will you be taking your own tents?
B No – we're heading for a campsite – it has chalets and all mod cons.
- A** I've heard French campsites are really good. What will you all be doing there?
B There's loads to do. We'll be swimming and we'll go canoeing, and I'll be relaxing, when the kids let me.
- A** Make sure you do! How long are you away for?

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B Two weeks.

A Well, have great time! Maybe I'll have booked my holiday by the time you're back. We haven't decided where to go this year. But we won't be camping!

5.6 What do you think?

1 Do you think you'll ever get a promotion?

I hope so.

I might one day.

It's possible, but I doubt it.

I'm sure I will.

I'm sure I won't. My boss doesn't even know my name.

2 Are you going out tonight?

Yes, I am.

I think so, but I'm not sure.

I might be.

You bet! I'm meeting the guys at the pub.

3 Do you think the world's climate will change dramatically in the next 50 years?

I don't think so.

I hope not.

Who knows? Maybe.

I'm convinced it will. All the experts say so.

5.7 'The future of the future'

P = presenter, **TH** = Timandra Harkness, **LJ** = Leo Johnson, **AL** = Angela Lucy

P This is the BBC. Welcome to the podcast of Future Proofing, the BBC Radio 4 series exploring ideas that will shape the future. In this episode, presenters Timandra Harkness and Leo Johnson explore 'The future of the future'.

TH Have you ever been to a fortune-teller before?

LJ Sure.

TH OK. Are you ready, Leo? Are you ready to find out your future?

AL Hello, everyone.

TH Hello.

AL Come on in.

TH Thank you.

AL Hi, nice to meet you. I'm Angela Lucy, the Tarot card reader. I'm gonna hand you the cards. These are bigger than regular playing cards and there's more of them.

TH My question is ...

AL OK, I'm picking up the deck and ...

TH Where should I live?

AL First card is 'The Three of Swords'. It means physical separation from somewhere. Even if you find the wonderful place in London, it's like you wanna leave anyway. OK. Let's see if you move to: 'the most wonderful place in the world: New York City.' WOW! The card that I get is called 'The Fool'. It means the leap of faith.

TH It doesn't ... it doesn't mean that it will be a foolish decision?

AL No, you are required to take the leap. Now, going to New York City, looks like you take the leap. That's how you get the good stuff.

TH This is so conclusive, I'm starting to suspect you're paid by some New York estate agent ... real estate agency to lure BBC presenters to move to New York.

AL Yes, we want all the BBC people to come to America.

LJ Do the cards that tell us the future.

AL OK – what is the future? The future of the future is people trusting their own intuition more. Trusting it and acting on it.

TH That goes against what a lot of people are saying: that we're moving away from trusting our own intuition and judgment and moving towards looking to technology and data and ... machines predicting things for us.

AL Oh – but don't you think that's part of your intuition? That's just facts and information coming in a different way, enhancing your intuition.

TH So, d'you think it is overstated, this idea that we will put more and more of our trust in the

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machines and less trust in ... our own judgment?

AL Yeah, I think so overstated. Those tools are just tools.

5.8

AT = Astro Teller, LJ = Leo Johnson

AT My name is Astro Teller and I am the Captain of Moon Shots.

LJ As Captain of Moon Shots for Google's company 'X', Astro's job is to think the unthinkable. And seek solutions to global problems.

AT The future will be moving faster than today. The rate of change that we will experience five years from now will be higher than the rate of change we experience today. There are kids going to college right now, where the first job they will have out of college doesn't even have a name on the day they start college.

LJ The way you look at the future, how do you reckon that might be different from your grandma, your grandpa?

AT My grandparents at least saw the future primarily as an issue of legacy – preserving the world for future generations.

LJ And how do you think your kids, your grandkids, will think of the future?

AT My grandchildren, as they *will* live in a world in which the change is happening faster, they will feel more like surfers on a wave, than trying to get their feet firmly planted on the ground ...

LJ So, we're these, these rooted beings, these trees, these turnips, with our roots going deep ...

AT Oh come on, I said surfers, that was a much more positive lyrical vision than turnips!

5.9

MN = Matt Novak, TH = Timandra Harkness

MN Hi Timandra, how you doing?

TH So you're speaking to us from Australia but on New York time, is that correct?

MN More or less – yes.

TH You are talking to us then literally from the future.

MN My name is Matt Novak. I am the editor of Gizmodo's Paleofuture Blog, which takes a look at past visions of the future. There's sort of this myth that the future is happening quicker than it's ever happened, and this sort of grew out of visions of the future from the 70s, and then even before that, you know, there were people at the turn of the 20th century who would often believe that the future was happening much, much too quickly. And that's a product of age in my opinion; I think that people as they get older believe that the future is happening much more quickly.

TH So you don't think it is happening much more quickly?

MN No, not at all. The smartphone took about a decade to go from about 5% adoption rate to 50% in the United States. That is longer than it took for TV to do the same thing in the United States; from the late 40s to the mid 50s, it went from about 5% of Americans having TV to 60%.

TH So would you say we're moving into the future at about the same speed that we were in the 1950s?

MN For sure. There are products that change the world and technologies that change the world, like the Internet, but you have to remember that the first host to host Internet connection was in 1969 – but it literally took decades of building the infrastructure before most people got online.

TH Why do people have this perception that the future is happening quicker?

MN Older people feel as if time passes faster.

TH Do generations since the 1960s have a different relationship with technology?

MN Maybe, but I think that generations since the 1960s are simply more spoiled. If you look at the technological advances of the turn of the 20th century, I mean, electric light alone – I mean, think about what electrification of the home did in the 1920s to radically change people's lives. The

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thing that may have changed in the 1960s was people recognizing the connections between these technological advances and consumer goods. People who were born at the end of the 19th century and lived till the 1960s saw just as much radical change as people who were born in the 60s to today.

5.10

AR = Alexander Rose, LJ = Leo Johnson

AR My name is Alexander Rose. I am the Executive Director of The Long Now Foundation and I'm the Project Manager for the 10,000 Year Clock Project. If your present were to include the last and the next 10,000 years, you would act very differently than if your present only includes today.

LJ So, tell us about The Clock. Why 10,000?

AR Well, 10,000 years, this is when humans really started being a technological species. You know, our fundamental desires are actually pretty much the same, and it's a question about if that will be the same in another 10,000 years.

LJ What are our fundamental desires?

AR Food, shelter, family, having a better life for your kids than you had for yourself – all of those things.

LJ What does the future mean to you?

AR How you pass information to another generation. There's this notion that the past is always better than the future, that there's a good-old-days and the future is much scarier. Why do we constantly discount that future and think that it's worse when all evidence shows us that the future has always been better, and the past has always been worse, but that's not how we think about it?

5.11 Expressions with *take* and *put*

1 The wedding is going to take place in an old country church. It's lovely, but it's miles away. It takes ages to get there.

2 My son spends hours each day playing video games. I don't know how I can put a stop to it.

- 3** Please don't take offence, but the colour of that dress doesn't suit you at all.
- 4** I told you that boy was no good for you. Why didn't you take my advice and have nothing to do with him?
- 5** The older you get, the more you have to learn to take responsibility for your own life.
- 6** My boss is putting pressure on me to work extra hours, but I won't. I don't want to.
- 7** I tried to get the teacher's attention, but she took no notice of me at all. She just ignored me.
- 8** You need to stop being so defensive and learn how to take criticism.

5.12 Phrasal verbs with *take* and *put*

- 1 A** I expect the stores will be taking on a lot of extra staff during the sales.
B I hate the sales. It's such a scrum, no matter how many people they employ.
- 2 A** The news was such a shock to me, I couldn't take it in at first.
B Why? What on earth happened?
- 3 A** The business really took off after the new manager took over.
B I know. A good manager makes all the difference to a company.
- 4 A** You called me a liar. How dare you! Take that back and say sorry!
B I will not! You did lie! That chocolate was meant for me!
- 5 A** Why don't we put some music on? What would you like?
B Something to help us relax. It's been a long day.
- 6 A** The disgusting smell of the cheese put me off eating my sandwich.
B I like smelly cheese – 'specially with fruit – a ripe peach or nectarine, but not in a sandwich.

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- 7 **A** Could you put away all your clothes, please?
Your room's a total mess.
B Not now, Mum! I'm in the middle of a game. I'll do it later – promise!
- 8 **A** There was a fire in the factory. It took nearly 50 firefighters to put out the blaze.
B Goodness! Was anybody hurt?

5.13 Starting phone calls

- 1 **A** Hello. ABC Logistics. Kathy speaking. How may I help you?
B Hello, could you put me through to Katya Hantelmann, please?
- 2 **A** Hello, Dave! Good to hear you! How are you?
B Hi, Penny. Not bad. Busy, busy, busy... but life's like that. How are things with you?
A Oh, you know, usual family stuff. We've all had the flu, and Mike's away on business, so I've got to do the lot – the school run, shop, cook, clean, and get to work. It's great! How's everything with you and your lot?
B Pretty much the same – the kids have all had flu. We're hoping to get together with you soon. When's Mike back?
A Tomorrow – thank goodness! How's Sophie's mum, by the way?
B Oh, she's a lot better, thanks. Really on the mend now. So, why don't we meet up in the next few days ...?
- 3 Welcome to National Phones. To help us improve our service, please be aware that some phone calls are recorded for training purposes. Please select one of the following options. For customer services, press 1. To update your account or for billing enquiries, press 2. To request a brochure or hear about the latest special offers, press 3. To hear these options again, press the hash key. To speak to an operator, please hold.

5.14 Calling customer services

Thank you for calling Fast Response Credit. Our priorities are service, quality, and customer satisfaction. To help us deal with your call more efficiently, please select one of the following options. To update your account details, press 1; to check your balance, press 2; to report a lost or stolen card, press 3; to request a statement, press 4; to leave a voice message, press 5. For all other enquiries, please hold and you will be connected to an operator.

We are currently experiencing unusually heavy call volumes. You may experience a delay of up to five minutes. Please hold and you'll be connected to an operator shortly.

Your call is important to us. Please continue to hold. Alternatively, please submit your query online at www.fastresponse.com.

Thank you for calling Fast Response Customer Services Department. All our lines are now closed. To speak to an operator, please call Monday to Friday, between 8.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m.

5.15 Trying to end a phone call

- A** So, Barry, it was good to talk to you. Thanks for calling.
B My pleasure. By the way, how's your golf these days? Still playing?
A No, not much. I just don't seem to find the time these days. Anyway, Barry ...
B What a shame! You used to enjoy it so much.
A It's true. Right, Barry, I must fly. I'm late for a meeting.
B OK. Don't want to keep you. So, you'll give me a call when you're back, right?
A I certainly will. And you'll email me a copy of the report?
B It'll be with you first thing tomorrow.
A That's great, Barry. Have a good weekend! Now, I really must ...

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B Same to you, Andy! Bye! Oh, did I tell you...

A Bye, Barry. Tell me next time.

6 Making it big

6.1 Elon Musk

Elon Musk was born in 1971, in South Africa. Few facts are known about his early life, but it clearly wasn't happy. His parents divorced when he was ten, and Elon lived with his father. It seems there was a lot of harsh discipline around, and hardly any love, and he was also bullied at school. He thinks all of these difficulties made him strong, however, and worries that his children don't have enough struggles in life!

Elon left South Africa in 1989, to avoid doing military service for the apartheid government. He graduated in physics and economics in the US, and started a PhD in physics, but dropped out after only a couple of days. The Internet was booming, and Elon wanted to seize the endless opportunities it offered. In not much time, he made \$187 million from founding and selling Zip2, which produced online city guides, and PayPal. He used the money to fund the ventures closest to his heart – alternative technology, and space travel.

Musk's car company, Tesla, makes electric cars that all fanatics would desire – the Roadster sports model can accelerate from 0 to 60 miles per hour in 3.7 seconds. His company SpaceX successfully launched its Falcon 9 rocket in 2012. There are quite a few private rocket enthusiasts, but Musk's rockets were the first to dock with the International Space Station. In 2018, a bigger rocket, the Falcon Heavy, took a Tesla Roadster into space! The two types of Falcon rocket are reusable – every rocket booster can land and be used again.

Musk currently has six companies on the go, and numerous projects, including artificial intelligence, solar energy, and a new tunnel-boring machine (that

idea came while he was stuck in traffic). His tunnelling company is called The Boring Company.

6.2 How much or how many?

- 1 **A** How much money have you got on you?
B About 30 euros.
- 2 **A** How many cups of coffee do you drink a day?
B Too many! About five or six, usually.
- 3 **A** How many times have you been abroad?
B Oh, about ... ten, I think.
- 4 **A** How much time do you spend watching TV?
B Not that much – apart from Netflix binges!
- 5 **A** How much salt do you put on your food?
B I don't put any on – I know how bad it is for you!
- 6 **A** How many pairs of jeans do you own?
B Just these. Oh, and an old pair I'd never go out in!
- 7 **A** How many books do you read in one year?
B Probably three or four – sometimes all on one holiday!
- 8 **A** How many films do you see in a month?
B It depends on what's out – sometimes none!
- 9 **A** How much exercise do you do every week?
B I go for a run two or three times a week.
- 10 **A** How many languages do you speak?
B Three – Spanish, English, and a little Greek.

6.3 Informal expressions of quantity

- 1 There's no need to rush. We've got bags of time.
- 2 Let Peter pay for the meal. He's got loads of money.
- 3 I've got zillions of ideas for future projects!
- 4 We've got heaps of food for the party – don't buy any more.
- 5 When our daughter comes home from university, she always brings piles of washing.
- 6 I've got umpteen jobs to do this afternoon.
- 7 I've got tons of things to tell you about!
- 8 There were hordes of people in the supermarket today.

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9 I can't come out at the weekend. I've got masses of homework to do.

6.4 /'prəʊgres/ or /prə'gres/

- a 'progress pro'gress
- b 'import im'port
- c 'decrease de'crease
- d 'increase in'crease
- e 'export ex'port
- f 'record re'cord
- g 'refund re'fund
- h 'produce pro'duce
- i 'permit per'mit
- j 'transport tran'sport
- k 'insult in'sult
- l 'protest pro'test

6.5

- 1 Scotland imports a lot of food from other countries. Its exports include whisky and beef.
- 2 I'm pleased with my English. I'm making a lot of progress.
- 3 Unfortunately, there's been an increase in the number of unemployed.
- 4 Fortunately, the crime rate has decreased significantly.
- 5 How dare you call me a cheat! What an insult!
- 6 I'm going on a protest march against student fees.
- 7 I'll record the lecture on my phone, so I can listen to it later.
- 8 The trains were cancelled, but I got a refund on my ticket.

6.6 What part of speech?

- 1 in'valid
- 2 de'sert
- 3 'object
- 4 mi'nute
- 5 'present
- 6 re'fuse
- 7 con'tent

- 8 'invalid
- 9 'refuse
- 10 ob'ject

6.7 Answer the questions

- 1 **A** What does UFO mean?
B Unidentified Flying Object.
- 2 **A** What's the Sahara?
B A desert.
- 3 **A** What do you get on your birthday?
B Presents!
- 4 **A** What are pages 2 to 5 in this book?
B The contents pages.
- 5 **A** How do lawyers in court say they disagree?
B I object!
- 6 **A** What's another way of saying out-of-date?
B Invalid.
A And rubbish?
B Refuse.
A And very small?
B Minute.
A And a written agreement?
B A contract.
A And satisfied?
B Content.

6.8 What are they advertising?

P = presenter, S = Sarah, D = daughter, F = father

- 1 **Ahem!** Everyone! Welcome! We're gathered here today, in the presence of others, to marry Tony and Helen. Helen, do you take Tony to be your husband? Just nod. Tony, do you take her?
- 2 **P** *Sarah is five and this is her favourite playshirt. It's pink with fluffy yellow ducks. Sarah loves her playshirt.*
S It's my favourite.
P *And she wears it to play in the garden.*
S Look what I've found, Mummy!
- 3 Bonjour, ladies and gentlemen. I am Pascal, your guide on this tour of Paris. ... ing for the city's

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famous river. I'm sure that none of you are ...
sane.

- 4 Hi, Sue. Met you last night. Just wondering if you, er, want to meet up sometime. Erm, I'm going away soon, so maybe it could be soon. Er, don't want to sound too keen!
- 5 D Well, Dad, I've decided which new car I'm getting.
- F It's all right for some. When I was your age...
- D ... you counted yourself lucky to have a bike.

6.9 Radio ads

V = vicar, T = Tony, P = presenter, S = Sarah, M = mother, TG = tour guide, M = man, D = daughter, F = father

- 1 V Ahem! Everyone! Welcome! We're gathered here today, in the presence of others, to marry Tony and Helen. Helen, do you take Tony to be your husband? Just nod. Tony, do you take her?
- T I w ...
- V Lovely, lovely. Rings. Oop! Leave it! Kiss! Lovely. Husband, wife. Wife, husband. Right. You're married. Job's a good 'un. I'm outta here.
- P Come to IKEA after work. But don't rush! We're open till 10 p.m. weeknights.
- 2 P Sarah is five and this is her favourite playshirt. It's pink with fluffy yellow ducks. Sarah loves her playshirt.
- S It's my favourite.
- P And she wears it to play in the garden.
- S Look what I've found, Mummy!
- P And you wash it at low temperature. And she wears it to play in the garden.
- S Mummy! Look what I've made!
- P And you wash it. And she wears it to play in the garden.
- M Sarah! What on earth ...?
- P And after a while, the dirt builds up, so the pink isn't quite as pink, and the yellow ducks aren't as fluffy. New System Sudso Automatic can help. Its advanced formula can remove ground-in dirt even

at low temperatures. So the pink stays very pink, and the fluffy yellow ducks are happy again. Wash ...

- S Mummy! Look what I've made!
- P After wash ...
- S Look what I've found, Mummy!
- P After wash.
- M Sarah! Don't you dare bring that in here!
- P New System Sudso Automatic. It's all you could want from a powder.

- 3 TG Bonjour, ladies and gentlemen. I am Pascal, your guide on this tour of Paris. ...ing for the city's famous river. I'm sure that none of you are ... sane.
- Now, on the left, you'll see Notre Dame. What's that, sir? Yes, you are ... a hunchback.
- And, for the ladies at the front, you are ... so hideous gargoyles. Ooh, ha ha!
- And so to the Louvre. That's right, madam ... you are ... possibly the world's most-famous ... moaner.
- P Don't let the wrong batteries spoil your day. Use Duracell Ultra, our longest-lasting batteries.
- 4 M Hi, Sue. Met you last night. Just wondering if you, er, want to meet up sometime. Erm, I'm going away soon, so maybe it could be soon. Er, don't want to sound too keen! Not that I'm not keen, cos I am. Well, you know, within reason. Anyway, maybe lunch, or maybe just a drink? Not that you shouldn't do lunch, I mean, you're not fat, er, you're not fat at all actually, you've got a great, erm ... Not that that's important, it, it's personality that counts. Erm, anyway ...
- P Have a break. Have a KitKat.
- 5 D Well, Dad, I've decided which new car I'm getting.
- F It's all right for some. When I was your age ...
- D ... you counted yourself lucky to have a bike.
- And that was second-hand.
- F Now, well, that's where you're wrong, Miss

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Smartypants. I was going to say that when I was 22, I couldn't even have afforded to insure a new car.

D Neither can I.

F Well, don't expect me ...

D ... and I don't have to. Cos all new Ford Escorts now come with one year's free insurance, for anyone between 18 and 80. Which rules you out, anyway.

P See your Thames Ford dealer now, as offer ends soon. Free insurance, subject to age and status.

F Just like your mother. Always have to have the last word.

D No I don't.

6.10 Business expressions and numbers

1 A OK. We have a lot to get through, so shall we get down to business?

B Yes. The first thing on the agenda is our latest restructure.

2 A Could I speak to someone who deals with refunds?

B Yes, that'll be Mr Soames. Who shall I say is calling?

3 A Could you put me through to Conrad Jones, please?

B I'm afraid he's unavailable at the moment. Shall I ask him to call you back when he's free?

4 A Could you give me last month's sales figures?

B I'm afraid I don't know them off hand. Bear with me a moment while I look them up.

5 A What kind of price did you have in mind? I could offer 2,000.

B I was looking for 3,000, but I could meet you halfway and do 2,500.

6 A Is there any leeway on the July deadline?

B No, sorry, that's a deal breaker for me. I can't budge on that.

7 A I'm afraid something's come up and I can't make our meeting on the ninth.

B That's OK. Let's go for the following week. Is Wednesday the 13th good for you?

8 A I'd like to make a complaint. The parts we ordered two weeks ago still haven't arrived.

B I'm sorry to hear that. If you give me the details, I'll look into it and get back to you.

9 A If you have any questions, I'd be happy to answer them now. Patrick?

B Yes, could you just run through the relocation timetable again?

10 A Here's the invoice number you need. It's ... oh-four-one-oh-one-nine-five-double oh-six-four.

B OK, I'll just read that back to you. That's zero-four-one-zero-one-nine-five-zero-zero-six-four.

6.11 Numbers

a 375 1,250 13,692 23,806 150,000 5,378,212

b $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{2}{3}$

c 3.142, 0.05, 0.05, 4.3%, 355 ml, 355 ml, 10.5 m

d 11th of September, 2001, February the 3rd, 1980, the 22nd of November, 1786, August the 14th, 1902

e 12.00 p.m., 12.00 a.m., 14.05, 22.30

f 0775 360722, 0800 664733, 0990 21 22 23

g 2–0 (football), 30–0 (tennis)

7 Let there be love!

7.1 We can work it out (1)

Conversation A

A I think you should swallow your pride and forgive and forget.

B Never! I will not.

A You'll have to in the end. You can't ignore each other forever.

B I might forgive him, but I can never forget.

A It must be possible to talk it over, and work something out.

B Oh dear! I just don't know what to do for the best.

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Conversation B

- A** What the ... where d'you think you're going?
B What d'you mean?
A Well, you can't turn right here.
B Who says I can't?
A That sign does, mate. 'No Entry.' Can't you read?
B I couldn't see it, could I?
A You should get your eyes tested, you should.
 You're not fit to be on the roads!

7.2 We can work it out (2)

Conversation A

- A** If I were you, I'd swallow my pride and forgive and forget.
B Never! I refuse to.
A You'll have no choice in the end. You won't be able to ignore each other forever.
B Maybe I'll forgive him, but I'll never be able to forget.
A Surely it's possible to talk it over, and work something out.
B Oh dear! I just don't know what to do for the best.

Conversation B

- A** What the ... where d'you think you're going?
B What d'you mean?
A Well, you're not allowed to turn right here.
B Who says it's not allowed?
A That sign does mate. 'No Entry.' You ought to be able to read that.
B It's impossible to see.
A You'd better get your eyes tested, you had. You're not fit to be on the roads.

7.3 The secret!

- A** You won't tell anyone, will you?
B Of course I won't.
A He mustn't find out. You really can't tell a soul.
B Trust me, I'm your brother. I won't say a word. I promise.
A But I know you. You're bound to tell someone.

- B** Look, I really can keep a secret, you know. Oh, but is it OK if I tell Claire?
A That's fine. She's invited too. What do you think I should wear?
B You're asking the wrong person, but, if I were you, I'd buy something new and expensive. It's not every day you give a surprise party for your husband.

7.4 But you promised to!

- A** I don't know if I can play this evening.
B But you have to! You promised to!
A Yeah, but I'm not allowed to go out on weekday evenings. My parents won't let me, not during my exams.
B Why don't you tell them that you're coming over to my house to do some revision?
A But somebody might see me playing and tell them. You'd better find somebody else.
B There is nobody else. We'll just have to cancel the match.

7.5 Related verbs

- 1 I'll be able to take you to the airport after all.
- 2 Is it OK if I make a suggestion?
- 3 You're allowed to smoke in the designated area only.
- 4 If I were you, I wouldn't wear red. It doesn't suit you.
- 5 You are required to obtain a visa to work in Australia.
- 6 It's always a good idea to make an appointment.
- 7 You're bound to pass. Don't worry.
- 8 You aren't permitted to walk on the grass.
- 9 I didn't manage to get through: the line was engaged.
- 10 I refuse to discuss the matter any further.

7.6 Signs

- 1 Children have got to have an adult with them all the time.

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- 2 You don't have to show ID to vote here.
- 3 Only people who are using the gym can park here.
- 4 If you can't come to your appointment you should ring and cancel it.
- 5 Visitors can use this car park, but they're not allowed to park overnight.
- 6 If there's a fire, everyone should gather here.
- 7 You don't have to pay to enter on Sundays.

7.7 An exciting phone call

Isabel, hi!

...

You've got to talk to me – about what?

...

Er – yes, I can. I remember you doing it in the coffee bar. It was the one in the *Daily Sun*, wasn't it? Didn't you have to identify loads of states in the US?

...

Never! I don't believe it. What's the prize?

...

You've won what? You must be kidding! That's brilliant. For how long?

...

You're staying where? The Ritz Carlton! I'm impressed! Doesn't that overlook Central Park?

...

I thought so. Not that I've been there, of course.

...

What do you mean? How would I ever be able to?

...

You can't be serious! You know I'd love to! But, why me? Surely you should be taking David.

...

You've done what? When? I didn't know.

...

Well, what can I say? How could I possibly refuse an offer like that?

...

I certainly will!

7.8 An exciting phone call

R = Rick, I = Isabel

R Isabel, hi!

I Rick, I've got to talk to you!

R You've got to talk to me – about what?

I Well, can you remember that competition I entered, just for a laugh, a few weeks ago?

R Er – yes, I can. I remember you doing it in the coffee bar. It was the one in the *Daily Sun*, wasn't it? Didn't you have to identify loads of states in the US?

I Yeah, that's it. You've got it. Well, get this, I've won! I came first!

R Never! I don't believe it! What's the prize?

I I've won a trip to New York.

R You've won what? You must be kidding! That's brilliant. For how long?

I Just four days – but I'll be staying in the Ritz Carlton, of all places!

R You're staying where? The Ritz Carlton! I'm impressed! Doesn't that overlook Central Park?

I Yes, it does.

R I thought so. Not that I've been there, of course.

I Well, you can now.

R What do you mean? How would I ever be able to?

I Well, it's a trip for two and I'd really love it if you would come with me. Will you?

R You can't be serious! You know I'd love to! But, why me? Surely you should be taking David?

I Haven't you heard? David and I have split up.

R You've done what? When? I didn't know.

I Well, it was a couple of weeks ago. We haven't been getting on well for ages.

R Well, what can I say? How could I possibly refuse an offer like that?

I You'll come then?

R I certainly will.

7.9 Echo questions

1 A My mum and dad went to Alaska on holiday.

B They went *where*?

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- 2 **A** I got home at five this morning.
B You got home at *what* time?
- 3 **A** Laura paid €300 for a pair of jeans.
B She paid *how* much?
- 4 **A** I saw the president while I was out shopping.
B You saw *who*?
- 5 **A** He invited me to the palace for a drink.
B He did *what*?

7.10 BBC World Service – The conversation: 'Matchmakers'

KC = Kim Chakanetsa, **ABS** = Aleeza Ben Shalom,

GK = Geeta Khanna

KC Hello, and welcome to 'The conversation'. Today, we are talking about love with two matchmakers. In an age where meeting the love of your life is a matter of logging on, the notion of paying someone to help you find love may seem a little antiquated. 'Not so,' say my guests, who have brought together many couples over the years. My first guest is Aleeza Ben Shalom. She's based in Philadelphia in the United States. Aleeza, welcome.

ABS Hi Kim, thank you.

KC My other guest, Geeta Khanna, describes her role as that of a professional matchmaker and she's based in New Delhi. Geeta, hello.

GK Hello, how are you?

KC Very well, thank you. Now, let's get started.

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KC = Kim Chakanetsa, **ABS** = Aleeza Ben Shalom,

GK = Geeta Khanna

KC Well, let's talk about how it works, Aleeza. So, I come to you, and then what happens? How does it work?

ABS I would call myself a do-it-yourself matchmaker. My goal is actually to teach you almost to be your own matchmaker. A lot of people go into dating, and, I've heard this too many times, where like: 'I'm just gonna be me and if they don't like who I

am then that's fine, they don't have to like me.' I said, 'You know, would you walk into a job interview like that, or would you put your best foot forward and try to show your best self, right?'

KC And how different is this to how you approach things, Geeta?

GK I encourage my clients to actually be who they really are, but I also tell them that it's not a job interview, so when you go to meet someone, be natural! And I also encourage them not to ask typical questions ...

KC What's a typical question?

GK Typical question is, OK: Where did you study? Where did you do your education? You know, they've already been through their written profile.

ABS I would also say that instead of saying 'What do you do?' I like 'Why did you choose this field? Why – What do you love about what you do?'

KC Well, the fact that you both seem to coach your clients a little bit ahead of their dates – does that again not run the risk of them not being themselves? Aleeza?

ABS But there are people that are very shy, reserved, introverted, they have a hard time sitting there on a date, they don't know what to say or how to hold a conversation. So we do have to have conversations about conversations and how to navigate going through the dating process.

GK There's a slight difference in the way Aleeza and I work this out because all my clients, actually, I do know personally in the sense that I have met them. I don't know, Aleeza, do you know all of your clients? Or have you met them?

ABS I don't always work with both sides, sometimes I can and sometimes people are doing it on their own.

KC Geeta, you mentioned the moment the magic happens, but that magic does come at a price – how much do you charge for your services?

GK Uh, am I supposed to say this on radio?

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KC Yes – please. Give us an idea of how it works and how much you charge, roughly.

GK OK, so, when clients come to me and want to register with my consultancy, there's a charge of about 800 US dollars – and then, if a match converts into a marriage, then I charge what is called a 'success fee', which is about five and a half thousand dollars.

KC So that's a ... that's a lot of money.

ABS It's not so unusual in the matchmaking world – it's actually a very nice rate.

KC But, Geeta, very few people can afford those prices, though.

GK Yes, that's right.

KC Aleeza, when I come to you, how much are you charging?

ABS So, I work as a coach and when I work with somebody it's \$150 an hour, but if I do make a match then it's a success fee of \$2,000.

KC Well, I have to say, just listening to you talk about the different rates across the market, I do feel a little bit uneasy.

ABS How expensive is divorce?!

KC Geeta, your husband, how did you meet him?

GK Well, mine was a completely arranged set-up. My mother sold me over a game of cards.

KC OK!

GK She was playing, actually, she was playing Mahjong with a friend of hers and she was talking to her and telling her 'I have a daughter and she needs to be married'... and I was all of 20! This other lady said: 'Oh, my sister has a son and, you know, they're looking out for a girl for him, and so why don't we get the kids to meet?' We met, and three weeks later to the day we were married.

KC Wow!!

GK So, we went out about three times, we didn't date, we just went out and he proposed to me and he said: 'I think we should get married', and I agreed! I think at the age of 20 you don't know

much more, but I have to say that it was probably the best decision of my life because we grew up together – you know – we grew up together. We went through all our trials and tribulations together, we supported each other through everything, and I think getting married early for me, at least, was a big blessing.

KC I'd like to know a little bit more about your clients. What's the sort of gender balance there – is it mainly women who come to you? Is it mainly men?

ABS It's so interesting; in the beginning of my business, I would say that more women came. So I think it started out probably 75% women, 25% men, and I would say now we are maybe at 60% women, 40% men – and that number for men keeps rising.

KC Geeta, who are your clients?

GK My clients really range between the ages of say 22 to 50 – they're mainly single men and women who have never been married.

KC OK. Aleeza, what's been your experience of people's expectations and how has that changed over the years?

ABS I think the largest expectation is that something should happen NOW. We live in a generation where everything is instant; if your Internet takes more than five seconds to load, you get annoyed and you're frustrated. So I think one of the biggest challenges today is reminding people that relationships take time – it's not so easy to find 'the one'.

KC You talk about 'the one' – Geeta, I want to hear from you. This concept of a single person, 'the one', a soulmate – what do you make of it?

GK You know, it's hard enough, I tell you; it's hard enough to live with one person than to imagine that there could be, you know, so many out there.

KC I guess it just comes back down to, what we were discussing earlier, about the pressure that comes

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with trying to find that perfect match.

GK I think we just put undue pressure on ourselves;
it's really quite simple, Kim.

KC Is it?

GK I think it is. And I think we should keep it simple.
Because the one thing that I always tell people is,
you should look out for two things: one is a sense
of humour, and one is a certain amount of
chemistry – and when I say chemistry, it's not this
huge feeling that you are already in love or
something, it's just chemistry of being on the
same page or understanding when the other
person is saying something.

KC Aleeza and Geeta, thank you so much ...

7.12 Phrasal verbs with get

- 1 **A** If news of this gets out, there'll be a huge scandal!
B You always get out of doing the washing-up. It's not fair!
C I'm in hurry! Get out of the way!
- 2 **A** You're always getting at me! Leave me alone!
B What are you getting at? Just say what you mean!
C I can't get at the sugar. It's on the top shelf.
- 3 **A** It took him ages to get over the operation.
B He couldn't get his point over to the audience. They didn't understand.
C I can't get over how much your children have grown!
- 4 **A** We got up to page 56 in the last lesson.
B That man is getting up to no good. I think he's a thief!
C I had to get up at 5 a.m. to catch the plane.
- 5 **A** I couldn't get through to Joe. His phone was switched off.
B I failed, but Bob got through his driving test first time.
C We got through loads of money on our holiday.
- 6 **A** She can always get round her dad! She gets exactly what she wants.

B Sorry! I haven't got round to answering your email yet.

C I can't see how we get round this problem. It's really difficult.

7.13 Exaggeration and understatement

- 1 **A** They are obviously madly in love.
B Yeah, they do seem to get on quite well.
- 2 **A** I think Tony was a bit rude last night.
B You're not kidding. He was totally out of order!
- 3 **A** His family are pretty well-off, aren't they?
B You can say that again! They're absolutely loaded!
- 4 **A** I can't stand the sight of him!
B I must admit, I'm not too keen on him either.
- 5 **A** I'm knackered. Can we stop for a rest?
B OK. I feel a bit out of breath, too.
- 6 **A** I'm absolutely dying for a drink!
B Yes, my throat's a bit dry, I must say.
- 7 **A** She isn't very bright, is she?
B Too right! She's as thick as two short planks.
- 8 **A** I bet you hit the roof when she crashed your car!
B Well, yes, I was a bit upset.
- 9 **A** I'm fed up with this weather! It's freezing.
B I suppose it is a bit chilly.
- 10 **A** Well, that was a fantastic holiday!
B Yes, it was a nice little break.

7.14 Absolutely fabulous

- 1 **A** These shoes are rather nice, aren't they?
B They're absolutely fabulous! I want them!
- 2 **A** Is that a new watch? I bet that cost a bit.
B A bit? It cost a fortune!
- 3 **A** It's a bit chilly in here, don't you think?
B You can say that again! I'm absolutely freezing!
- 4 **A** Can we stop at the next service station? I could do with something to eat.
B Me too. I'm starving! I didn't have any breakfast this morning.
- 5 **A** I think those two like each other, don't you?

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B Like's the wrong word. They're obviously crazy about each other.

6 A I bet you were a bit upset when your team lost.

B Me? Upset? I only cried myself to sleep!

8 Going to extremes

8.1 The African iceman

February the 15th, 2018 was the day when 32-year-old Akwasi Frimpong from Ghana entered history. Sprinting alongside a tiny sled, jumping onto it face first, and hurtling down an ice track at 100 km an hour, he became the first African to compete in the Olympic skeleton.

From Africa to Europe

Born in 1986, Akwasi was brought up by his grandmother in Kumasi, Ghana, in a 4 m² room, which housed a family of ten. Aged eight, he joined his mother, who had moved to the Netherlands. He loved sport and was a talented sprinter, becoming the Dutch junior 200 m champion at the age of 17. However, he never travelled to competitions abroad. Akwasi, whose coaches believed he'd lost his passport, had a secret! His paperwork hadn't been processed, so he was an illegal immigrant, and wouldn't have been allowed back into the Netherlands.

From sprinting to 'skeleton!'

In 2008, he finally got his Dutch passport, and trained for the 2012 London Olympics, but injury ended his sprinting ambitions. He changed sport and trained in bobsled, an event in which a quick sprint start is essential, but after failing to get into the 2014 Winter Olympic team, he decided to give up competitive sport altogether. However, his wife, Erica, told him she didn't want him forever moaning about his lost Olympic dreams, so Akwasi changed sport again – this time to skeleton racing. He loved it, and set his heart on competing in the 2018 Olympics in South

Korea, but not for the Netherlands ... for his birth country, Ghana.

Back to Africa

Aged 31, for the first time in 23 years, Akwasi returned to Ghana, where he set up the improbable-sounding Bobsled and Skeleton Federation Ghana. In a country with no snow or ice, he introduced his fellow Ghanaians to winter sports, using a wooden board with wheels! Back in the Netherlands, he trained for the Olympics with money earned by selling vacuum cleaners door-to-door, and just managed to qualify for South Korea, entering the top 60 in the world.

Success ... of a sort!

If life was a Hollywood movie, Akwasi would have won Olympic gold, but of course he had no chance against his competitors, some of whom had been training for years. He came last. 'That is OK,' he said. 'For me, being at the Winter Olympics is about breaking barriers ... to show black people from warm countries can do this as well.' He now hopes to win his first Olympic gold medal for Ghana in the 2022 Winter Games, which will be held in Beijing.

8.2 Punctuation and pronunciation

- 1** The area of London I like best is Soho.
- 2** My father, who's a doctor, plays the drums.
- 3** The book that I'm reading at the moment is great.
- 4** Ed passed his driving test first time, which surprised me.
- 5** People who eat too much sugar risk getting diabetes.
- 6** I met a man whose aim in life was to visit every capital city in the world.
- 7** The Channel Tunnel, which opened in 1995, is a great way to get from England to France.
- 8** A short, bald man, seen running away from the scene of the crime, is being sought by the police.

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8.3 Proverbs

- 1 **A** Ugh! Evie's kids are a nightmare to have round!
They're so badly behaved!
B Yours are not exactly angels, Sophie! People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones!
- 2 **A** They say smoking's bad for you, but my granddad smoked till he was 98!
B Mmm, but it's the exception that proves the rule.
- 3 **A** Ah, it's such a lovely day! Cleaning out the garage can wait.
B But it's also a good day to do it! Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today!
- 4 **A** Oh, it's nearly time for you to leave! The day's gone so quickly!
B Yes, well, time flies when you're having fun!
- 5 **A** Lucas got me a diamond ring from an antique shop. It looks gorgeous, but it turns out it's a fake!
B Ha! A classic case of all that glitters is not gold!
- 6 **A** Life's great in New Zealand, but I still really miss my little flat in the UK sometimes.
B Well, home is where the heart is.
- 7 **A** How will you manage on your pension when you retire?
B I'll cross that bridge when I come to it.
- 8 **A** It was such a nightmare buying this house and trying to sell our old one.
B Yes, but you're so happy here now. All's well that ends well.

8.4 Present and past participles

- 1 **A** It's raining again!
B Oh no! Another miserable day when we're stuck indoors!
- 2 **A** You look so chilled! It was obviously a good holiday!
B Yes! We just sat by the pool and read books for a week. Bliss!

- 3 **A** Have you heard? Kevin's left his job and gone to travel around India!
B No! Kevin! Ever-so-careful stay-at-home Kevin! That's incredible! I don't believe it!
- 4 **A** Come on in. You must be shattered!
B Oof, I am. I've been travelling for the past 36 hours, and I've hardly slept a wink!
- 5 **A** What's that noise I can hear?
B Oh, it's my neighbour, playing loud music in the garden. He's such a pain! Never thinks of others!
- 6 **A** What's wrong? Are you not enjoying this?
B Oh, yet another crime drama, and everything is happening so slowly in this one!
- 7 **A** I saw you looking very uncomfortable talking to that woman over there. What happened?
B Oh, it was horrendous! I asked her when her baby was due, and she said she wasn't pregnant!

8.5 Adding more detail

A cool young man, lost in thought, was walking slowly down the busy street, listening to music and humming to himself.

8.6 Adding more detail

- 1 A beautiful, long-haired, blonde girl, wearing a fashionable polka-dot bikini and leather sandals, was sunbathing sleepily on the wide, white, crowded, sandy Caribbean beach.
- 2 A huge, bald, angry-looking policeman came running into the crowded room, brandishing a gun.
- 3 A tall, slim, teenage boy, wearing an orange tracksuit and red baseball cap, stole a black leather wallet from a bespectacled old man sitting at the back of a red double-decker London bus yesterday afternoon.
- 4 The once-famous, ageing American comedy actor Kirk Branson was seen entertaining a glamorous young brunette girl yesterday evening, in an exclusive Michelin-star Paris restaurant frequented by countless international celebrities.

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5 The long-awaited sales and marketing conference, held in a small town on the border of the snowy Austrian Alps, was a huge success, attended enthusiastically by all the members of staff of the multi-national Swiss drug company Parazol.

8.7 Helena

Well, it was when I was living in Cairo and, erm, it was in the middle of the summer, so it was, it was extremely hot – between 40 and 45° centigrade – and, erm, stupidly we decided to go dancing, and, er, we went to this nightclub and we must have danced for hours and hours, erm, and it was very hot inside the nightclub and we were sweating profusely, erm, and, er, by the time we came out it was about five o'clock in the morning, and we decided, 'Ooh, wouldn't it be a great idea to go to the pyramids to see the sunrise?' So we jumped in a taxi, and the taxi was also quite stuffy and hot, erm, and we must have been starting to dehydrate at this point. Anyway, we got to the pyramids – and, erm, the sun was just starting to come up. And in, in Egypt, as soon as the sun comes up, the temperature rises dramatically, erm, but we were so excited at seeing the pyramids that we decided just to, to go and walk and see. At this point, erm, a man approached us and asked us if we wanted to borrow his motorbike, or hire his motorbike, erm, and so we said yes. So my friend and I, we jumped onto the motorbike and raced out into the desert – only to find after about ten, 15 minutes, that the motorbike was, erm, rather old and suddenly it broke down. So we were miles from anywhere and, erm, had to push this motorbike to, to get back. I was the one at the back pushing the motorbike and of course, erm, I was using lots of energy, I was, erm, losing a lot of fluid and, erm, it was getting hotter and hotter. Anyway, we ended up having to walk back, erm, to, to the village to give the motorbike back to the man. And by this time we were rather fed up and tired and very hot, so we decided to go home. By the time we got home, erm, I did start to

feel a bit strange, I had a bit of a headache and, erm, I decided to go straight to bed. Anyway, I woke up about half an hour later, feeling rather confused, and sick, a bit nauseous, and, er, I realized that, erm, my brain wasn't working properly and that in fact I probably had ... erm ... heat exhaustion. Anyway, it was a, it wasn't very pleasant, and er, ah, it was a lesson in what not to do in, er, in such temperatures. I've never done that again. I always carry my rehydration salts with me.

8.8 Abi

The time that I was very, very cold, erm, was a time when I was working in Russia, in a small town in central Russia and, er, I was going to see some friends who lived on the outskirts of the town, and they were worried about me getting lost and they said that they'd come to the tram stop to meet me. But I wanted to be independent, so I, I told them, 'Don't be silly, of course I'll find it'. And on the day of, of the visit, erm, it was very, very cold, it might have been -30, but it might have been colder than that and, er, it was, it was so cold that at some of the tram stops and bus stops there were bonfires lit – special street fires, erm, to keep people warm, and I think it was a day when the schools were closed, when the children didn't go to school because it was so cold. So I put on all the clothes that I had – all the scarves and jumpers, and, and I took the tram to the outskirts of the town where my friends lived, and it was right, right way out to the end of the line and I, I got off the tram, which was heated, erm, into this cold white world. And, erm, it was, it was so cold that if you ... when you breathed in, little balls of ice formed in your nostrils, you, you had to keep your, erm, a scarf over your mouth and nose. About a minute, two minutes after getting off the tram, my, my, er, feet and hands were already hurting, they were so cold. So I was walking around, trying to find the, the flat, but it was completely anonymous this, this landscape, erm, and there were these huge snow-covered white blocks,

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these buildings, 15 or 16 floors, but they all looked exactly the same and I couldn't find the name of the, the street either, and it was very, very quiet and the, the tram had gone. Er ... and I began, actually, to get very frightened because I was feeling so, so cold. Erm ... my feet and hands had, had gone beyond hurting almost, I couldn't feel them anymore. Erm, it was quite difficult to breathe because of the icy scarf over my mouth and nose, erm, and I, I just couldn't find where, where they lived, and I asked an old lady the way, but my Russian wasn't good enough – she didn't understand me. And I was beginning to really, seriously panic, when suddenly in the distance I, I saw my friends. They'd come to find me and, erm, they took me home.

8.9

- 1 It was over 40° Celsius, and we went dancing, which was rather a stupid thing to do.
- 2 We visited the pyramids at sunrise, which was just amazing!
- 3 The motorbike broke down in the desert, which was no laughing matter.
- 4 My friends were worried I'd get lost, which was understandable.
- 5 My nostrils actually froze, which was very painful.
- 6 The old lady couldn't understand me, which is hardly surprising with my Russian!

8.10 Extreme adjectives

- 1 **A** Shall I turn the heating down? It's very hot in here.
B Please do! I'm absolutely boiling!
- 2 **A** It's silly having to use all these passwords for everything, isn't it?
B Oh, it's absolutely ridiculous! How are you supposed to remember them all?
- 3 **A** Cara looks lovely, doesn't she? What a beautiful dress!
B Oh, wow! She looks absolutely stunning!

- 4 **A** Dan tells such good jokes. He's very funny, isn't he?
B Oh, yes! He's absolutely hilarious sometimes!
- 5 **A** I'll cook some lunch if you're hungry.
B Hungry? You bet! I didn't have breakfast so I'm absolutely starving!
- 6 **A** Was Lisa upset when she heard the bad news?
B Oh, she was absolutely devastated!

8.11 Quite

- 1 **a** He's quite nice.
b He's quite nice.
- 2 **a** She's quite clever.
b She's quite clever.

8.12

- 1 **a** That book was quite interesting. You should read it.
b That book was quite interesting, but I wouldn't really recommend it.
- 2 **a** I'm quite tired. Shall we stop playing?
b I'm quite tired, but I could play one more game.

8.13 A night at the Oscars

Well, I certainly know how heartbreaking it is to lose out on these awards, so I'm absolutely thrilled, and amazed, to finally receive one. I am so grateful to all the wonderful people who voted for me. It's a huge honour to be named best actor, and for *Riviera Rose* to win best film. We were all absolutely exhausted at the end of shooting, but we knew we'd made a fantastic film. I guess none of us imagined it would be such an enormous success though. OK, I know it's awful to have to listen to long lists of thank-yous, but I have to say something about some of the brilliant people involved. So, special thanks to writer Clare Baxter for creating fascinating characters and an absolutely hilarious script, to Michael Davis for his excellent direction, and to Barry Kenwood for his truly stunning cinematography. And, last but not least,

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thank you to my gorgeous wife, for her support. I love you Kayla, and I love you all.

8.14

- 1 My sister has just given birth to twins!
- 2 Let's go away for the weekend. It's been ages since we've had a break.
- 3 I failed my driving test. The examiner said turn left, and I turned right!
- 4 More than 20 people were injured in the motorway pile-up this morning.
- 5 Look at the state of this room! Have you ever seen anywhere so untidy?
- 6 Look, it's raining again!
- 7 I wanted to ring the phone company to complain, but there's no contact number for them anywhere!
- 8 Our dog went missing for three days, but then she turned up looking absolutely fine!
- 9 Jason told me that my hair looked worse after I'd had it cut.
- 10 The shop assistant said it was normal for washing machines to break down after a year.

8.15 Sounds

Oops!

Phew!

Yuck!

Oh!

Duh!

Ouch!

Wow!

Mmm!

Eh?

Ha ha!

8.16 Listen and reply

- 1 How's your chicken curry? Is it OK?
- 2 After all that training, my marathon was cancelled because of the snow.
- 3 I bumped into an old school friend when I was on holiday in Peru!
- 4 Mind your head going through that door ... Oh, too late!
- 5 Why isn't this coffee machine working this morning?
- 6 Could you pour me some more wine?
- 7 Did you know they eat horse meat in some countries? And snails. And pig's feet.
- 8 It looks a bit like a zebra crossing, that black and white dress – make sure people don't walk over you!
- 9 I got the tests back from the hospital. Everything's fine.
- 10 Why is the ... in here?!

8.17 Listen and check

- 1 **A** How's your chicken curry? Is it OK?
B Mmm! It's absolutely delicious! Just the way I like it – spicy, but not too hot!
- 2 **A** After all that training, my marathon was cancelled because of the snow.
B Oh! I'm sorry to hear that! What a shame! You must be so disappointed!
- 3 **A** I bumped into an old school friend when I was on holiday in Peru!
B Wow! How amazing! What are the chances of that happening?!
- 4 **A** Mind your head going through that door ... Oh, too late!
B Ouch! That really hurt! It's a pain being tall sometimes!
- 5 **A** Why isn't this coffee machine working this morning?
B Duh! You forgot to plug it in! They do work better with electricity.

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- 6 **A** Could you pour me some more wine?
B Oops! I've spilt it! Sorry about that! At least it's white and not red!
- 7 **A** Did you know they eat horse meat in some countries? And snails. And pig's feet.
B Yuck! That's disgusting! You wouldn't catch me eating any of those!
- 8 **A** It looks a bit like a zebra crossing, that black and white dress – make sure people don't walk over you!
B Ha ha! Very funny! You really should get a job as a comedian.
- 9 **A** I got the tests back from the hospital. Everything's fine.
B Phew! What a relief! It must be a weight off your shoulders!
- 10 **A** Why is the ... in here?!
B Eh? What did you say? Don't talk with your mouth full!

9 The good old days!

9.1 Friends forever

Hi Tazy, or 'Anastasia'!

It's great to be in touch again. The wonder of social media – sometimes! How could anybody forget a name like yours? Crazy Tazy Jones! And now you're a 'Peabody'!

You and I were friends from the start. We used to sit next to each other in class, but then the teachers made us sit apart because we were always giggling and whispering.

Do you remember how we would go back to your house after school and listen to music for hours on end? CDs in those days! We both loved Oasis, but we'd argue endlessly about who was better – Liam or Noel. Oh, and we also used to listen to the Spice Girls – but 'in secret', because they were so 'uncool'.

Then there was that time we painted your bike bright pink. Then we'd go cycling round town on it and we

would never wear our helmets. Your dad was furious – but we didn't care!

I meet up with Polly and Tina from time to time. They're both married with kids, and like us, balancing work and home life. Polly's the same as ever, a rotten timekeeper – she'll always arrive late and rush in, full of apologies.

It'd be so great if you could join us – in the meantime, keep on keeping in touch! It's great to catch up.

Love,

Nicky

P.S. I can't get used to calling you Anastasia Peabody! To me, you'll always be Crazy Tazy Jones.

9.2 Listen and repeat

- 1 We used to sit next to each other.
- 2 We were always giggling and whispering.
- 3 We'd go back to your house.
- 4 We'd go cycling round town.
- 5 I can't get used to calling you Anastasia.
- 6 She'll always arrive late.

9.3 What are they like?

- 1 My flatmate is the untidiest person in the whole world. She's always leaving her things around the place and her room looks like a rubbish dump.
- 2 My boyfriend is insanely jealous. He'll lose his temper if he sees me just talking to any other guy.
- 3 Freddy is just the coolest guy I know. He wears a cap and sunglasses all the time, even in the house – Mum says he's just silly.
- 4 My dog Bruno was my best friend. We used to go everywhere together – he'd even sleep by my bed.
- 5 Your problem is you're self-obsessed. You're always talking about yourself and you'll walk away if the subject moves to someone else.
- 6 My mum really gets on my nerves. She's always criticizing me and my friends.

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- 7 But my grandma was so sweet. She would always stand up for me when Mum got angry. She used to say, 'You're only young once.'
- 8 My grandpa hated all modern technology. He'd say it was all too complicated for him and he wouldn't use the iPad we bought him. He just used to watch his old TV.

9.4 When I was a boy ...

When I was a boy, we lived in a village in the heart of the countryside, and I used to like going for long walks, especially in summer. I'd get up early in the morning without waking my parents. We used to have a dog called Bob, and he and I would creep out of the house and down the lane. Bob and I would climb the hills together while the rest of the world was sleeping. Once, I walked for nearly 20 miles and my parents got very worried. I used to love those days: so innocent, so carefree. I went back there last year – but it wasn't the same.

9.5 Getting used to *used to*!

- 1 **A** You don't like your new teacher, do you?
B Not a lot, but we're getting used to her. She's not so bad.
- 2 **A** How can you get up at five o'clock every morning?
B No problem. I'm used to it now. I've been doing it for years.
- 3 **A** How come you know New York so well?
B I used to live there. I used to work in downtown Manhattan.
- 4 **A** How are you finding your new job?
B Difficult, but I'm getting used to it bit by bit. It's challenging, but I like it.
- 5 **A** Do you still have any CDs?
B No. I used to have loads, but not anymore. I stream all my music.
- 6 **A** Do you get on well with your sister?
B Well, we didn't use to, but now we're really close. We tell each other everything.

- 7 **A** You two argue so much. How can you live together?
B After 20 years we're used to each other. It's just the way we are – every marriage is different.

9.6 Me and my parents

1 Kathryn

I have very fond memories of my childhood. To me, it represented security. We used to do a lot together as a family. I remember going on walks, and having picnics, and going for car rides on a Sunday afternoon. Every Friday when my dad came home, he'd bring us each a treat, usually just something little – once he bought me a necklace with a heart ... just cheap, but I loved it. My mother used to say he was spoiling us, but why not? He loved us.

2 Michael

It was my dad who used to drive me mad. He was always telling me to have my hair cut and dress more smartly. My mum was much more lenient. She never really minded how I dressed. But she would get angry when I picked at food before she'd put it on the table. 'Get your hands off!' she'd say. But I was always so hungry. I had such a big appetite for such a small, weedy child – then, when I was 16, I suddenly shot up – I'm 6ft 5" now!

3 Jonny

My mum was always nagging me, telling me to get off the computer, turn off the TV, pick up my things, do my homework. She'd keep on and on and then she'd be all put out when I'd shut myself away in my room. I just needed some peace and quiet each day. She just didn't realize how hard it was for me at school. You see, I was bullied and I never told Mum and Dad. We didn't talk much in our family. My wife is always asking me questions about my childhood, but I won't talk about it.

4 Gillian

I got on very well with my mother. She was my best friend, still is. We *had* to get on, really. You see, my dad left when I was three. I used to tell her

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everything, well, nearly everything. And she'd talk to me very openly, too. Sometimes she'd say to me 'Don't go to school today. Stay with me.' And we'd go out shopping or, or something like that. It's a wonder I had any education at all, the number of days I missed from school.

9.7 An early memory of school

Some of my clearest and earliest memories are of my first school. So I'd – well, I'd like to share a memory about that. A memory that still upsets me, after all these years.

I was five years old and had just started school. It was quite a long way from my house and there were no school buses, so I had to walk. My sister, who's 11 years older than me, went to the 'big' school, which was next to mine, so my mum sometimes asked her to take me to school. She was not keen to do this. She had no time for a small, irritating sister dragging along behind her. She liked to meet up with her 'cool' friends. What's more, because her school day started later than mine she was happy to dawdle and chat. She refused to hurry to get me there on time. I was always an anxious child and I would tug at her sleeve and fret about being late. She'd just shake me off.

Anyway, one day was particularly bad. It was pouring with rain and we splashed through puddles as we walked. My sister was moaning all the time about how the rain was ruining her hair because she was hoping to meet a certain boy on the way. On that day he didn't materialize, and this put her in a very bad mood. I was wearing my new red 'welly' boots and they were really difficult to pull on and off. I was full of fear Miss Marks, my teacher, would kill me if I was late again. Finally, we got there and my sister ran off, leaving me to cope with the wellies. The cloakroom was empty, and I sat tearfully on the bench tugging at the wretched boots. I put on my indoor shoes and crept into the back of the classroom. I was very late

and very scared. The other kids were making mosaic pictures with lots of different-coloured bits of sticky paper. I'd been so looking forward to doing this. Art was my best subject. I'd planned to do a beautiful portrait of my black-and-white cat. Miss Marks called across the room, 'Elizabeth, late again!' I hung my head. 'You'll just have to sit in the corner and do a jigsaw.' So I did, silently weeping and cursing my sister. I never did make that picture of my cat.

To this day, my sister insists she can't remember anything about this. However, I believe it's the reason I have such a problem with lateness. I always arrive on time.

9.8 A teacher to remember

1 Sean

Funnily enough, the teacher I'll never forget is my Latin and Greek teacher. You may think they're dry subjects – er, dead languages – but Mr Lang, the teacher, somehow used to make these dead languages seem dead easy. He looked the part – he was kind of traditional-looking – quite formal and serious. He'd always wear a dark green or dark brown suit and he had a long black moustache. He'd been at the school over 20 years, so he must have been in his 50s, I suppose. You'd think that everything about him was boring and serious, cos he never smiled or laughed, never, but somehow he was clear, interesting, and entertaining – there were jokes hidden in his words if you listened carefully – and we all did. He had a razor-sharp wit. I passed my exams but didn't study Latin or Greek at university, but I *did* study philosophy, and that was a direct result of learning about the great philosophers – Aristotle, Socrates, and Plato – from Mr Lang.

2 Samantha

My most memorable teacher, hmm! I think that would be Mrs Chapman. I was about 13 or 14 and she was our English and drama teacher. She was short

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and a bit plump, dumpy in fact, with mousy-brown hair. She looked like everybody's kind, middle-aged auntie, but she wasn't very kind. She had a big, loud voice, and she used to like to get us to act out the plays we were studying, and she'd shout 'Speak up, speak up and think about the meaning of the words'. But what I remember most about her is her ruler. She had this wooden ruler and if anyone was looking sleepy or bored she'd poke them on the shoulder with this ruler and shout 'Wake up, girl' or 'boy'. Then, one day, she spotted someone asleep, fast asleep and snoring, at the back of the class. Mrs Chapman was sooo furious she slammed the ruler down on his desk and it broke in half. We were all scared stiff. She didn't throw the ruler away – after that it was even sharper when she poked you in the back. Maybe her lessons helped me though – I'm a barrister now and when I have to speak in court, Mrs Chapman's words ring in my ear: 'Speak up, speak clearly, girl!'

3 Rupert

I don't think I ever had a favourite teacher, but I had a *least* favourite teacher and weirdly he was probably the most successful teacher I ever had. You see, when I was at primary school I was really good at maths – I could do it all. But when I went to secondary school I had a succession of dismal maths teachers, and by the time I took my exams at 16 I was absolutely hopeless. I failed miserably. And I needed to pass maths to get into university, so I had to retake it – this time with a very different teacher. Mr Biggs. He was very sarcastic and it seemed to be his mission in life to embarrass his students, and me particularly, because I'd joined the class to do a resit. He was always getting me out to the front of the class to do sums on the board and he'd sneer if I got it wrong, which was most of the time. I hated him with a passion, but actually his explanations were crystal clear and

gradually over the year I improved. I got a really good pass in the end and got into a good university. I have no idea how old he was – just old – but when you're 16, 35 seems old. I'd say he was probably in his late-30s and big like his name, with a huge booming voice.

4 Charlotte

Well, one teacher I'll never forget is Miss Wilkinson. She taught me chemistry and biology. I didn't like her subjects much, probably cos I wasn't much good at them. She seemed old to me, but she was probably just in her early 30s, and kind of tall and gangly. She drove this ancient mini and she always seemed too big for it. She had to crouch over the steering wheel. Anyway, the reason I remember her so well is because I think she fell for my dad. Really! You see, he'd sometimes collect me from school, and one day there she was in her mini and she couldn't get it to start, so of course my dad, being the lovely gentleman he was, helped her. Miss Wilkinson was glowing with gratitude: 'Oh thank you, thank you Mr Wilson, so kind, so kind.' She went all weak and wobbly, not at all like she was when she was yelling at us in class. And then every time he came to collect me after that, somehow Miss Wilkinson would appear, and she was always asking me about him: 'How's your kind father, Charlotte?' 'Just fine, Miss Wilkinson; he and my mum are going to Paris this weekend.' I just made that up to see her reaction. My friends and I used to giggle about it. When I mentioned it to my dad he just laughed and said 'Don't be silly Charlotte, nobody would fancy an old bore like me.' But my mum raised an eyebrow.

9.9 Write the word you hear

- | | |
|-----------------|--------|
| 1 where/wear | /weə / |
| 2 nose/knows | /nəʊz/ |
| 3 wood/would | /wud/ |
| 4 war/wore | wɔ:/ |
| 5 through/threw | /θru:/ |

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9.10 Homonyms

- 1 Grandma's leaving now. Come and wave goodbye!
He was swept out to sea by a freak wave, but he survived.
- 2 Oh dear! We have a flat tyre and no spare wheel.
I'm renting a flat near where I work.
- 3 **A** What's today's date?
B The third.
I've got a date tonight. I'm going out with Carl.
- 4 He goes to the gym every day. He's very fit.
The trousers are too small. They don't fit you at all.
- 5 It's not fair. Everyone else is allowed to stay out till midnight.
She has beautiful fair hair and blue eyes.

9.11 Children's jokes

- 1 Why will you never starve in the desert? ...
Because of the sand which is (sandwiches) there.
- 2 Why is Sunday the strongest day? ... Because
the others are weak days!
- 3 **A** Your battery's flat. That's why your car won't start.
B Oh dear! What shape should it be?
- 4 **A** Waiter! What's wrong with this egg?
B Don't ask me, sir. I only laid the table.
- 5 **A** What do you get when 5,000 strawberries try to go through a door at the same time?
B I don't know. What do you get?
A Strawberry jam!
- 6 **A** Waiter, this food tastes funny!
B So why aren't you laughing?
- 7 What do you give to a sick lemon? ... Lemon aid!
- 8 What did one toilet say to the other? ... You look a bit flushed.
- 9 Why can't Cinderella play soccer? ... Because she's always running away from the ball.

9.12 Moans and groans

- 1 **A** I could kick myself. As soon as I'd handed it in, I remembered what the answer was.

- B** That's always so annoying! But do you think you've still passed?
- 2 **A** I went away to think about it, and when I went back it'd been sold. I'm gutted! I should have bought it there and then.
B That's a shame. Didn't you ask if they had another one in stock?
- 3 **A** I don't believe it! All I get is 'Message failed to send. Try again.' So, I try again and guess what?
B No joy! What a pain! Why don't you try phoning them instead?
- 4 **A** These instructions don't make any sense to me at all. If you can follow them you're a genius.
B Well, don't ask me! This flatpack stuff is a nightmare! I had the same trouble with a coffee table.
- 5 **A** It's not fair. I'd been looking forward to curling up with a box set and then my phone goes and rings!
B You didn't have to answer it. Who was it? Anyone interesting?
- 6 **A** How many times do I have to tell you? Take them off before you come into the house!
B Give me a break. I was in a hurry. Anyway, they're only a bit muddy.
- 7 **A** This is beyond a joke. You promised you'd deliver it Tuesday at the latest. Now you're saying next month!
B I'm awfully sorry, sir. I'm afraid there's nothing I can do about it. It's out of my hands.
- 8 **A** What a waste of time! Ten minutes listening to ghastly music, punctuated by 'All our lines are busy. Thank you for waiting.'
B I know, it drives me mad – but worse is when they say, 'This call is important to us,' when it obviously isn't.

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10 Over my dead body!

10.1 Modal verbs in the past

- 1 She must have been very rich.
- 2 I had to do my homework.
- 3 They can't have been at home. There were no lights on.
- 4 I thought that was Jane, but I might have been wrong.
- 5 I couldn't sleep because of the noise.
- 6 You should have seen a doctor.
- 7 Cheer up! Things could have been worse.
- 8 The train may have been late due to bad weather.

10.2 The king in the car park

- A** How was the theatre last night? What did you see?
- B** We saw a Shakespeare – *Richard III*. It was fantastic! Fabulous acting. You know: 'A horse, a horse, my kingdom for ...'
- A** Yes, thank you – I've heard that. Was Richard III the king when Shakespeare was writing then?
- B** No, no ... Shakespeare was born 100 years after Richard, in the 16th century – when Elizabeth I was Queen. The thing is, I'd never seen this play before, but I've been fascinated by Richard III ever since they found his body a few years ago.
- A** Really!? Was it lost?
- B** It was never found. Nobody knew where he was buried. It was a big mystery – and then, in 2012, they found him, well ... not his body exactly – his skeleton – under a car park in Leicester.
- A** Beneath a car park?! You're kidding me. So, King Richard III could have died while parking his horse!
- B** Ha ha! Not funny! No, seriously, they say the car park must have been built on what was once a church graveyard.
- A** But how do they know the skeleton is Richard III?
- B** Well, they know he was killed in 1485 in a battle

near Leicester – the Battle of Bosworth Field – and tests showed that the skeleton must have died around that time from battle wounds and that he must have been in his late 20s or 30s, so ...

- A** So, Richard was quite young when he died?
- B** Yeah, he was.
- A** Poor guy.
- B** Also, this skeleton had a deformed spine – he would have been a hunchback.
- A** And was Richard a hunchback?
- B** So they say. They can tell a lot from a skeleton these days and this one was in really good condition except that the feet were missing and ...
- A** How come the feet were missing?
- B** Oh, they say builders might have chopped them off in the 16th century. Anyway, DNA tests with members of the current royal family proved that this skeleton had royal blood.
- A** Clever stuff!
- B** Yeah, they also found some people in Canada who are his descendants, *and* ... Benedict Cumberbatch!
- A** Benedict Cumberbatch!? The actor who plays Sherlock Holmes? I bet he was surprised.
- B** Yeah! He actually read a poem at the funeral. It must be amazing to learn you've got royal ancestors.
- A** So, there was a proper funeral?
- B** Yeah, Richard was finally buried in Leicester Cathedral. Thousands of people came from all over the world.
- A** That's quite a story. Was there ever a Richard IV?
- B** No, Richard III was the last of the Richards. But who knows, there might be a fourth one day.

10.3 What do we know about Richard III?

- 1 **A** When did Richard die?
B He must have died in the 15th century.
- 2 **A** What was he doing when he died?
B He could have been riding a horse. He must have been fighting in a battle.

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- 3 **A** Who was he fighting in the battle?
B He might have been fighting Henry VII. He can't have been fighting Elizabeth I.
- 4 **A** Was he buried in the car park?
B He can't have been buried in the car park – it wouldn't have been a car park when he was killed.
- 5 **A** How old was he when he died?
B He may have been 32 or 33. He can't have been as old as 40.
- 6 **A** What did they learn from his deformed spine?
B They learned that he could have been a hunchback.
- 7 **A** Why were his feet missing?
B They might have been cut off by builders in the 16th century.
- 8 **A** Did the Canadian people know they were related?
B They can't have had any idea.
- 9 **A** How did Benedict Cumberbatch feel about the discovery?
B He must have been very surprised.

10.4 Everyday situations

- 1 I did tell you about Joe's party. You can't have been listening.
- 2 Thanks so much for all your help. I couldn't have managed without you.
Thanks so much for all your help. I wouldn't have managed without you.
- 3 Chocolates, for me! Oh, that's so kind, but really you shouldn't have.
- 4 Come on! We're only five minutes late. The film won't have started yet.
- 5 I don't believe that Kathy's going out with Mark. She would have told me, I know she would.
- 6 We raced to the airport, but we needn't have worried. The flight was delayed.
- 7 We've got a parcel here that isn't for us. It must have been delivered by mistake.

- 8 You shouldn't have gone swimming in that river.
You could have drowned!

10.5 Robert on the phone

Hello?

...

Er, yes, I'm Robert. Who is this?

...

Sorry – Donna who?

...

I'm sorry – I don't think I know any 'Donnas'.

...

On holiday? Did we? Where was that?

...

Greece! Oh, yes of course! Donna and Marlene from Wisconsin. That was years ago.

...

Well, er, thank you very much. Yes, it was fun – Alistair and I enjoyed it too. Well, what a surprise! So, erm, what are you up to these days?

...

Really? Here, in London? What are you doing here?

...

Wow! Really? Six countries! That's ambitious.

...

Erm ... well ... obviously, er, obviously I'd like to see you both again, but actually it's not really very ...

...

Ah, yes, I know we said that ... but Alistair lives in Scotland now, and my flat isn't very big and my wife and ...

...

About three years ago, and we're about to move to a bigger place. We're expecting another baby.

...

I'm glad you understand. I suppose we could meet for a drink, for old times' sake.

...

Erm – maybe you're right. But it was nice to hear your voice again, Donna. Love to Marlene and I'll tell Alistair that you got in touch. Enjoy your trip.

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...

Thanks Donna. Same to you. Bye.

10.6 A tricky conversation

R = Robert, D = Donna

R Hello?

D Hi, is that Robert?

R Er, yes, I'm Robert. Who is this?

D Hi, Bob! It's me, Donna.

R Sorry – Donna who?

D Donna Goldberg.

R I'm sorry – I don't think I know any 'Donnas'.

D You do, you do! We met on vacation – or 'holiday' as you say.

R On holiday? Did we? Where was that?

D In Greece. Me and my sister Marlene were staying in the same hotel.

R Greece! Oh, yes of course! Donna and Marlene from Wisconsin. That was years ago.

D Yeah, nearly seven years ago, but Marlene and I still talk about it. We had a great time, didn't we? You and your friend Alistair – two great guys.

R Well, er, thank you very much. Yes, it was fun – Alistair and I enjoyed it too. Well, what a surprise! So, erm, what are you up to these days?

D Well, I'm here in London at the moment.

R Really? Here, in London? What are you doing here?

D Well, Marlene and I are both divorced now – so we decided to have a vacation together again. This time we're going round Europe – six countries.

R Wow! Really? Six countries! That's ambitious.

D Yeah, and we're beginning here in England, so ... we wondered if we could come and visit. Maybe stay a couple of nights? It'd be great to catch up.

R Erm ... well ... obviously, er, obviously I'd like to see you both again, but actually it's not really very

...

D Remember, you said if we were ever in London, we should come visit – and here we are!

R Ah yes, I know we said that ... but Alistair lives in Scotland now, and my flat isn't very big and my wife and ...

D Bobby, are you married now? That's so cool. When did you marry?

R About three years ago, and we're about to move to a bigger place. We're expecting another baby.

D Bob, I see, no worries. Marlene and I understand; new baby, new home ... and maybe your wife wouldn't be too keen to hear about the fun we had in Greece.

R I'm glad you understand. I suppose we could meet for a drink, for old times' sake.

D I'm not sure your wife would be too pleased.

R Erm – maybe you're right. But it was nice to hear your voice again, Donna. Love to Marlene and I'll tell Alistair that you got in touch. Enjoy your trip.

D Thank you Robert. Have a nice life!

R Thanks Donna. Same to you. Bye.

10.7 We were so lucky!

A We decided to go for a drive, even though it was still blowing a gale ... And look what happened! We were so lucky!

B Oh my goodness, you could have been badly hurt! You must have been terrified!

C Why didn't you see the tree falling?

A We just didn't! It all happened so fast.

B Surely you heard something.

A We could just hear the wind.

C Don't you think you should have been driving more slowly?

A We were!

B Perhaps you shouldn't have been driving at all. The car must be a write-off.

A It is.

C You must feel very lucky indeed.

A We do!

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10.8 Expressions with modal verbs

- 1 **A** That exam was a disaster!
B You can say that again! I couldn't answer a single question. I'm bound to have failed.
- 2 **A** You might as well apply for the job.
B Yes, why not? I've got nothing to lose. You never know, I might be just the person they're looking for.
- 3 **A** I know I shouldn't have eaten a whole tub of ice cream, but ...
B I know ... you just couldn't help it! But I bet you're regretting it now!
- 4 **A** You might have told me that Lisa and Joe had split up! I felt really stupid when I asked Lisa where they were going on holiday.
B Oh, sorry! I thought you knew. Everybody else does.
- 5 **A** I think you should forget all about her and move on.
B I would if I could, but I can't. It's affecting my work – I can't get her out of my mind.
- 6 **A** You should have been there! I could have died laughing!
B What was so funny? You must tell me all about it. I always miss the best parties.
- 7 **A** Guess what?! Annie's going out with Joe!
B Huh! I could have told you that. It's common knowledge. Where have you been?
- 8 **A** I could do with a break.
B Me, too. I'm dying for a coffee. It feels like this lesson's been going on for ages.

10.9 'You are old, Father William', by Lewis Carroll

'You are old, Father William,' the young man said,
 'And your hair has become very white;
 And yet you incessantly stand on your head –
 Do you think, at your age, it is right?'

'In my youth,' Father William replied to his son,
 'I feared it might injure the brain;

But, now that I'm perfectly sure I have none,
 Why, I do it again and again.'

'You are old,' said the youth, 'as I mentioned before,
 And have grown most uncommonly fat;
 Yet you turned a back-somersault in at the door –
 Pray, what is the reason of that?'

'In my youth,' said the sage, as he shook his grey locks,

'I kept all my limbs very supple
 By the use of this ointment – one shilling the box –
 Allow me to sell you a couple?'

'You are old,' said the youth, 'and your jaws are too weak

For anything tougher than suet;
 Yet you finished the goose, with the bones and the beak –

Pray, how did you manage to do it?'

'In my youth,' said his father, 'I took to the law,
 And argued each case with my wife;
 And the muscular strength which it gave to my jaw,
 Has lasted the rest of my life.'

'You are old,' said the youth, 'one would hardly suppose

That your eye was as steady as ever;
 Yet you balanced an eel on the end of your nose –
 What made you so awfully clever?'

'I have answered three questions, and that is enough,'

Said his father; 'don't give yourself airs!

Do you think I can listen all day to such stuff?

Be off, or I'll kick you downstairs!'

10.10 Body idioms

- 1 **A** How's the new job?

B OK, but I'm still finding my feet. My boss seemed very strict at first, but underneath it all she's got a heart of gold. She has a very good head for the business, so she knows what she's doing.

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2 A Can you give me a hand to fix my computer? I can't open any of my files.

B Listen, you'd better face the fact that your computer's ancient. It's been on its last legs for years. You can get a new one for about £500 these days.

A Are you pulling my leg?

B No, I'm perfectly serious.

10.11 Degrees of enthusiasm

A What was the play like?

B Mmm. It was interesting.

A What was the play like?

C Mmm. It was interesting.

A What was the play like?

D Mmm. It was interesting.

10.12 What did you think of the movie?

A Well, I thought that movie was great.

B Mmm ...

A I was on the edge of my seat from start to finish.

B Mmm ...

A Well, the ending was a complete surprise.

B Mmm ...

A What about the special effects? Weren't they amazing?

B Mmm ...

A And Julia Jones – wasn't she just perfect as the love interest?

B Mmm ...

A I wouldn't mind seeing it again.

B Mmm ...

A I'm going to recommend it to Rob and Fran. They'll love it.

B Mmm ...

A Come on! Let's go for a drink.

B Mmm ...

10.13 What did she say?

A Well, I thought that movie was great.

B Mmm. It was good.

A I was on the edge of my seat from start to finish.

B Mmm. I don't think it was *that* good.

A Well, the ending was a complete surprise.

B Mmm. Really? I can't believe you didn't guess. I knew he'd get the girl in the end.

A What about the special effects? Weren't they amazing?

B Mmm. Yeah, they were fantastic! I dunno how they do it.

A And Julia Jones – wasn't she just perfect as the love interest?

B Mmm. She looked good, but I don't think her acting was great.

A I wouldn't mind seeing it again.

B Mmm. No, no ... once is definitely enough for me.

A I'm going to recommend it to Rob and Fran. They'll love it.

B Mmm. I think you're right. It's their kind of film.

A Come on! Let's go for a drink.

B Mmm. Great idea!

10.14 Who is John?

1 A Is John the man with the short, fair hair?

B No, John's the man with the short, dark hair.

2 A Is John the boy with the short, dark hair?

B No, John's the man with the short, dark hair.

3 A Is John the man with the short, dark beard?

B No, John's the man with the short, dark hair.

4 A Is John the man with the long, dark hair?

B No, John's the man with the short, dark hair.

5 A Is Tom the man with the short, dark hair?

B No, John's the man with the short, dark hair.

10.15 Where's the main stress?

1 A You look tired.

B I *am* tired.

2 A That's Sylvie over there. She's French.

B I *thought* she was French.

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- 3 **A** I had such a good idea about Mum's birthday present.
B / thought of it first!
- 4 **A** I sold my old computer to Barry.
B I thought you'd *given* it to him.
- 5 **A** Do you work for Carl?
B No, Carl works for *me*.
- 6 **A** I've never met Eva before.
B You *must* have met her. She knew your name.

11 Just suppose

11.1 Bridget Smith

- 1 It's raining again. I wish it wasn't.
2 I'm not going out tonight. I wish I was.
3 There's nothing good on TV. I wish there was.
4 I don't like my job. I wish I did.
5 My boyfriend and I had a row. I wish we hadn't.
6 I know he won't call me today. I wish he would.
7 I feel really depressed. I wish I didn't.
8 I can't talk to anyone about it. I wish I could.

11.2 If only!

- 1 **A** Look, I know I shouldn't have parked here, but I was only gone five minutes.
B You can't park here for even one minute. And I've already done the ticket.
A Surely you could cancel it if you wanted to?
B Impossible. Once it's in the system, you can't do anything about it. Machine won't let you.
A But I had to nip into the chemist's for my mother's prescription. Supposing your mother needed some medicine urgently, where would you park?
B I tell you what, if I had a pound for every story of getting medicine for sick relatives, I'd be richer than Bill Gates. Here's your ticket – you've got two weeks to pay.
- 2 **A** Sorry, Daisy, I can't come out tonight. I really shouldn't have gone out last night.

- B** But, Chloe, we had a great time! That was one hell of a party!
A Yes, I know. But ...
B So when's your exam?
A It's tomorrow afternoon! That's why it's desperate! Oh, if only I hadn't left all my revision till the last minute again!
B Oh, I wouldn't worry if I were you. You never do badly in exams.

A There's always a first time.

B Yeah, I guess so. Oh, I'd rather you came with us, though! Still, good luck tomorrow anyway!

- 3 **A** Wow, that photo on your screensaver looks gorgeous! Where is it?
B It's Thailand. I was there two years ago.
A Oh! If only we could be there now! That would be amazing!
B Yeah, just imagine! I'd go for a swim in that fabulous blue sea, and then spend the afternoon reading a novel.

A I'd just sleep on the beach. I'm suffering from sleep deprivation. I've been working so late recently, I can't switch off at night.

B Yeah, me too. I sometimes wish I'd never accepted that promotion. Still, it'll pay for a nice holiday.

A Yeah, in Thailand!

- 4 **A** Come on, Oscar! Try and get past me! Oof ... ! Don't you wish you still played football, Dad? You were in the pub team, weren't you?
B Yeah, but I'm too old for it now. And I was never that good anyway. You were, though – I've always said you could have gone professional if you'd wanted to.
A Nah, no way. I bet I wasn't as good as Oscar is! ... Phoo! It is time I did a bit more exercise, though. 'And Oscar is through the defence, he's one-on-one with the goalkeeper, and ... goaaaaaaaaa! What a strike!'
B He is good!

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- 5 **A** Cor, look at that jet! Look how fast it's going!
 Wow! What would you give to be a pilot?
B Yeah! Imagine if your job was flying jet planes!
A Well, if I was rich, I'd buy my own private jet plane, and fly it just for fun ...! Or, I might buy a massive yacht, with a helicopter on it. Which would you buy if you had all the money in the world? And you can't have both: you have to choose!
B I wouldn't buy either of those. I'd buy a rocket and be an astronaut!

11.3

- 1 **A** Look, I know I shouldn't have parked here, but I was only gone five minutes. ... Surely you could cancel it if you wanted to? ... Supposing your mother needed some medicine urgently, where would you park?
B I really shouldn't have gone out last night ... If only I hadn't left all my revision till the last minute again!
B I wouldn't worry if I were you ... I'd rather you came with us though ...
 3 **A** ... if only we could be there now! That would be amazing! ... I'd just sleep on the beach ...
B I sometimes wish I'd never accepted that promotion.
 4 **A** Don't you wish you still played football, Dad?
B I've always said you could have gone professional if you'd wanted to.
A It is time I did a bit more exercise, though.
 5 **A** Wow! What would you give to be a pilot?
B Yeah! Imagine if your job was flying jet planes!
A Which would you buy if you had all the money in the world?
B I wouldn't buy either of those. I'd buy a rocket and be an astronaut!

11.4 Wishes and regrets

- 1 **A** I wish I spoke English fluently.
B I wonder what you mean by fluently! I think you speak it really well.
 2 **A** If only we had a garden!
B I know. Still, at least the park isn't far away.
 3 **A** I wish I had a brother or sister.
B Yeah. Mind you, there are times when I wish I didn't!
 4 **A** If you talked more slowly, I might be able to follow you.
B Sorry! I'm just very stressed about all this!
 5 **A** I wouldn't get up at six if I didn't have to go to work.
B You need to look for another job. Long commutes are a nightmare!
 6 **A** If I'd learned to ski when I was younger, I'd be really good by now.
B But you are good! You're just a bit lacking in confidence.
 7 **A** My youngest daughter wishes she were taller.
B Oh well, she's still got a lot of growing to do!
 8 **A** I wish you wouldn't leave the top off the toothpaste!
B Sorry! I'm either half asleep or only half awake when I clean my teeth!
 9 **A** I'd rather my sister asked before borrowing my clothes.
B Well, she should! It's a bit of a cheek to take them without you knowing!
 10 **A** Supposing they gave you a pay rise – would you still leave?
B Mmm. I guess it would depend on just how much they gave me.
 11 **A** We should have read the instructions more carefully.
B Well, they weren't exactly clear, were they?
 12 **A** It's time we had a break.
B You're not kidding! I could murder a coffee!

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11.5 Expressions with *if*

- 1 **A** How's it going?
B OK. If all goes well, we'll be finished by Friday. We've just got to do the ceilings and then put the finishing touches to the doors and windows.
- 2 **A** You should have come to Jo's party. That girl you fancy was there!
B Oh! If only I'd known. I've been trying to get to speak to her for ages.
- 3 **A** If you've got a minute, could I have a word with you?
B Yes. If it's about the money I owe you, I'll have it for you next week.
- 4 **A** Owen is 18. He'll be fine travelling around Asia on his own. Stop worrying!
B Easy for you to say. If anything bad happened to him, I'd never forgive myself.
- 5 **A** Give Jeff a promotion?! If you ask me, he should be sacked!
B Oh, I think you're being too hard on him. He deserves a chance to prove himself.
- 6 **A** It was the 13th of April, not the 14th, if I remember rightly.
B Oh, don't be so pedantic! I was only telling them what a romantic day out we'd had!
- 7 **A** You think I'd follow your advice? As if!
B Please yourself, but your older sister knows a lot more about the world than you do!
- 8 **A** If the worst comes to the worst, we can always postpone it.
B No, it's just a bad cold. I think I'll feel better in a couple of days, and the sea air will do me good.
- 9 **A** I don't see the point of us moving offices.
B I agree! There'd be few advantages, if any at all.
- 10 **A** What did you make of Melissa's brother? He seemed pretty cold and arrogant to me.
B I don't think he's cold or arrogant. If anything, he's a bit shy.

11.6 Dream discoveries

P = presenter, S = Susan

- P** And now for our popular science slot. This week, the subject is dreams. We all love to tell people when we've had strange dreams. They can be funny, bizarre, and sometimes embarrassing, but did you know how many important discoveries and ideas are the result of dreams? Scientist Susan Williams has been doing some research into this, and she's here today to tell us about it. Susan, welcome! So, what are some of these dream discoveries?
- S** Well, a famous example is James Watson, the Nobel Prize-winning American scientist. He said that the idea for the possible structure of DNA came to him after having a dream about a spiral staircase. Neuroscientists suggest that this kind of thing can happen because during REM sleep we dream extra vividly, and new connections can be formed in the brain's network, so we are able to put ideas together in a way that would *never* have occurred to us when we're awake.
- P** That's really interesting. What other examples are there?
- S** Another very famous, but very different example from many years ago, is a young woman who had a dream about the mystery of human biology. She was called Mary Wollstonecraft, and in June 1816 she was still a teenager, when she and her future husband, the poet Percy Shelley, visited another poet, Lord Byron, in Switzerland. One day it was too stormy to go out walking, so they all sat around in the library and read ghost stories to each other. They then decided to have a contest to see who could write the *best* ghost story. Mary struggled to find an idea, but then that night, in a dream, she saw a vision of a man, a scientist, kneeling beside a monstrous body that he had created. It was a nightmare – the body began to come to life. Mary woke up; she was very

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frightened, but also delighted because at last she had her idea. 'I have found it!' she wrote, 'and what terrified me will terrify others.' Of course, it turned out to be a lot more than a story to share with friends. Mary's novel *Frankenstein* was published on 1st January 1818, when she was still only 20, and it is often described as the very first science fiction novel. I think the title of the book confuses many people, though – Frankenstein isn't the monster, its creator is!

P Yes, I believe that's a common mistake. So, tell me – are most dream discoveries rather dark and serious?

S No, not at all. You know Paul McCartney, one of the Beatles (for me, the most famous pop group ever!)? Well, one morning in 1963, Paul woke up with a melody for a song in his head. It was fully formed, and he thought, 'That's great. I wonder what that is.' He thought it must be something he'd heard somewhere, and played it on the piano to people, to see if they recognized it. No one did, so it was clearly his own composition, but he never felt like he'd written it, because it had come ready-made in a dream, and it wasn't like anything he'd written before. No lyrics had come in the dream, and whenever he played it, he sang the words 'Scrambled eggs. Oh, my baby how I love your legs!' Imagine if he'd left it like that! In fact, this is a good example of how unconscious inspiration can still need some conscious work putting in, because it was two years before Paul had the lyrics right and recorded the finished song. He called it 'Yesterday', and it was a huge hit. In fact, it has been voted the number one pop song of all time.

P I've always loved that song. What about a final example, Susan?

S OK, this time on a sporting note – from one of the greatest pop song writers to one of the greatest golfers, Jack Niklaus. He has told how he

managed to get out of a losing run of games by paying attention to a dream. In 1962, aged 22, Jack won the US Open, and then two more major world championships in 1963. However, in 1964 his form had dropped and he won none! One morning, he remembered he'd been dreaming about playing golf, and he had played really well, so he tried to remember exactly what he'd done in the dream and how it had felt. He realized that he'd been holding his golf club differently and he wondered what would happen if he tried holding it the same way, for real, on the golf course that day. So, that's what he did, and to his surprise and delight he played a wonderful round, and soon returned to his championship-winning form.

P Thank you very much indeed, Susan. That's all fascinating. So, maybe some of our dreams aren't just weird stories to tell friends! And maybe it would be worth keeping a notepad on your bedside table. But do make sure you write something you can read the next day!

11.7 Linking sounds

sink or swim

ifs or buts

wait and see

far and wide

give and take

once and for all

hit and miss

short and sweet

ins and outs

by and large

11.8 Word pairs

1 There has to be some give and take in any relationship. You can't have your own way all the time.

2 I had no experience when I set up my first business and I got no help – it was sink or swim!

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- 3 I don't want to hear any ifs or buts from you – it's time for bed, *now!*
- 4 **A** I hope your presentation doesn't go on too long.
B Oh, don't worry, it's short and sweet – it'll be over in no time!
- 5 It's difficult to explain the ins and outs of the rules of cricket. They're very complicated.
- 6 **A** What have you got me for my birthday?
B Ah, you'll have to wait and see, won't you?!
- 7 There are some things I'd change about my workplace, but by and large it's very pleasant.
- 8 People come from far and wide to shop in Bicester Village – it's the second most popular destination in the UK for Chinese tourists after Buckingham Palace!
- 9 **A** Is the food good in that restaurant?
B It's a bit hit and miss. I've had some great meals there, and some really poor ones.
- 10 It's time we settled this argument once and for all. Let's Google it and see who's right.

11.9 Wait and see

- A** Are you having a holiday this year?
B I'd love to, but we'll have to wait and see.
- A** Hopefully, we're going to go to that farmhouse in Devon again in September. It'll only be for a few days, so it'll be short and sweet, but it's still touch and go whether I can get the time off work.
B Why's that? I thought they were good about giving you time off?
A Yeah, they are by and large, but we're a small firm and we have to cover for each other, so it's always a case of give and take.
B Yeah, that figures. At least you and Sophie have had a holiday this year. I'm sick and tired of not being able to go anywhere.
A You still get away now and then, don't you?
B Mmm, actually, it's more 'then' than 'now'! It's too expensive to take three kids abroad.
A What's wrong with holidays here?
B Oh, it's not easy when the weather's so hit and

miss. Me and Charlotte used to have holidays in the UK rain or shine, but it's no fun keeping kids happy if the weather's rubbish. You certainly don't get much peace and quiet!

- A** Well, look, if we can get to that farmhouse, why don't you join us? We can help look after the kids.
B Woah, that's a kind offer, but I wouldn't want to spoil your holiday! I mean, what if they ...
A Honestly, I mean it, so no ifs or buts. I know Sophie would love to spend some time with your kids.
B Well, thank you so much! I'll talk to Charlotte about it if you're sure.
A I am, so do that. I'm sure we'd have a great time together!

11.10 Linking words

- A** Did you see the match last night?
B No. Apparently it was a great game, though. Liverpool won, didn't they?
A Actually, it was a draw, but it was really exciting.

11.11 Four conversations

- 1 **A** What do you think of Clare's new boyfriend?
B Personally, I think he's really nice, but I know her dad's dead against him. Still, he's never been happy with her boyfriends.
A I know! Surely he's got to accept one of them eventually. Anyway, I guess we'll have to wait and see.
- 2 **A** How can you afford to buy all these new clothes?
B Apparently, I'm going to get a big bonus this month. At least, that's what my boss has told me. And I do deserve one. After all, I earned the company £100,000 last month.
- 3 **A** So, Marc, you say this is your last concert tour?
B Definitely.
A But surely you realize how upset your fans are going to be?

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B Well, obviously I don't want to disappoint anyone, but, basically, I'm sick and tired of touring. Ideally, I'd like to spend more time in the studio, and record some great music for my fans.

4 A Why do you think our sales are so low this year?

B Basically, I think our prices are too high. We could certainly sell a lot more if they weren't. Ideally, they should be lower.

A If you ask me, our marketing team aren't good enough.

B That's true. All the same, it's our prices that people complain about, and marketing can't do much about that.

12 About time!

12.1 My grandfather's story

My grandfather, who's a widower, used to be a judge, and when he retired the year before last, he decided to go on a four-month cruise around the world. Um, he enjoyed the cruise very much indeed, and had some great experiences. Anyway, the most interesting thing about this cruise was that he met an attractive American widow – I think she's about the same age as him – who comes from California.

Well, my grandfather invited her to have dinner with him and they got on really well with one another. And would you believe it, he fell in love with her! No kidding! My grandfather says you can find love at any age, and the next thing we knew, he'd asked her to marry him! Apparently they were married by the captain of the ship. It's so romantic. The whole family's amazed, but we're all very happy for him because he's been rather lonely since my grandmother died. Um, so, there's always hope – maybe we'll all find love one day!

12.2 Listen and reply

1 I don't want cereal for breakfast today.

2 Do any of your friends like dancing?

3 What are the people you're studying with like?

4 I gave my three grandchildren £20 for Christmas.

5 Strange that Bob's training to be a vet when he doesn't seem to like animals!

6 Isn't your mother Scottish?

7 What do you think the most important thing in life is?

8 I bet you've told loads of girls that you love them!

9 I can't take your car! You might need it later.

10 Did you have a good time at your school reunion?

12.3 Listen and check

1 A I don't want cereal for breakfast today.

B Would you like an egg, then? How about a boiled egg and some toast?

2 A Do any of your friends like dancing?

B Oh, yes, absolutely! All my friends like dancing! We go to clubs most weekends.

3 A What are the people you're studying with like?

B Really nice. Every person in my class is friendly, and we all get on really well with each other.

4 A I gave my three grandchildren £20 for Christmas.

B You have it easy! I have ten grandkids! I gave £10 to each one – I can't afford any more on my pension!

5 A Strange that Bob's training to be a vet when he doesn't seem to like animals!

B Yes, you'd assume a love of animals is vital for a vet. But I think he wanted to be a doctor and couldn't get into medical school.

6 A Isn't your mother Scottish?

B Actually, both my parents are Scottish. They come from Glasgow, but they moved down south after university.

7 A What do you think the most important thing in life is?

B Well, it sounds like a cliché, but I do think love is everything. It doesn't have to be romantic love

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though. The love I have for my children alone makes life worth living.

8 A I bet you've told loads of girls that you love them!

B Maybe, but the love I have for you is very special. It feels different from anything I've felt before.

9 A I can't take your car! You might need it later.

B We have two cars. Borrow either one! We probably won't be using either of them today anyway.

10 A Did you have a good time at your school reunion?

B Yes, it was great to see everyone. But wow, how some people change!

12.4 *Each, every, and all*

1 A So, what did you think of it?

B A brilliant production! Every bit as good as you said it would be!

2 A Did you apologize to all the guests?

B Each and every one of them. I felt I had to.

3 A They didn't all pass, did they?

B Well, all but three did. 17 out of 20 – that's not bad.

4 A Sorry, I only have 50p on me.

B Don't worry. Every little helps those in need.

5 A Do you think you'll be here in time for the kick-off?

B Yes. All being well, we should be there at about 2.45.

6 A Do you want to stay for tea?

B If it's all the same to you, I'll leave now and try and beat the traffic.

12.5 *A bit of this and that*

1 A Ah ... Now that's more like it! No jobs to do, the kids at the grandparents', and an afternoon relaxing on the beach.

B Yes, this is the life!

2 A Fancy that! The neighbours are opening their garden to the public on Saturday – entry £5!

B Well, two can play at that game! Let's put up our own sign saying 'Garden Open – Free Entry.' We'll see whose garden people think is best!

3 A Three loads of washing to do, and the washing machine's broken down. That's all I need!

B It can't be helped. These things happen.

4 A I'm having one of those days. First the washing machine broke down, then the car wouldn't start, and now my phone's dead!

B Ah well, these things are sent to try us!

5 A I can't explain why I think you're making the wrong choice. I just have this feeling.

B Well, I'm tired of trying to convince you. I'm doing it, and you think I'm wrong. Let's leave it at that.

6 A OK. I'll come and spend the day in London, and we'll go to the theatre in the evening. How does that grab you?

B So you'll ignore your boss and take the day off work? That's the spirit!

7 A Oh no! An extra charge for hand luggage, and for choosing your seat on the plane. One of these days they'll charge for using the toilet!

B If it came to that, I definitely wouldn't fly with them!

12.6 *Pronunciation of the*

A My grandmother once met the man who wrote the James Bond stories: Ian Fleming.

B Really? That's funny, because my niece trained Daniel Craig, the actor.

A What, you mean *the* Daniel Craig?!

B Yes, the one and only!

12.7 *Listen and check*

1 A Are you going to the Oscars ceremony?

B Of course, darling! It's *the* social event of the year!

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- 2 **A** What's the paint you used when you decorated?
B Samson's. It's *the* paint to use. Expensive, but you don't need so much of it.
- 3 **A** I'm having tea at the Ritz on Friday!
B What, *the* Ritz, the hotel in London?
A Yes. It's for work, so the accountant says I can put it on expenses!
- 4 **A** How did you and Giles get to the airport?
B Train. First class, actually. It's *the* way to travel – if someone else buys the tickets!

12.8 Time of life

Jacob

I'm 16, and these are meant to be the best years of my life, but, to be honest, I can't wait for them to be over. I can't see the point of spending hours in the classroom finding out about rivers in China or the French Revolution. A friend of my dad's often says to me, 'What are you doing with all your free time?' And I think, 'What free time?' After coursework, then homework, revision for tests and exams, plus my part-time job – I'm absolutely shattered. I know you need to do all this if you want to get into uni, but I'm not even sure that's for me. I haven't told my parents yet – it's their dream that I follow in Dad's footsteps as a lawyer. Basically, I can't think of anything more awful. Years more studying, and debating details of the law, just doesn't grab me. What I really want to do is to be a theatre actor one day. English and drama are my best subjects and I'm always in the end-of-term plays. So, two more years of school, then I'd need to get a place on a drama course. But first I need to tell my parents I don't want to go into the law. Somehow I don't think they're going to like it.

Abi

Mummy says it will be fun ... cos ... erm ... there will be lots of other children to play with. But I don't want to go. I want to stay at home with Mummy and Granny. Um ... Charlotte ... that's my sister ... goes

there and she likes it. But she's more older than me. She's seven and I'm only four. And ... I got a kitten for my birthday, he's called Fluffy and he'll miss me cos we're always playing and things. I don't want to go at all.

Derek

So, it's my last week in the office. I've finally got used to the idea now, but when they told me I was on the redundancy list, it hit me like a ton of bricks. I've been here over 30 years. Still, I'm trying to see it as a new opportunity – not the easiest thing in your mid-50s. I'm setting up a small business with a friend – furniture design. I've always made chairs, tables, and stuff as a hobby, so why not give it a go? You never know, we could be the next IKEA!

Jilly

I never thought this day would come. Twenty-three and I've just started my first proper job – with my own desk, and phone, and even my name on the door! It's a shared office, of course, but you can't have everything! After being unemployed for two years since I left college, it feels a bit like a dream. I keep thinking the office manager is going to come over to my desk and say, 'What are you doing here? You don't work for us!' But it hasn't happened yet.

You know, I was so nervous on the first day that I didn't move from my desk all morning. Then my workmates invited me to join them for lunch, which helped to break the ice. But it feels like there's so much to learn. My first big challenge is to present some design ideas for an advertising campaign. It's for washing powder, of all things. I did a course in fashion, so it isn't really my area, but a job's a job. I'm hoping that I can move back to the world of fashion once I've got a bit of work experience here. I'd like to move out from my mum and dad's place soon, too. They've been brilliant supporting me, but I really need to stand on my own two feet now.

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Frances

I always think the word 'retired' sounds so negative ... like you're sitting passively in your armchair and waiting for someone to bring you a nice cup of tea! Yes, I gave up full-time work years ago, but I didn't give up on life! And since I stopped, I've been busier than ever. I really wanted the extra time I had to count for something. Er ... so many ladies of my age somehow ... disappear. Oh, they go for lunch or have their hair done, but they don't really do anything ambitious. Maybe I've been a bit selfish, but I wanted to still have challenges and ambitions. So, my first challenge was to go travelling on my own. I started just in Europe, in familiar territory, just around Italy and ... and Greece. And then I got the bug, and I was off to South America and the Caribbean, and then Japan and Indonesia. All my life, I'd organized family holidays and gone on business trips with my ex-husband. I never realized what a chore it was until I went on my own. Oh, it's marvellous to be able to just follow my nose around a city without having to worry about other people – ooh, heaven!

Nat and Louis

N Well, we picked up the keys yesterday, but we haven't moved all our stuff in yet. We've got all the basics in, you know, the beds, sofa, and chairs ...

L And the TV.

N Yes, Louis' flat-screen TV is definitely in place. But all our personal stuff is still in boxes. The thing is, we've moved around so much since we got married, we've never managed to get things in their proper place. It's such a pain!

L That's right. We rented a tiny flat when we first got married. Then, when we had the twins in our late 20s, we couldn't afford a two-bedroomed place, so we went to live with my mum for a while. That was great, cos she had a big old house with a huge garden, but then she had to downsize when she retired ...

N Yeah, we thought about trying to rent again, but everything in our area was so expensive. In the end, my parents said, 'Just come and stay with us'. So that's what we did, so we could save to get a mortgage. But it took us ages to get the deposit together. I never thought I'd have to wait until the age of 35 before I owned my own home.

L Nat, darling, we don't own it – the bank do!

N Yes, well, you know what I mean. All I want to do is get all our bits and pieces into the new place and make it feel like home. The twins are so excited.

12.9 Expressions with *life and time*

- 1 **A** Can't believe it! I failed again!
B Never mind. You'll have better luck next time.
A But that was the second time.
B They say the best drivers pass on their third attempt.
- 2 **A** Come on! Get up and do something! Get a life!
B What d'you mean?
A Well, it's high time you did something other than watch daytime TV all day.
B Like what?
A I dunno. Get a hobby. Do some sport! Bob Jones' son really came to life when he took up karate.
B Huh? Too dangerous. I think I'm safer staying on this sofa.
A Oh, I give up. Be a couch potato, if that's what you want.
- 3 **A** Oh, look! You've missed it!
B Oh, typical! They're always late if I'm early, but if I get there a few seconds late, they leave dead on time. Story of my life!
A The next one's at five-thirty. I don't mind hanging around with you. I'll go and get two coffees.
B Well, take your time. It says that the five-thirty is going to be 20 minutes late!

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- 4 A** How's it going?
B Well, they've finished at last, but not before time – only four weeks late.
A And how much is it all going to cost?
B We haven't had the final bill yet.
A Well, you can bet your life it'll be more than they estimated.
B I know. We were going to have the kitchen decorated as well, but enough's enough for the time being.
A Ahh.
- 5 A** How come Dave has such a cushy life? He never seems to do any work.
B Didn't you know? He won the lottery.
A You're kidding? I had no idea. I do the lottery every week and never win a thing.
B Me neither. That's life.

12.10 A poem

No time to think

No time to think, no time for dreams
 No time for anything, it seems.
 No time to stop, no time to waste,
 No time for anything but haste.

No time to wonder at the snow,
 No time to watch our children grow.
 But time enough to race about
 And time enough to scream and shout.

And time enough to rush, rush, rush,
 And time enough to push, push, push.
 But no time to care or to smile,
 No time to ramble for a while.

No time to sit, no time to stand,
 No time to shake you by the hand.
 No time to stop, no time to blink
 But most of all no time to think.

12.11 Discussing a four-day week

- O = Oscar, E = Eva, W = Will, F = Freya**
O OK, do you want to start, Eva?

- E** Yes. First of all, let's look at these reports I sent you from companies that have tried a four-day week. The point I want to make is that working four days doesn't have to mean a drop in productivity, and these reports prove that. You don't look convinced, Will.
- W** Well, no, because that may be true in some companies, Eva, but, as far as I can see, everyone here is working flat-out already. To be honest, I don't think we could possibly get the same work done in four days. Wouldn't you agree, Freya?
- F** No, that's not how I see it, actually. We'd work longer hours on the four days, and if you ask me, there are many ways we could improve productivity, like taking shorter lunch breaks. And then there's the time spent on tea breaks, which we could cut altogether. I think staff spend quite a lot of time chatting and socializing, and the incentive of a three-day weekend would keep us a lot more focused. What do you think, Oscar?
- O** Well, personally, I come into the office to socialize as well as work, and I'm worried that workplace bonding would suffer if we had our heads down all day. Having said that, a three-day weekend would mean a lot more time for quality socializing – with friends or colleagues!
- E** Exactly. And not only that, it also gives you more time to get chores done at weekends, so they're not hanging over you during the week. Above all, it means that staff come to work properly refreshed after three days off, and feel more positive about work. Can you not see that, Will?
- W** But surely people would end up working on their extra day off because they hadn't managed to get everything done in the four days?
- O** Yeah, I see your point. I do wonder just how long people can work productively without a proper break. But I am coming round to the idea the more I think about it.

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F OK, well, all in all, we seem to think it's definitely worth considering, apart from Will, so I think we should put it to a vote among all the staff. It would certainly make a huge difference to our work–life balance, and everyone agrees we need to do something about that.

12.12 Making your point

- E** First of all, let's look at these reports from companies that have tried a four-day week. The point I want to make is that working four days doesn't have to mean a drop in productivity.
- W** That may be true, but, as far as I can see, everyone here is working flat-out already. To be honest, I don't think we could possibly get the same work done in four days.
- F** That's not how I see it, actually. We'd work longer hours on the four days, and if you ask me, there are many ways we could improve productivity, like taking shorter lunch breaks. And then there's the time spent on tea breaks. I think staff spend a lot of time socializing, and the incentive of a three-day weekend would keep us more focused.
- O** I'm worried that workplace bonding would suffer. Having said that, a three-day weekend would mean more time for quality socializing – with friends or colleagues!
- E** Exactly! And not only that, it also gives you more time to get chores done at weekends. Above all, it means that staff come to work properly refreshed after three days off.
- W** But surely people would end up working on their extra day off?
- O** I see your point. I do wonder how long people can work productively without a proper break.
- F** Well, all in all, we seem to think it's definitely worth considering. It would certainly make a huge difference to our work–life balance.