Unit Topic: Everyday Accents

Lesson: Listening

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Profile

1. Living with animals

English / Saudi Arabian

Could often you will get bus driver who act aggressively in cycles. To pay for the road, you had. We’ve all paying, it’s not just the car driver who does it. I didn’t want to come back 60 miles a day. Cycling improves safety for cyclists. She took the underground at Earl’s Court. Jasper had a fast, efficient public transport system.

Clear usage: emphasizing

Possible gaps: Choose the correct meaning

Complete the gaps

Match the definition to the phrase

2. Growing up with animals

English / English

went to America for a month. I’m hoping I’ve been away for three weeks. He had lost two stone in weight. You’re not talking about that job interview, are you? Anne had been reading and planning for the past week. ‘I know that some people. Make sure that... Don’t be afraid to... If people want to keep exotic pets, they should get some advice looking after them.

Audio vocabulary and phrases: homes and pets

Clear usage: expressing a point tentatively

Complete the correct answers

Choose the right answer

Match the phrase to the table

3. Food

English / English

travelled to explorations for three years ago for research. There are those who have to follow special diets for medical issues. 10 years ago he converted to vegetarianism. We can clearly if we eat plenty of vegetables. He walked slowly. The cheese had an old, red, crusty texture. I found the chicken丝 was greasy and bland. I’ve had a brown bread sandwich, then you’re going to be getting fat.

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Audio vocabulary and phrases: food and lifestyle

Clear usage: advising

Complete the gaps

Rewrite phrases

Match the word with the definition

4. Keeping tabs

Turkish / French

All of the family should be together. If they finish early, we can leave the table. ‘Please help yourselves to cake! Sorry, I’m not sure to be eating with a knife and fork. I’ll eat more you some more time.

Can’t really say whether I agree or disagree. ‘(It depends on what you mean’ The restaurant offers traditional English and Welsh dishes. They have set meals: 9 a.m. and noon.

Clear usage: expressing strong opinions

Complete the exercises

Rewrite the phrases

Match the word with the definition

5. Making arrangements and changes

Thai / English

I’ve actually just returned from America. ‘I would say that would be the best way to do it. How do you make a date after returning? ‘She loves the peace and quiet of the island. Kate and Alastair had a hectic Christmas. ‘Let me give you that booking reference. I’ll just note everything for you. ‘We will need your car number and its expiry date. You should never disclose your PIN number to anyone. I wanted to check the dates. I was wondering if you could help.

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Audio vocabulary and phrases: table manners

Clear usage: using items

Rewrite the phrases

Match the word with the definition

6. Technical help

Swedish / English

If you bring back two weeks, try to photograph your new phone. ‘I failed to bring a laptop, we charge you. ‘I’ll try for the phone today, will you give me a discount? Sorry, I didn’t understand that. ‘Sorry, I didn’t catch that. ‘How does a warranty differ from a questioner? Did you get the car fixed? ‘So give us a minute... I hope to go with this. ‘Can you repeat that? ‘A green light should be showing.

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Audio vocabulary and phrases: wider topics

Clear usage: asking

Rewrite the phrases

Match the word with the definition

7. Relaxation

American / Hindi / English / Slovakian / Sri Lankan / American

I just wanted to tell you how much I enjoyed the party. ‘I wanted to mention that I’ll be in Prague next weekend. ‘I was wondering if you could be my car this week? ‘Hi, hello, John here. I hope you’re well! ‘I’m just calling because... Sorry, I couldn’t talk perfect. ‘Can you call the back when you get this? ‘Just get your message. ‘Sorry we get cut off. ‘I’m free now — can you call me back?

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Audio vocabulary and phrases: starting a conversation

Clear usage: clear

Rewrite the phrases

Match the word with the definition

8. Registration and induction

Arabic / English / Kenyan / British-

African

You can only call aniet at 9 a.m. If you need your documents to be signed... ‘The post room can be contacted. ‘Do you want us? If you could complete that form for me, please. ‘Okay, if you’d like to pop that on there. ‘There we go...

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Audio vocabulary and phrases: workplace induction

Clear usage: clear

Rewrite the phrases

Match the word with the definition

9. Lighting a fire

English / Scottish

This is my home. I won’t tolerate such rudeness. ‘He grew in manner was intolerable at times. ‘He was burning up my dishes. ‘He had been putting up with all of the noise that he made. ‘He was very upset. He damaged his car. ‘We never would be it if started panic lessons. ‘You’re sure he actually write it? ‘Oh really! And so what about you and Andy?

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Audio vocabulary and phrases: starting a conversation

Clear usage: clear

Rewrite the phrases

Match the word with the definition

10. Cultural observations

German / American / Saudi Arabian

Companies are losing international business because they lack language skills and cultural awareness. ‘The UK has become more of a multinational society than ever before. ‘I would have been delighted. ‘You might have called me. I don’t think we could have done things differently. ‘In many cases... ‘You would normally see... ‘As you can imagine... ‘He was always tidy and badly dressed. ‘He had a solid sense of humour and great sense of humor. ‘She may be able to change her clothes. We must be made aware of the laws.

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Audio vocabulary and phrases: starting a conversation

Clear usage: clear

Rewrite the phrases

Match the word with the definition

11. Social media

English / Austrian

If you were someone with taste of Facebook, you would have to... When you check your phone? ‘When I have nothing else to do. ‘Do not post rude or abusive messages! ‘His posts are entertaining and informative. ‘It’s just really being, mundane stuff. ‘I mean, who wants to know all that? ‘Is your phone not always buzzing?

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Audio vocabulary and phrases: starting a conversation

Clear usage: clear

Rewrite the phrases

Match the word with the definition

12. Attitudes to work

English / Austrian

He worked long hours at a stressful job and rarely exercised. ‘I was in a mentally demanding job doing computer programming. ‘I wasn’t generally good at parts and usually 3 a.m. ‘I would try to be home by 6 p.m. ‘I didn’t care what the time was. ‘I would generally work 10 hours a day.

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Audio vocabulary and phrases: starting a conversation

Clear usage: clear

Rewrite the phrases

Match the word with the definition

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13 Charities
Spanish / English

Profit from the sale of these prints will go to his favourite charity. He regularly donates large sums of money to local charities. If Paul never changes clients but asks them to make a donation to charity instead. This donation is understood to be the last charitable act by the trust, which is soon to be dismantled. Worthwhile charities / A limited income / Sub-stories / Charitable charities...

COBUILD: charity / useful vocabulary and phrases / charities

Understanding variations in vowel sounds amongst native and non-native speakers

General comprehension questions / Complete the sentences / Match the phrases with their synonyms / True or false exercises / Match the phrase to the speaker / tracks

13 Collecting
English / French / American

The jockey is remarkably handsome and very collectable. Over the years, Harold amassed a considerable collection of paintings. If any coin is observed with money, he knows how much things cost and how much people are / could see that he was so oblivious about his work / I started off relatively simply / I didn’t intend it to be a collection.

COBUILD: rich and collectible / COBUILD: obsess / COBUILD: obsession / COBUILD: developing a narrative

Underline the forms mentioned / Complete the gaps / Complete the table / Tick the correct answer / Identify standard and colloquial English / General comprehension questions / tracks

15 Music
Chinese / Indian

The music ranges from rock to classical. She liked clothes, dancing, pop music, and sports. He introduced mainstream country music to a lot of music fans, if I haven’t listened to that once I was ten years old. The last time I listened to it was ten years ago. He’s like to get introduced to some music producers. Did you go to the party / The Irish music festival, now in its fourth year, will have three stages and feature several new bands.

COBUILD: music genres / COBUILD: use of ‘look’ and ‘see’ / COBUILD: obsession / COBUILD: developing a narrative

Acents and non-standard English / Favourite yourself with the different accent and language of non-native English speakers

General comprehension questions / Fill the gaps / Fill the table / Tick the correct answer / Find the synonyms and complete the sentence / tracks

16 Environment
English / Korean

I’m used in fishing visits. / They visit in fishing visits. A conservation charity. / A newly emerging initiative. / Today, world marine life is under threat from pollution. / Carbon dioxide emissions, mainly from burning fossil fuels, are thought to be a principle cause of global warming. / All of the packaging is made from recyclable materials. / Companies have adopted waste disposal methods which reduce pollution levels. / If we keep making this kind of effort, maybe the environment can get better / you need to separate your waste; otherwise the refuse collectors will not take it.

COBUILD: per cent / action simple present forms / Useful vocabulary and phrases. Net words / COBUILD: protecting the environment / COBUILD: checking / recycling waste / COBUILD: consequences of action and inaction

Comprehension questions / Complete the gaps / Match the sentence halves / Number the phrases / tracks

17 Weddings
French / Scottish

The cost of the average British wedding has increased dramatically. They could not afford a holiday that year. The traditional famous offers much better value for money / A lot of money is being wasted / Very expensive gifts are being exchanged. Bride and groom / best man and the maid of honour. / We’re having the wedding in Scotland. We’re not having one of those. He is going to wear a kilt.

COBUILD: checking / spending money / COBUILD: present continuous passive / Useful vocabulary and phrases / weddings / COBUILD: describing future events

Many all speakers drop ‘Y’s and pronouns ‘Y’s. They are ‘a’s at the end of words. / This is common particularly in the south of England

General comprehension questions / Fill the gaps / Complete the sentences / Find standard equivalent phrases / tracks

18 Going to a challenge
American / English

She has no idea why the finish feels so terrifying. She could dance floor with her frequencies. River Dance’ impersonation. / He has become_Nothing by fear as a result of one alarming experience. / We wish we knew that from the beginning. / I wish I could afford to go to the Olympics on holiday. / So it was sort of like, “this is the trial, this is where you go.” / They didn’t tell us to watch out for the animals. / She seized the opportunity to work at the festival.

COBUILD: checking / action simple present forms / Useful vocabulary and phrases / weddings / COBUILD: describing future events

Underline the forms mentioned / Complete the gaps / Match the phrases / Complete the sentences / Find the Milano phrases / Find meanings of phrases / tracks

19 Holiday destinations
English / Japanese

That can’t have been a good experience. / That must have been very disappointing. / I wouldn’t recommend going in August – it’s very hot then. / The best time to go would be during the Obon festival, it was cooler than the day before. / August is usually hot and muggy, with 95% humidity. / It was a boiling hot day but the airwaves were clear.

COBUILD: vocabulary and phrases. Australia / COBUILD: making recommendations / COBUILD: describing the weather

Useful vocabulary and phrases / Australia / COBUILD: making recommendations / COBUILD: describing the weather

Tick the phrases / Comprehension questions / Rewrite the non-standard sentences / tracks

23 Life-changing events
English

It would have been used if the weather had turned bad / It could have been used. / We wouldn’t have used it if the weather had turned bad. / The following year he was admitted to hospital suffering from inflammation of the large intestine. / The operation can usually be performed as a day case, or at the most needs an overnight stay.

COBUILD: checking / making recommendations / COBUILD: describing the weather

Underline the forms mentioned / Complete the gaps / Tick the correct answer / Identify standard and colloquial English / General comprehension questions / tracks

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