

Unit 1 – Judy

1 Pre-Listening Comprehension

B. Normalisation 1

1. The three boys are still at school and still living at home all the time.
2. Did you plan to have a big family?
3. And do you find yourself playing the peacemaker, or is that more your husband?
4. I think discipline is harder now at school and at home.
5. Um, your brother and sister – do you see them much? (*accept often*)
6. Try to see them several times a year. (*accept week or month*)

C. Normalisation 2

1. We find out that she doesn't have four children because after saying 'you're the mother of four' her next comment is 'That must be quite hard work, I would imagine.'
2. She's a student. 'Hannah's at university.'
3. Because she's on holiday from university.
4. one girl (Hannah) and 'the three boys'

2 Listening Comprehension

A. True/False

1. F – Judy says she and her husband planned to have a big family 'and the theory was if we had an even number they would play tighter nicely'. So it seems they settled at four children.
2. T – 'they fight in various combinations' and 'Sometimes they get on well, but quite often somebody's arguing with somebody.'
3. F – 'He's out in the evening s quite a bit 'cos he works at The Telegraph.'
4. T – 'And sometimes I just let them get on with it. It's quite tiring being the peacemaker.'
5. T – 'it's June now'
6. T – 'is that difficult – making them do their revision?'

B. Gap-fill

1. Judy says she has more emotional involvement with her own children than with the children she teaches.
2. Judy has been feeling very stressed during the run-up to the children's exams.
3. In two weeks' time the children will have finished their exams.
4. Judy plans on celebrating the end of the exams with a bottle of wine.

C. Questions

1. Because they don't have to get up early. /Because they can have lie-ins. ('Well, the summer holidays are really nice, not having to get up.' 'lie-ins are very nice')
2. Going for walks. ('And I like going for lots of walks as well.')
3. She had a gap-year and then she had a year at university. ('She left school two years ago. She had a gap-year and she's just done her first year studying biology.')
4. Because she's waiting for the results of her first-year exams. ('She hasn't got her exam results yet...')
5. in industry
6. a four-year course (Judy says Hannah's result matter 'quite a lot because er, to get a placement you have to get a 2:1 these days and there aren't enough placements'.)

D. Cloze

(I: Interviewer J: Judy)

- I: How, how have you found the dynamics with Hannah being away, being quite grown-up, and then coming back home again and fitting in to family life?
- J: I think she finds it quite hard and she says we treat her like a child...
- I: Mmm.
- J: ...but being in charge of when you eat and what you do at university, that doesn't really work when you're fitting in with family and mealtimes...
- I: Mmm, hmm.
- J: ...um, so I think she finds that a bit tough.
- I: Mmm.
- J: And I find it tough when we all have to get up in the morning and she doesn't. (*laughs*)
- I: No, that would cause a bit of resentment I would imagine.
- J: Yeah.

E. Questions

1. discipline
2. You are no longer allowed to smack your child/children.
3. They're encouraged to argue their case.
4. incentives
5. pocket money
6. CDs
7. Roomscape
8. 6 feet, 2 inches
9. his friends
10. No. Judy says Hannah is 'keen to please... she wants to be good.'

F. True/False

1. T – ‘I think they don’t argue with her in the same way...’
2. F – ‘I think they do look after her to a, to an extent and I think that will be more in years to come.’)
3. F – I: And they’re quite protective? Judy: Yes, yes. I mean so far the opportunities haven’t been there because they’re still... well, Toby’s only 14.
4. T – ‘I think she finds them quite immature.’
5. F – Judy compares the boys with ‘the equivalent year group um, the 14-year-old girls compared to Toby’, so clearly she works at a secondary school.

G. Gap-fill

1. Until about 10 years ago Judy regularly used to meet up with her brother and sister at Christmas and during the holidays.
2. Now Judy’s sister lives a day’s drive away in Yorkshire.
3. Judy and her sister often talk on the phone.
4. Judy says when she talks to her sister it’s the same as ever, but she does miss her.
5. Judy’s brother now works in the USA, but Judy sees him more often than her sister.
6. Her brother regularly comes to London on business and pops in to see Judy and her family.
7. Judy says her brother makes a big effort because he lives so far from his friends and family.
8. Judy sees her parents several times a year.
9. She says her parents are always keen to have any combination of her and her children at short notice.
10. One reason Judy likes staying with her parents is that her mother does all the cooking and brings her tea in bed in the morning, as does the interviewer’s dad.

4 Further Listening Practice

B. Fluency practice 1 – elision and the glottal stop

1. That must be quite hard work, I would imagine.
2. Yes, it’s quite busy...
3. She’s home at the moment for the holidays...
4. And the theory was that if we had an even number they’d play together nicely, two at a time.
5. Well, the summer holidays are really nice, not having to get up.
6. my husband comes back quite late at night...
7. she’s just done her first year studying biology

8. And is that going well?
9. so the first lot went fine
10. And if that doesn’t work then she just does a three-year degree.
11. So that’s quite crucial.
12. I can’t make him do anything.
13. She wants to be good.
14. That must be a bit tough.
15. And they’re quite protective?
16. so far the opportunities haven’t been there
17. My brother moved to America...

C. Recognising a word from hearing the first syllable

1. and they’re all teenagers now so it’s not so hand-on with nappies and things, but equally difficult
2. And they go to bed much later.
3. and she’s just done her first year studying biology
4. I find it tough when we all have to get up in the morning...
5. bribery is fine, in my opinion
6. Ten years ago we were all close together.

D. Fluency practice 2 – weak forms

1. She’s home at the moment for the holidays...
2. and the three boys are still at school and still living at home all the time
3. I can tell from the tone of your voice that hasn’t actually worked.
4. this time of year
5. particularly with the exams that really count
6. I like going for lots of walks as well.
7. Hannah’s been away at university – this is her first year at university I think.
8. And is that going well?
9. And she’s waiting for the results from this lot?
10. So she’ll be at university for two years...
11. but as he’s now rather larger than me at six feet, two...
12. And Hannah? What can you do with Hannah?
13. I probably see him more often than my sister.
14. he’s a long way away from all his friends and family
15. And it’s quite a nice break for me as well...

E. Fluency practice 3 – linking

1. and they’re all teenagers now
2. it’s not so hands on with nappies and things
3. Are they all living at home?
4. two at a time
5. You don’t have two that get on better than another two...

- Um, he's out in the evenings quite a bit because he works at The Telegraph.
- He's into that, yeah.
- that kind of thing
- to an extent
- I think she finds them quite immature.
- We could all meet up at Christmas and holidays.
- When I talk to her it's like, you know – it's the same as ever.
- I probably see him more often than my sister because he comes to London on business and pops in.
- And he makes a big effort because he knows he's a long way away from all his friends and family...
- mum insists on cooking

F. Sentence stress

- Did you plan to have a big family?
- he's out in the evenings quite a bit
- I've found it enormously stressful...
- this is her first year at university, I think
- she left school two years ago
- And it matters quite a lot...
- And if that doesn't work then she just does a three-year degree.
- And I find it tough when we all have to get up in the morning and she doesn't.
- you're not allowed to smack your children
- I think discipline is harder now at school and at home.
- They probably need incentives.
- I can't make him do anything.
- Now my sister it's a day's drive, really.
- And I think your brother's in America now?
- I probably see him more often than my sister...

G. People talking over each other

(I: Interviewer J: Judy)

Excerpt 1

I: OK. So you're... Yes, you've just got to hold on...

J: The end is in sight.

I: (*laughs*)

Excerpt 2

J: Er, to get a placement you have to get a 2:1 these days and there aren't enough placements for everyone ...

I: What do you mean by 'placement'?

Excerpt 3

J: Er, and they're always very keen to have any combination of us...

I: Mmm.

J: ...at short notice, and...

I: Oh, that's brilliant, isn't it?

J: ...yes...

Excerpt 4

I: ...and I feel a little bit guilty that he's bringing me tea in bed but um...

J: Yes.

I: ...they like to do it, don't they?

J: Yes, yes, mum loves it.

I: We'll always their children.

J: Yes.

5 Further Language Development

A. Gap-fill

- I don't think it's right that Aaron gets twice as much pocket money as me just 'cos he's a bit older.
- My new manager is really hands-on – she wants to be involved in everything.
- One of the things I hated doing when the kids were small was washing their nappies.
- There's a huge age range in our class – from 18 to 72.
- It's funny, but my mum and dad get on much better now they're divorced.
- I'm finding it a bit difficult to cope at work at the moment as we're so short-staffed.
- I can't come out tonight – I've my exams next week and I need to do some revision.
- She's a great nurse, but she does tend to get too emotionally involved with the patients.
- I need to make a doctor's appointment to get the results of those tests I had last month.
- It's really crucial that I get to work on time tomorrow because we've got someone from head office coming in.
- How can I treat you like an adult when you do such childish things?
- Who's in charge of the photocopier?
- What's the equivalent to \$200 in euros?
- My friend normally pops in on a Friday on her way home from work.
- I like salads, but I'm not very keen on celery.
- Sorry it's short notice, but would you be available to babysit on Friday?

B. Transformations

- Sheffield used to be a very (industry) industrial city, but it's changed a lot since I was a student there.
- I can't imagine her ever (smack) smacking her children.
- My favourite science fiction author is Terry Pratchett – he's got a brilliant (imagine) imagination.
- We're trying to find new ways of (incentives) incentivising our staff and I was

- wondering if you've got any experience in this field.
5. I never drive in central London because I get too (stressful) stressed.
 6. I think my older brother (resentment) resented it when I was born so we've never got on.
 7. Paris is really expensive at the moment in (compared) comparison with London.
 8. The dog died, despite the vet's best (effort) efforts.
 9. We (combinations) combined our summer holiday this year with doing family history research, which killed two birds with one stone.
 10. We're leaving at six, and I don't want any (arguing) arguments from you three kids, you hear?
 11. She's quite (hope) hopeful she'll pass this time.
 12. It's a bit noisy out in the garden because our neighbours are having some kind of (celebrate) celebration.
 13. Is Dan your (biology) biological father?
 14. You need to be very (discipline) disciplined to be self-employed.
 15. In some countries (bribery) bribing the police is quite normal.
 16. I once met someone who was (relationship) related to William Wordsworth.
 17. Remember Jane's a (commitments) committed Catholic, so she never eats meat on Fridays. We'll have to have fish instead.
 18. I've put my name down for a (cooking) cookery course at my local college.
 13. It's been at least five years since we met, but he looked just the same as ever.
 14. Let's meet up next time I came to Cardiff on business.
 15. Why don't you come over and sit with us?
 16. It's impossible to get a table at Poon's there at such short notice. Why don't we get a takeaway instead?
 17. My father always insists on driving which makes my mother really cross.
 18. Would you like breakfast in bed tomorrow morning?

C. Prepositions and adverbs

1. Do you watch much television when you're at home?
2. You have to be careful with Mike – he'll do anything for a laugh.
3. I can tell from your face you're annoyed about something.
4. I don't want to argue with you, so let's just leave it.
5. My brother works at Muscle In – that new gym in the High Street.
6. I'm hoping for a white Christmas again this year.
7. This project seemed never-ending when we started it, but at least now the end is in sight.
8. It's a lovely day. Shall we go for a walk?
9. They've offered me a new job, but it's in accounts and it sounds really boring.
10. Anyone who drinks and drives should lose their licence permanently in my opinion.
11. Could you possibly look after my tropical fish while we're away?
12. I didn't have time to see Clare, but we had a nice long chat on the phone.

Unit 2 – Marilena

1 Pre-Listening Comprehension

B. Normalisation

1. She has a mother, father, a brother and two sisters.
2. She's very cheerful – she laughs and tries to make a joke.
3. Second conditional: if it wasn't them, I wasn't here (If it weren't for them, I wouldn't be here.)

Comparatives and superlatives: My brother is oldest than me – five years oldest. (My brother is older than me – five years older.)

Articles and plurals: And er, sister are younger than me. (And er, my sisters are younger than me.)

2 Listening Comprehension

A. True/False

1. T – Marilena: I have a sister with me in England. Jill: They, they live together.
2. F – 'It's nice, but we fight..'
3. F – Marilena: No, I came in my own [sic] and she came five months later. Interviewer: Right. Because you wanted her to... Marilena: No, it was her option.
4. F – 'She's trained as engineer agriculture – agriculture engineer.' [sic]
5. T – 'Um, grandparents from my father died when I was many years young – I don't remember them... And er, grandparents from my mother died five years ago?'

B. Questions

1. She's got four nieces: 'Er, my brother have two daughters...and er, sister from Romania have a daughter and sister from England have one daughter.'
2. Marilena, her sister, her sister's husband, her sister's daughter and Marilena's husband

C. Questions

1. As told to the interviewer subsequently:
 - a) Because Jill is Marilena's line manager she feels it's not appropriate to get too friendly with the staff she manages.
 - b) There is simply not enough time at work to chat and staff don't have breaks together.

- c) Jill is a private person and doesn't like to give away too much about herself.
2. a couple of years
3. He's Jill's sister and her husband's dog.
4. She's a care assistant.
5. It means 'she's not working'.
6. 'they're getting older'
7. guilty

D. Gap-fill and transformations

1. For the first few years after coming to England, whenever Marilena talked about her parents she cried.
2. Now when she visits her parents, she feels her life is in the UK.
3. Marilena feels there is less discrimination in the UK between rich and poor people.
4. She qualifies this by saying that perhaps there is discrimination in the UK, but when people discriminate in the UK they do it 'nicely'.
5. Marilena hasn't noticed a big class difference in the UK.
6. She says rich people in Romania tend to feel very proud of themselves.
7. Marilena doesn't like people who are rich but who haven't worked hard.
8. Marilena's sister in Romania also works as a nurse and her brother is a policeman.

E. Cloze

(I: Interviewer M: Marilena)

- I: What, what's the reason you came here?
Why, why...
M: (*laughs*) I don't think, I don't think we have enough time!
I: OK.
M: I was married in Romania and er, I wasn't happy in my marriage.
I: Mmm.
M: And I tried to run away from my husband. I, we couldn't divorce because he wa... he didn't agree to divorce.
I: I see.
M: And I make a plan, a secret plan to run away from him.
I: Wow!
M: (*laughs*)
I: To, to England?
J: It's all quite exciting, really.
M: (*laughs*)
I: Wow!
M: Yes, yes. And I came to England.
I: And it worked?
M: It worked, yeah.
I: He didn't come after you?
M: Er, he couldn't. In that time we need visa.
I: Oh, I see.

- M: When... Because I left in 2005 and we... By 2007 we need visa, and it was lots of procedures to... And he couldn't find me anyway. And during two years he find somebody else.
- I: Oh, OK. So it was quite easy for you to divorce?
- M: No... Ah, yes, because I was away.

F. Questions

1. a/her friend
2. her husband (Marilena says: And then finally, yeah, I agree.)
3. Because she was in North Wales at the time.

G. Gap-fill and transformations

1. Marilena's new husband hadn't been married before.
2. It seems he's very religious.
3. Marilena says he follows the rules in the Bible.
4. He believes that if you do something bad to somebody, then something even worse will happen to you.
5. The interviewer says Marilena's husband is probably very honest.

H. Questions

1. an accountant
2. £200
3. the construction industry
4. 10 (He starts at 8am and finishes at 6pm.)
5. the interviewer
6. thin (negative) and slim (positive)
7. Jill
8. a good heart

I. Gap-fill and transformations

1. A synonym for the verb 'to fight' is 'to argue'.
2. If no one wants to cook dinner then they order a pizza.
3. Marilena says her sister likes to organise people.
4. Someone who enjoys telling people what to do is called 'bossy'.
5. Jill says Marilena is 'quite laid-back at work' because she doesn't get stressed even if something goes horribly wrong.
6. Marilena says people who get stressed easily tend to die younger.

J. True/False

1. T – She earns £200 a month and her mortgage is £100 a month.

2. F – Marilena: The prices of food are er, no [sic] like here... but no... Not cheap.
3. T – He earns 'the same – £200'.
4. F – She just says she wouldn't think of taking less than £1,000 with her, but she makes no mention of giving it to her sister.
5. F – Marilena: I can't go back.

K. Cloze

- (I: Interviewer M: Marilena J: Jill)
- I: Poor... I feel sorry for your sister now.
- M: But they... Don't feel sorry for them! They are happy! (*laughs*)
- I: OK.
- J: They don't know any different, do they? It's just...
- M: Yes.
- I: No, that's right. Do they live in a nice part of Romania?
- M: Bucharest, which is...
- I: OK.
- M: ...capital, which is...
- I: Yeah. I've seen a...
- J: Big city.
- M: Big city.
- I: ...documentary. It was... I think Ceausescu, he knocked down a lot of the big buildings, didn't he? And he made a big palace...
- M: Yeah.
- I: ...and a... avenue.
- M: Yes, yeah.
- I: And a lot of the old houses, they disappeared.
- M: Yeah, yeah, yeah.
- I: And they built all these very modern, concrete houses.
- M: Yeah, that... high blocks and...
- I: Yeah. Do they live in something like that?
- M: Yeah.
- I: Oh, dear.

L. Gap-fill and Transformations

1. Marilena's grandparents used to live in the countryside.
2. They didn't have a proper job, but they had a small farm.
3. They used to grow all the food they needed.
4. We call this type of farming 'subsistence farming'.

3 Interesting Language Points

A. Communication and grammatical accuracy: Part 1

1. Grammatical problem area(s): J
No, I came on my own.
2. Grammatical problem area(s): D and M
The first few years I really missed them.

- Grammatical problem area(s): N
No, they all work.
- Grammatical problem area(s): I and M
I met him when I divorced my first husband.
- Grammatical problem area(s): E
and there were lots of procedures
- Grammatical problem area(s): F
I'm not pretty.
- Grammatical problem area(s): M
And I made a plan...
- Grammatical problem area(s): L
And she just organises, but she won't do it.
- Grammatical problem area(s): J, D and M
At that time we needed a visa.
- Grammatical problem area(s): J, D and M
Until 2007 we needed a visa.

D. Communication and grammatical accuracy: Part 2

- Grammatical problem area(s): A
My brother is older than me – five years older.
- Grammatical problem area(s): M
At that time when(ever) I talked about them I cried.
- Grammatical problem area(s): L
My brother has two daughters.
- Grammatical problem area(s): D
Bucharest, which is the capital.
- Grammatical problem area(s): J
He's from Romania, yeah. /He's Romanian, yeah.
- Grammatical problem area(s): D
My brother is a policeman.
- Grammatical problem area(s): G
Because he wasn't trained as a builder. or
Grammatical problem area(s): M
Because he didn't train as a builder.
- Grammatical problem area(s): F
Not about dinner.
- Grammatical problem area(s): H and I
And my sisters are younger than me.
- Grammatical problem area(s): K
He has/He's never been married.
- Grammatical problem area(s): C and M
She trained as...
- Grammatical problem area(s): I and J
And my sister in Romania has a/one daughter and my sister in England has a/one daughter.

E. The different uses of the word 'so'

Use 1: To check that you've understood something correctly.

Use 2: To soften a question and make it less interrogational.

Use 3: To explain something.

4 Further Listening Practice

A. Dictation 1

- And they're younger than you. So you're sort of in the middle.
- Did you and your sister come over from Romania together?
- Yeah, she's happy enough. She's working in a care home, actually
- I'm going to see them tomorrow, so that'll be really nice. And she's off, so we'll be able to do stuff together.
- Will you see the rest of your family while you're up there?
- And what was your sister? I couldn't hear.
- Another sister is a nurse in Romania.
- And I tried to run away from my husband.
- And when I met this one I said: 'Oh, he's nice, but I don't want to get married.'
- Don't feel sorry for them! They are happy!

B. Fluency practice 1 – linking part A

Track 72

- Um, your mum_and dad, are they still_alive?
- Um, did you and your sister come_over from Romania together?
- All_of them?
- Do they live_in a nice part_of Romania?

Track 73

- Are they all older than you, your brothers_and sister?
- So how many nephews_and nieces have you got?
- She moved a couple of years_ago.
- In your family, do you have anybody who employs_other people?
- Another sister is_a nurse_in Romania.
- He probably starts_early and finishes_early.
- That's_a long day, though.
- Is_it who's going to cook dinner, or...?
- 'It's_all right. There's_another day.'
- It's_all quite exciting, really.

C. Weak forms: Part 1

- So it's two sisters?
- Um, your mum and dad, are they still alive?
- And er, are the rest of them, they're all in Romania?
- Um, did you and your sister come over from Romania together?
- So how many nephews and nieces have you got?
- Do you know much about Jill's family?
- But she moved a couple of years ago
- The dog's called Teddy and he's lovely.
- Is that up in North Wales?

10. Yes, she's happy enough. She's working in a care home, actually.

D. Dictation 2

(I: Interviewer M: Marilena J: Jill)

1. I: Do you know much about Jill's family?
M: A little bit about her parents. I haven't heard about any sister, if she...
2. J: I mean there's lots of aunties and uncles around, but... you...
M: You don't have time.
J: No, you don't, really.
3. M: ...I think it's another kind of life – obviously because it's another country...
4. M: Plus Romanian people who, who get rich, they don't work hard.
5. M: And I make a plan, a secret plan to run away from him.
I: Wow!
M: (laughs)
I: To, to England?
J: It's all quite exciting, really.
M: (laughs) Yes, yes.
6. I: But we, we all do that. I mean, I try to live like that. I'm sure you try to live like that. But he's a bit more extreme.
M: Yes, he's more... (laughs)
I: He ne... He never does anything bad.
7. M: And she just organise, but she won't do it. (laughs)
I: Yes, so a little bit...
J: Marilena ends up doing it.
M: (laughs)
I: I see.
8. M: Yes, yes. And me, because we grow up, I'm the oldest one. We grew up – I should be bossy. (laughs) And I'm not! (laughs)
I: OK. (laughs)
J: She's quite laid-back...
I: Relaxed.
J: ...at work. And she says 'Oh, it's all right. There's another day,' always, if something goes horribly wrong.
M: (laughs)
9. I: So how, how does she manage? Do...
Does she do another job?
M: With her husband.

E. Fluency practice 2 – linking part B

- No, she's not.*
- It's life.
- How many's that?
- Do you know much about Jill's family?
- The dog's called Teddy and he's lovely.
- She's working in a care home, actually.
- I mean there's lots of aunties...
- So what does he do? What's his job?
- Is it who's going to cook dinner, or...?

10. She's quite laid-back.

F. Weak forms: Part 2

- I'm going to see them tomorrow, so that'll be really nice.
- And she's off so we'll be able to do stuff together.
- Will you see the rest of your family while you're up there?
- And what was your sister? I couldn't hear.
- What was the reason you came here?
- So it was quite easy for you to divorce?
- You were saying about your sister and you fight with your sister, or you argue with your sister...
- I feel sorry for your sister now.

5 Further Language Development

A. Gap-fill

- Would anyone like the rest of the spinach? It seems a shame to waste it.
- Tom can't make it. He's got a terrible cold.
- I lived in Sweden for a couple of years when I was younger.
- I feel really guilty that Simon was in hospital for a fortnight and I didn't visit him once, but I was really busy.
- We can't agree on what colour to paint the kitchen. I want terracotta and Chris wants primrose yellow.
- Yasmin's parents don't approve of Mark so they have to meet in secret.
- It's a shame John's moving to Bath. I'll really miss him.
- I love watching football, but I don't really understand the rules. I mean, what's 'offside' all about, for example?
- My neighbour's very religious – she goes to church every Sunday.
- I spend half my wages on food these days.
- I can't believe I used to be slim enough to fit into this dress!
- I think a surprise party's a great idea, but who's going to organise it?
- My son's wants to get his own place, but he can't get a mortgage because he's only been working a year.
- There used to be a beautiful old cinema there, but then they knocked it down and replaced it with a car park.
- Please stop crying! I didn't mean to upset you.

B. Transformations

- She has quite a hard (alive) life, being a single mother with three young kids.
- Look, I don't want another (argue) argument.

3. Are safety belts (option) optional in the UK or do you have to wear them?
 4. My grandmother's in a (nurse) nursing home and I want to go and see her tomorrow, but I don't know the (visit) visiting hours.
 5. My cousin is studying (engineer) engineering at Bath University.
 6. This is one of the (sad) saddest songs I know.
 7. What do the letters 'PG' stand for on a DVD? Is it (parent) Parental Guidance?
 8. This is Steve's third (married) marriage, so let's hope it works out this time.
 9. You know what they say – (proud) pride comes before a fall.
 10. The National Health Service is one of the biggest (employs) employers in Europe.
 11. The problem with Andy is he doesn't know his own (strong) strength.
 12. I really like Julie, but she's very (opinion) opinionated, don't you think?
 13. What type of (organise) organisation does he work for?
 14. Economic (grow) growth in the UK nearly came to a standstill last year.
 15. I think Sophie's finding her new job a bit (stressed) stressful. That's why she's always too tired to come out these days.
15. After I've paid my rent I only have £60 a week to live on.

C. Prepositions and adverbs

1. Could you call back later, please? I'm in the middle of a crisis.
2. Would you like a biscuit with your coffee?
3. Do you mind if I have the rest of the potatoes? I'm starving.
4. Why don't we go and sit over there in the shade?
5. Everyone went on an emergency site visit last week so I was in the office all on my own.
6. I originally trained as a teacher, but then I changed careers and became a police officer.
7. Do you know anything about getting rid of wasp nests? We've got one in the attic and we don't know what to do.
8. I loved Bali. In fact I'm planning to go back there in a couple of years.
9. I used to live in Aberdeen, up in the north of Scotland.
10. I'm off tomorrow so we could do something together if you like.
11. My parents are getting on a bit, so I try to get to see them as much as I can.
12. The people I work with are great, but our line manager's a nightmare.
13. I've just heard you passed your driving test first time! You should feel very proud of yourself!
14. My brother works in construction, so if you need any building work done, he's your man.

Unit 3 – Randy

1 Pre-Listening Comprehension

D. Normalisation 2 – Anticipating the next word

1. Um, I have an older brother er, three years older than myself. (*accept me*)
2. What does your father do?
3. He was 54 when he retired.
4. And then er, then you only work like one weekend a month.
5. Yeah, 'cos mom had two sisters and two brothers, so hers was the bigger family.
6. And on my mom's side my grandmother's still alive, but my grandpa died once again when I was quite young. (*accept small, little*)
7. I: Have you got a girlfriend?
Randy: I do not. I am, I am single and loving life.
8. Um, did you find it hard to come to London – to make friends?
9. I've had three serious relationships at this point in my life. None of them lasting very long.

E. Normalisation 3: Questions

1. 3 (Montana, Pennsylvania and Texas)
2. 15 ('we moved out to Montana where I was three and I was there till I was 18.')
3. The Rocky Mountains
4. cowboys, miners and ranchers
5. The Horse Whisperer

2 Listening Comprehension

A. True/False

1. F – The interviewer asks why Randy's parents moved to Montana. Randy replies: I think they just kind of wanted to get away from both er, both families, to be completely honest.
2. T – Randy: I have an older brother er, three years older than myself and er, my younger brother is 19 years younger...
3. F – Randy: So I had gone to university.
4. F – The interviewer asks: Do you think number three was planned? Randy replies: Um, no. Number three was not planned...
5. T – Randy: It almost took her out.... about three years' recovery...

B. Gap-fill

1. Randy's older brother's full name is Ronald Andrew Smartnick Jr.

2. His younger brother is Robert Charles Smartnick.
3. Randy says his father was career military.
4. His father fought in Vietnam and then trained as a National Guard.
5. Randy's father retired at the age of 54.

C. True/False

1. T Randy: People will sign up for the Guard to get assistance with um, schooling...
2. F Randy: you train one weekend a month.
3. F Randy: You'll go through your six-week basic training, same as you would for the military.
4. T Randy: And when there's flood disasters or, you know, things go wrong and you need some kind of policing force that is extra and above what you would usually get, the National Guard are called in...

D. Questions

1. She was a receptionist for a physical therapist.
2. They have been unable to retire.
3. a trucking firm
4. cattle and gas
5. Because his older brother works for a competing trucking firm, doing the same job as his father.
6. his high school sweetheart
7. three blocks
8. 2,000

E. Gap-fill

1. Randy says his parents lived in four different towns in Montana before the one they live in now.
2. He and his family moved to Boulder when he was 12.
3. Before that his parents moved around a lot because of his father's work.
4. Randy's younger brother is still in high school.
5. He's really keen on wrestling and he enters the state championships every year.

F. True/False

1. T – Randy: He's not as into music as er, as some of us in the family were.
2. F – Randy: He plays trombone um, in the band...
3. F – Randy says he hasn't met his younger brother's girlfriend yet 'cos it's been a while since I've been home'.
4. F – Randy: On my mum's side... I have the most cousins on which would be six, maybe?

5. T – Randy: Yeah, 'cos mom had two sisters and two brothers...
6. F – Randy: My dad had two sisters and I only have one cousin on that side...
7. T – Randy: I guess mom's, mom's side we're, we're a bit closer with. Um, I know I've seen them more recently than, than the ones in Pennsylvania...

G. Questions

1. Because it was the first time he'd ever been on a plane.
2. Because he didn't know his grandfather very well.
3. It means the coffin (BrE) or casket (AmE) has no lid on it so that people can see the person who's died.
4. No. ('I heard tell of it and mom and dad went back to Pennsylvania for the funeral, but I don't think any of the rest of the family made it back, sadly.')
5. No. (see above)
6. his mother's mother
7. 'dark'

H. Gap-fill

1. Randy says he's 'single and loving life' at the moment.
2. He's three serious relationships so far, but not one of them lasted very long.
3. He's never had an American girlfriend.
4. His previous girlfriends were Welsh, Scottish and Italian.
5. The interviewer asks if Randy found it difficult to make friends when he first came to London.
6. Randy says he's quite a social person.
7. He says it doesn't take him long to relax and chill out with people.
8. He believes he's quite a good judge of character.
9. He doesn't waste his energy with people he doesn't like.
10. Sometimes four months go by before he catches up with someone who lives on the other side of London, but he generally finds when he meets them that nothing's changed.

4 Further Listening Practice

A. Dictation

1. So why did you end up in Montana? Why did they want to move there?
2. Number three was not planned, but seen as a great blessing.
3. What does your father do? What's his job?
4. I don't know how to equate that over here.

5. It's kind of a part-time type of job where you train once a month with the National Guard.
6. She did a lot of reception work for a physical therapist.
7. He's got a lovely girlfriend. I haven't gotten to meet her yet 'cos it's been a while since I've been home.
8. All of them would be out of high school at this point.
9. I do remember questioning why I wasn't upset about it, but I suppose that's because I didn't really know him that well, you know.
10. I also find myself quite a good judge of character, so I don't waste my energy on a lot of people.

B. Weak forms

Track 126

1. Mom and dad went back to Pennsylvania for the funeral, but I don't think any of the rest of the family made it back, sadly.
2. Mum's from Texas, dad's from Pennsylvania...

Track 127

1. Um, I have an older brother er, three years older than myself...
2. OK. Have you got a middle name?
3. And your younger brother?
4. We lived in four different towns in Montana before the one that they're in now.
5. But er, before that we moved around a lot for his work...
6. Yeah, he's done really well since he, since he started about three years ago...
7. ...which would be six, maybe?
8. I know I've seen them more recently than the ones in Pennsylvania...
9. I do remember questioning why I wasn't upset about it...
10. I've had three serious relationships at this point in my life.

C. Sentence stress

1. Um, I have an older brother er, three years older than myself and er, my younger brother is 19 years younger...
2. Interviewer: *Do you think number three was planned?*
Randy: *Um, no. Number three was not planned...*
3. Interviewer: *And he's fine – no health problems?*
Randy: *Oh, nothing for him, no. It, it almost took her out, but um...*
4. Have you got a middle name?
5. What does your father do?
6. And when there's flood disasters or, you know, things go wrong and you need some

- kind of policing force that is extra and above what you would usually get, the National Guard are called in to deal...
7. He works er, for a competing trucking firm doing the exact, same job.
 8. Yeah, 'cos mom had two sisters and two brothers.
 9. Um, do you remember your grandparents, growing up?
 10. That was a dark topic, wasn't it?
 11. Yeah, I didn't know any of them because we grew up in Montana, you know...
 12. Have you ever been in a long-term relationship?
 13. Interviewer: *Did you find it hard to come to London – to make friends?*
Randy: *I really don't feel that I have.*
 14. We might not see each other for more than – you know, it might be every four months before I catch up with somebody who lives on the other side of London, but er, that's... when you catch up nothing's changed.

5 Further Language Development

A. Gap-fill

1. We split up because I felt I needed my own space.
2. I think it's much better to raise a family in the country than in a city.
3. There's a gap of five years between my brother and me.
4. Marc trained to be a doctor, but then he gave up medicine and became a diver instead.
5. My father retired when he was 55, but I'll be lucky to go before I'm 66.
6. What type of dog is he?
7. My French is very basic, but I know enough to get by.
8. I had a terrible day today – everything I did went wrong!
9. Do you know who owns that car parked over there?
10. Can I get past, please? My brother's competing in this next race.
11. When you're measuring the ingredients for a recipe, you need to make sure you have the exact amount of everything.
12. My kids love going to McDonald's.
13. I'm not really into jazz. I prefer classical music.
14. I don't drink tea, to be honest. Could I have coffee instead?
15. My father's brother's son Mike is my favourite cousin.
16. Sophie's a bit upset at the moment because her mother's not well.
17. Would you mind if I had the rest of your sandwich? I'm starving!

18. You have to tick the relevant box – married, civil partnership, single, divorced or widowed.
19. He's never had a serious relationship, but then he's only 20.
20. It's no wonder you've got high blood pressure – you work too hard. You need to relax more.

B. Phrasal verbs

1. My brothers and I grew up in a little village near Cambridge.
2. I think you should give Maria a ring. She's really going through it at the moment.
3. I haven't seen you for ages! Why don't you come for dinner next week and we can catch up.
4. Do you mind if I change the music? I'm not really into Abba.
5. We planned to have a picnic by the sea, but the weather was so bad we ended up having it in the car instead.
6. My boss has signed me up for a three-day course on customer care for some reason.

C. Transformations

1. Can I have your date of (born) birth, please?
2. Her son gave a very (move) moving speech which had everyone in tears.
3. Rio Tinto is one of the biggest (miners) mining companies in the world.
4. What are your (planned) plans for the summer vacation?
5. You don't look very (health) healthy. Perhaps you should take more exercise.
6. Has he (recovery) recovered from his operation yet?
7. We're going on a two-day (trained) training course next week, so that'll make a nice change.
8. Economic (grew) growth is at its lowest level since 1990.
9. What are you two (whisper) whispering about?
10. Would you be (interesting) interested in our special offer on double-glazing?
11. What's the current (retired) retirement age for men in Japan?
12. I just need your (sign) signature at the bottom, there.
13. He's (basic) basically a nice man, but he's just really boring.
14. Camilla's got a job as a (reception) receptionist in a legal firm, so she's really pleased.
15. My dad's just won first prize in a photographic (competing) competition. Not bad for 80, is it?

16. Love Story is the (sadly) saddest film I've ever seen.
17. The closest we have to a (social) socialist party in England is the Labour party.
18. It was a great holiday, but it wasn't very (relax) relaxing because we went on loads of trips.

Unit 4 – Eileen

1 Pre-Listening Comprehension

B. Normalisation – Questions

1. June, Anne, Derek, John, Billy, David, Eileen, Joyce, Sue, Jan and Lynn
2. in 1964 ('June was born in June, 1942 and there's actually 22 years between June and the youngest child, who's Lynn.')
3. Leeds
4. It's in south London.

2 Listening Comprehension

A. Aural gap-fill

- 1) Second
- 2) work
- 3) houses
- 4) grandmother
- 5) corner
- 6) dad
- 7) driver
- 8) lot...

B. Questions

1. a twisted gut
2. in Germany
3. a couple of years ago

C. True/False

1. F – He was a carpenter and he 'used to make cabinets'.
2. F – 'the pair of them were very, very quiet'
3. T – 'I actually don't know a lot about them at all. Just that they came down at Christmas...'
4. T – 'And Uncle Jack had a Down's syndrome daughter, Maureen who is absolutely gorgeous and we love her to bits.'
5. T – Eileen uses the simple past to talk about both aunts: 'Auntie Erika was very authoritative... And Auntie Reenie was a northern lady.'
6. T – 'Auntie Erika was very authoritative and quite bossy actually.'
7. T – 'she always talked about the menfolk, what the menfolk needed and what they didn't'
8. F – 'they were very nice... they were very nice people'

D. Questions

1. in south London
2. Eileen's mum

3. No. (I: So she tried to keep you children away from that side of the family? Eileen: And my dad, to be quite honest.)

E. Aural gap-fill

- 1) side
- 2) boys
- 3) moved
- 4) often
- 5) married
- 6) nieces
- 7) names
- 8) well
- 9) aunt
- 10) cousins
- 11) well

F. Tick the correct statement

The children of Eileen's 10 brothers and sisters only receive presents from their uncles and aunts

- when they are born.
on their first birthday. ✓
for their first Christmas. ✓
on their 18th birthday. ✓
on their 21st birthday. ✓
on their 25th birthday.
when they get engaged.
when they get married. ✓
on their first wedding anniversary.
when they get their first job.
when they get their first home.

G. Calculation questions

1. 1 ('Ann lives in um, North Walsham, which is in Nor.. um, Norfolk...')
2. 3 ('I've got two brothers and a sister in er, Northampton...')
3. 1 ('Billy lives in Leeds.')
4. 5 ('And the rest of them live in Watford. They actually stayed. They never left.')

4 Further Listening Practice

A. Gap-fill

1. I've never actually been to Paris. I just know a lot about it.
2. There's a major shortage of lithium batteries at the moment, for some reason.
3. One of the most common birds in the garden these days is the blue tit.
4. My brother's friend is a carpenter. He's just made me a fitted wardrobe and he did a great job. Do you want his number?
5. Can you kids keep quiet, please? I'm trying to concentrate.
6. That dress is gorgeous! It really suits you.

7. My older sister used to be really bossy when I was growing up. She was always telling me and my brother what to do.
8. I haven't made anything for dinner because I had to work late. Do you mind if we have a takeaway?
9. We're a bit worried about our son. We think he's started to mix with the wrong sort of people.
10. We got some new taps for our bathroom last week for just under £50, but then we had to pay the plumber £60 to fit them.
11. Sophie's obviously in love with Tom. You can tell by the way she looks at him.
12. I don't really know my cousins on dad's side of the family because they all live in Australia.
13. The vicar at my brother's wedding was excellent. He made everyone feel at ease.
14. I'm really lucky because I get on really well with my girlfriend's parents.
15. My boyfriend and I made a deal this Christmas that we wouldn't spend more than £50 on each other.
16. My parents have agreed to let me have a party at home for my birthday. Isn't that great?
17. I always get mixed up with my left and my right so I'm rubbish at following directions.
18. I really should spend more time studying and less time enjoying myself.
12. My son's not very (communication) communicative, I'm afraid. He spends most of his time sitting in front of the computer.
13. You need special (authoritative) authorisation to park here.
14. We were (burgle) burgled last month so we now have new locks on all our doors and windows.

B. Transformations

1. Would you mind (tell) telling me how much you paid for it?
2. We're having a party next week to celebrate the (born) birth of our first grandchild, so I want to get a new suit.
3. This is the (actually) actual spot where I was standing when Andy proposed to me.
4. The food was wonderful but the (serve) service was very slow.
5. Jake's feeling a bit (depression) depressed because he's just split up with Fiona.
6. My father's busy (set) setting up a new company supplying flowers to hotels.
7. It quickly became (apparently) apparent that we should have worn warmer clothes.
8. My grandfather had his own (carpenter) carpentry firm by the time he was 25.
9. I'm not very good at (plumber) plumbing so I usually get a professional in when I need something doing.
10. There was another student from New Zealand on the course so the two of us (pair) paired up.
11. They say a little (know) knowledge is a dangerous thing.

Unit 5 – Hannah and Luke

1 Pre-Listening Comprehension

B. Normalisation 1 (Luke): Freestyle listening comprehension

Answer: The interviewer put a sachet of plant food into her tea instead of sugar.

C. Normalisation 2 (Hannah): Gap-fill

1. Hannah points out that she'd been away at university so it's different for her.
2. Luke's coping strategy is to keep himself to himself and get on with his work.
3. He says 'I get on well when I need to – if I want something.'
4. Hannah says that because the boys are all teenagers now, it is quite argumentative and loud at home.
5. She expects things to improve once all the hormones have faded.
6. Luke agrees and says this is probably the worst stage of the children's development.

2 Listening Comprehension

A. Gap-fill

1. Hannah initially says it's a lot quieter at university than at home.
2. She then qualifies this by saying that she's been living in a very loud hall of residence.
3. This means she hasn't been sleeping at university either.

B. Aural gap-fill

(I: Interviewer H: Hannah)

- I: What was it like coming 1) home after being away at university, having all that freedom?
- H: Yeah, it's hard because obviously mum and dad tell me what to do all the 2) time and I'm not used to that because I always had... I had a gap-year as well.
- I: Oh, that's right.
- H: So I was in Africa for six 3) months. So I def... definitely know how to look 4) after myself. But it's just mum and dad are used to talking to the 5) boys in a certain way, assuming they're not going to do something, so they talk to me in the same 6) way. I'm happy, I'm happy to do it, but it's the whole like getting out of 7) bed in the morning. I'm not so great at that. But that's 'cos at the moment I'm waitressing and I have to waitress. And tonight I probably won't be done till 8) midnight...

- I: Mmm, hmm.
- H: And there would have been no point me getting out of bed in the 9) morning because then I won't be able to last until midnight.
- I: I see. So you need your 10) sleep.
- H: Yeah. Generally the arguments are about me not getting up in the morning. Everything else I think I'm doing all 11) right.

4 Further Listening Practice

A. Gap-fill

1. I'll be ready in five minutes. I just need to get changed out of my work clothes.
2. He was really embarrassed when he went to introduce me because he'd obviously forgotten her name.
3. Let's get your mum a bunch of flowers to cheer her up.
4. Do you think this plant is dead, or is it supposed to look like that?
5. I like my new manager, but some people find her a bit argumentative. She certainly likes to make sure she always the last word.
6. I had a wonderful suntan when we came back from Crete, but it's faded now.
7. What's the next stage in the process?
8. I find it really hard to get up in the winter.
9. We definitely said we were going to meet at seven.
10. Stop looking at me that way!
11. There's no point leaving yet. Her train doesn't get in for another hour.
12. Have we got enough milk to last till I can go shopping on Saturday?

B. Transformations

1. It was really (embarrassed) embarrassing going through the security gate because I forgot they sometimes ask you to take your shoes off and both my socks had holes in them.
2. Thanks for (remember) remembering my birthday.
3. What do you (food) feed your dog on?
4. Will you kids please stop (argumentative) arguing! I can't hear myself think.
5. You need a good (imagine) imagination to write children's books.
6. Passing my driving test was the (hard) hardest thing I've ever done.
7. There seems to be a general (assuming) assumption that if you're deaf then you're stupid.
8. That (waitress) waiter over there is really handsome, isn't he?

Unit 6 – Ingse

1 Pre-Listening Comprehension

C. Normalisation 1: Anticipating the next word

1. I get up fairly early in the winter. (*accept morning, summer, spring, etc.*)
2. it's only four or five kilometres from where I live to, to the office
3. I use my bike because it's so close so it's nice to get some fresh air.
4. In the summer what, what time does the sun set? (*accept rise*)
5. You can't cut it with a knife.
6. So how many hours do you work a week (*accept day*)
7. Do you cook yourself dinner when you get home?

D. Normalisation 2: Freestyle listening comprehension

1. She drives to work in winter because she talks about avoiding the heavy traffic.
2. She lives four or five kilometres from work.
3. She works in an office.
4. She cycles to work in the summer.
5. She likes fresh air.
6. She gets up at 6am.
7. She starts work at 7am.
8. She is allowed to work flexitime.
9. In the summer she works from 7am to 3pm.
10. It takes her 15-30 minutes to cycle home in summer.

2 Listening Comprehension

A. Questions

1. Because the sun doesn't set until 11-11.30pm.
2. no (She says she has coffee when she gets to work and she brings bread and goat cheese with her.)
3. 'sweet' and 'strong'
4. She turns on her computer and reads her emails.

B. True/False

1. F – 'we have an open landscape'
2. T – 'There are only four people in there.'
3. T – 'we're all working with the same things'
4. F – She says she benefits from being able to hear what her colleagues are saying on the phone because they all do similar work.

5. T – She says there were 20 or 30 people in one room in the engineering department she used to work in.
6. T – 'We have a good laugh in there.'
7. F – Ingse's contract expired in June and the company asked her if she would like to stay on for another year.
8. T – Ingse says her work colleagues are about her age – 40 to 50.

C. Cloze

(I: Interviewer In: Ingse)

- I: So you're **doing** all your work in the morning. Wha... what time do you **stop** for lunch?
- In: Er, 11.30.
- I: That... That's very **early**. You see in England we'd be stopping for our mid-morning **break** at 11.30.
- In: (*laughs*) Yeah. Some people go for er, 10.30, but I think that's far **too** early for me. I've just finished **breakfast** by then.
- I: OK. (*laughs*)
- In: Yes. (*laughs*) How I feel!
- I: So do you have a restaurant at work, or a canteen?
- In: Yes, a lovely canteen with hot and **cold** food and... very, very good food. A salad **bar** costing us a quid.
- I: Really?
- In: Or less than that, but more or less. Yes, a quid.
- I: So the food's quite **cheap**? And subsidy... subsidised?
- In: Yes, subsidised food in the canteen, yes.
- I: Uh, huh.
- In: And they serve dinner, which is...
- I: Really?
- In: ... dinner at Norwegian **time**, which is about 4 o'clock. (*laughs*)
- I: Huh! (*laughs*)
- In: So if you get there quarter past four it's **finished**! (*laughs*) And that's for the people doing **overtime**, yeah.

D. Questions

1. an open sandwich
2. 'very boring'
3. Swedish people: 'In Sweden I think they have full lunch now.'
4. Because it's like they take part of their home with them.

E. True/False

1. T – When asked if Ingse goes for lunch at the same time as her colleagues she says 'No, they go at 11 – 10.30 or 11 o'clock –

and I go with the consultants.’ It is illogical to think that Ingse would have lunch before 10.30, and we’ve already heard her say that she stops for lunch at 11.30.

2. F – ‘we have a competence course’
3. F – Ingse says ‘Somebody will be there that I know.’ Later the interviewer says ‘So you’re not sitting on your own?’ Ingse replies ‘No, I wouldn’t.’
4. T – ‘There are no shops – nothing around in nearby. [sic] There are just woods and walks and... so you have to take your car in...’
5. T – ‘Because of the flexible hours – which I think is marvellous.’
6. F – ‘Because if I’ve been out late one night... too much to drink – you can just stay on and go to work at 9 o’clock.’
7. F – ‘you have to be there by nine’

F. Cloze

(I: Interviewer In: Ingse)

I: If you do work on a Saturday and Sunday do you get better **pay**?

In: 100 per cent, yes.

I: Yeah, so it’s **double**?

In: Yeah.

I: Yeah.

In: And I’m so **tired** after eight hours...

I: Mmm.

In: ...in **front** of that computer I **can’t** do any work in the **evenings**.

I: Mmm.

In: It kills me.

I: Right. (*laughs*)

In: No, but if you, if you do a different job – if you’re interviewing, if you’re going to **meetings** – and then you **sit** down at the computer... But when you are in front of that computer for eight hours...

I: Mmm.

In: My neck and my **eyes**... (*laughs*)

I: Yes. Very **tiring**.

G. True/False

1. T – ‘It’s 40. Minus lunch – half-an-hour a day – so, 37 and a half.’
2. F – Interviewer: What time in the winter? [i.e. What time do you finish work?] Ingse: The same.
3. F – Ingse says: ‘This summer has been so nice.’ So clearly the interview took place in the summer or towards the end of summer.
4. F – ‘Sometimes I go straight home which is about... between five and seven kilometres, I think. But this summer has been so nice so quite often I’ve er, taken a longer trip to get home, just to get the exercises, the fresh air and stop at a lake or go for a swim or something.’

H. Questions

1. 1) Because the children have moved out and 2) because she gets lunch at work.
2. read
3. an aunt
4. in the autumn
5. It’s tidy and clean. (NB. In BrE it’s more normal to say ‘clean and tidy’.)
6. She would like it to be bigger. (‘the flat is too small for the three of us, really... They have so much gear...’)

3 Interesting Language Points

E. The different uses of so

1. I: So **(a)** how many hours do you work a week?
2. Ingse: So **(c)** if I’m in by seven I can leave by three o’clock...
3. Ingse: I use my bike because it’s so **(d)** close so **(c)** it’s nice to get some fresh air.
4. I: So **(b)** the food’s quite cheap?
5. Ingse: And there’re no shops... so **(c)** you have to take your car in if you want to go shopping or go to the bank or something.
6. Ingse: But this summer has been so **(d)** nice so **(c)** quite often I’ve er, taken a longer trip to get home...
7. Ingse: And then we just sit down and chat. I: Oh, that’s nice. So **(b)** you’re not sitting on your own?
8. Ingse: I had an aunt I was looking after which took quite um, a lot of time. I went to Tae Kwon Do three times a week in the evenings. So **(c)** I was quite busy.
9. Ingse: They have so **(d)** much gear...
10. Ingse: And they serve dinner, which is dinner at Norwegian time, which is about 4 o’clock. So **(c)** if you get there quarter past four it’s finished!

4 Further Listening Practice

A. Dictation

1. I think I tried some once. It tastes a little bit like chocolate.
2. and they asked if I would like to stay on for another year
3. I said yes because we have a good laugh.
4. So you’re all doing your work in the morning. What time do you stop for lunch?
5. That’s far too early for me. I’ve just finished breakfast by then.
6. And that’s for the people doing overtime.
7. Somebody will be there that I know.
8. And then we just sit down there and chat.

9. I: If you do work on a Saturday and Sunday do you get better pay?
Ingse: Hundred per cent, yes.

B. Contractions

1. But in the summer I, I cycle. I use my bike because it's so close it's nice to get some fresh air.
2. And we've got flexible hours. So if I'm in by seven I can leave at three o'clock...
3. we're all working with the same things
4. That's typically Scandinavian, isn't it?
5. And I'm so tired after eight hours in front of that computer I can't do any work in the evenings.
6. So you try to finish quarter past three. You've done your eight hours...
7. I'm really lazy with that because I don't like cooking.
8. And this autumn I've been so lazy...
9. But I'm happy because they're happy...
10. It didn't work out as well as it could have. We're good friends though.

C. Sentence stress

1. In the summer, what, what time does the sun set, then?
2. I get in to the office and what I normally do is, is have a coffee and I bring some er, bread with goat cheese, which is a Norwegian thing.
3. I think I tried some once. It tastes a little bit like chocolate.
4. You can't cut it with a knife.
5. the taste is so strong that all you want is just a thin slice on a slice of bread
6. Do you have your own office?
7. we're all working with the same things
8. But I used to be in a department with engineers...
9. What are the ages in the office?
10. I've just finished breakfast by then.
11. A piece of bread with cheese and things but no top on it.
12. But in Norway they still bring their sandwiches from home.
13. It was like they take part of their home with them to the office.
14. And I'm so tired after eight hours in front of that computer I can't do any work in the evenings. It kills me.
15. Do you cook yourself dinner when you get home?
16. I read quite a lot.
17. But I've been so lazy. It's, it's all different because when I had the kids at home there was always something to do...
18. But I'm happy because they're happy...
19. I want my life and they want their life...

D. Linking

1. so I want to start off before that
2. it isn't really heavy traffic, but to me it is
3. because it's so close so it's nice to get some fresh air
4. So if I'm in by seven, I can leave at three o'clock...
5. No, we have an open landscape which is a new, a new thing in Norway at the moment.
6. if I hear a name or I hear decisions or I hear questions and answers
7. Eight hours altogether.
8. Well, soup is dinner, really...
9. It's all different because when I had the kids at home there was always something to do...
10. I had an aunt I was looking after...
11. I went to Tae Kwon Do three times a week...

6 Further Language Development

A. Gap-fill

1. Sorry I'm late. I got caught in a traffic jam.
2. I've got some marvellous news! Tom and I are getting married.
3. This cheese smells like my brother's socks!
4. Our managers never consult us even when they're making big decisions.
5. I know which company she works for, but I don't know which department she works in.
6. I never knew you were so interested in history, Dave!
7. Whenever I meet up with my old schoolfriends we always have a good laugh.
8. You really shouldn't start work until you've signed a contract.
9. The salad bar is over there, next to the waiter with the strange hair.
10. It was really embarrassing because I'd packed my alarm clock in my suitcase and it went off just as we were landing.
11. Why don't we have a chat about it over lunch? I'm sure we can sort something out.
12. I've hurt my neck so badly that I can't even turn my head at the moment.
13. Could you come straight home tonight? I need to talk to you about something.
14. I was really lazy yesterday. I didn't get up till 12.
15. Why don't you come over to our place for a change?

B. Transformations

1. We (typical) typically get between 20 and 30 orders a day.
2. Which is (heavy) heavier – gold or silver?

3. I love it when he (flexible) flexes his muscles!
4. Have you got any (sweet) sweeteners? I'm trying not to have sugar at the moment because I'm on a diet.
5. Looking back I think our children (benefit) benefitted from being brought up in the country.
6. My sister studied civil (engineers) engineering at university.
7. They say (laugh) laughter is the best medicine.
8. We are (contract) contracted to work 37 hours a week, but I normally do around 45.
9. What's the (expired) expiry date on that cream? I don't want to give everyone food poisoning.
10. The EU used to give farmers (subsidised) subsidies if they created areas for wildlife, but I'm not sure if they do any more.
11. I'm (boring) bored! Can't we go out?
12. I'm sorry, but I can't come out. I'm doing my (packed) packing. We're flying to New York tomorrow.
13. She certainly very (competence) competent, but her people skills need some work.
14. Stop (chat) chatting, you two, and get on with your homework!
15. I've just had a (thinking) thought. Isn't Val a vegetarian?

C. Phrasal verbs

1. Karl started off the meeting, but then Chloe carried on because he had to take an important phone call.
2. Came and sit down by the fire and warm yourself up – it's freezing out there.
3. I've very lucky because I get on with both my brother.
4. I find it much more difficult to get up in the winter than in the summer.
5. Would you mind looking after our cat this weekend? We're going away.
6. They were married for five years, but it didn't work out because he wanted kids and she wanted to concentrate on her career.

D. Accuracy and communicative competence

1. you get a nice, long afternoon in the sun
2. There are only four people in there.
3. My contract ran out. /My contract expired.
4. In Sweden I think they have their main meal at lunchtime.
5. In some places lunch is included as part of your working day.
6. And there are shops – there's nothing nearby.
7. And the house is clean and tidy for a change.

Unit 7 – Dorah and Jill

1 Pre-Listening Comprehension

C. Normalisation 1: True/False

1. T – Jill: We tend to do more than 37 ½ hours anyway.
2. F – Jill: And they do extra lists on a Sunday at the moment... they're trying to o trauma as in um, a seven-day a week thing.
3. T – Jill gives examples of the operations done in the trauma theatre: old ladies falling down... little kids...'
4. F – The orthopaedic theatre is for planned operations such as hip replacements. The trauma theatre is for operations on people who have broken bones accidentally.

D. Normalisation 2: Sentence completion

1. Dorah has only been working regular hours since Monday.
2. Sometimes she has to work extra hours.
3. This is to reduce the number of patients on the NHS waiting list.
4. Dorah says she is supposed to be paid extra for the extra work, but she doesn't seem very confident.
5. The responsibility for reducing waiting times is supposed to be being taken over by an agency.

2 Listening Comprehension

A. Sentence completion

1. The agency is proposing to pay staff less than the hospital.
2. The agency wants to pay staff on a weekly basis rather than a monthly basis.
3. This means the extra money will no longer be included in Dorah's salary.

B. Questions

1. Because she rarely finishes work on time.
2. shorter ('But it's still OK compared to where I was working before, you know.')
3. b. Because they feel obliged to. (Dorah: They put you in your, in your corner... You somehow find yourself doing the extra hours. Jill: You can't not. You can't leave it, can you? They know you can't do that.)

C. True/False

1. T – 'We do work weekends.'
2. F – 'And er, of course it's evening, even if it's not the whole night.'

3. T – 'we went off at er, half-10 and then I was home by er, quarter past 12'
4. F – 'If you work over 8 o'clock you get a bit more money... although not much.'

D. Cloze

- (I: Interviewer J: Jill D: Dorah)
- I: But your job – you finish at... You start at 8 and you finish at 6 those four days and, and that's it.
- J: Mmm.
- I: You don't have to work any extra?
- J: Well, you do. It's the same as Dorah, really. You, you know, you can't just stop your list.
- D: Mmm.
- J: If it's over-running then you have... you have to carry on, of course. And um, check to see that recovery people are all right and what have you.
- I: So the same thing. You can't... You feel you can't just walk away.
- D: No.
- J: That's right.
- D: You can't take your bag and say 'Oh, my shift is 5. I'm going home.'
- J: 'See you!' (laughs) You can't do that.
- D: You can't do that.

E. True/False

1. T – 'Some people will [i.e. leave on time] but if, if they've got a specific appointment or something...'
2. F – 'but they already let you know "I'm sorry, I can't stay today because such and such." And that's fine.'
3. T – 'Some will try it on, of course, but they don't get very far.'

F. Questions

1. Dorah (When she says she gets 45 minutes for lunch Jill is surprised. We later find out Jill gets just half an hour for lunch.)
2. a) to bring your own lunch in b) to go to the canteen and c) to go for lunch somewhere outside the hospital
3. You must let people know where you are.
4. They have to change. (i.e. They have to change out of their theatre gowns into other clothes.) Jill says 'by the time you've changed and gone to the canteen...')
5. It's at the other end of the hospital.

G. Gap-fill

1. Jill works around one Saturday in six.
2. Dorah is generally asked to work extra shifts if there is a shortage of staff or an extra list.

3. She says most of the initiative lists are done on Saturdays.
4. The Waiting List Initiative has been brought in to encourage hospitals to get through the backlog of operations.
5. No one should currently wait longer than 18 weeks for an orthopaedic operation in England.

H. Cloze

(I: Interviewer J: Jill D: Dorah)

- I: So um, what about when you get home, the two of you. What do you do? What's the first thing you do when you get home, Dorah?
- D: (laughs) If I do get home! (laughs) Well, it depends. If I'm exhausted – if I'm really, really tired, I just go in, change and just sleep. Don't do anything... Because if I, I get home at... Let's say, for instance, at quarter-past 11.
- I: Mmm.
- D: You can't even eat. By the time you relax...
- I: Mmm.
- D: ...it's past 12 to 1. And then you're supposed to be up at half-past five.
- I: God!
- D: So I'm... It depends what time I get home.
- I: Uh, hum. Right.
- D: If I come home early then I can, you know... You know, relax. Have a bath.
- I: Cook a nice meal.
- D: Yeah, have a nice meal, watch whatever.
- I: Uh, huh.
- D: But if I get home late I just don't care. I just want to sleep and rest.
- I: What about you, Jill? What do you do when you come home? What's the first thing you do?
- J: Um, generally I will cook...
- I: Mmm, hmm.
- J: ...which is all right. I find that quite relaxing. And then er, eat it. Have a bath or something like that.
- I: Mmm.
- J: Either watch a bit of television or go out. Meet some friends.
- I: Mmm.
- J: Yeah, that kind of thing.
- I: Where do you go out?
- J: The pub, normally.
- I: OK. (laughs)
- J: This local pub up the road.
- I: I see.

4 Further Listening Practice

A. Dictation

1. But it's still OK compared to where I was working before, you know.
2. So you get one day off because you're doing more than 37 hours, is that right?
3. Some will try it on, of course, but they don't get very far.
4. Do you take food in or do you eat at the hospital?
5. So that doesn't give you very long, really, to go out for lunch.
6. If I'm exhausted – if I'm really, really tired, I just go in, change and just sleep.
7. But if I get home late I just don't care. I just want to sleep and rest.

B. The glottal stop

1. broken arms, little kids
2. 'Cos it's not like you've chosen to do it...
3. Is that in London?
4. So do you get paid extra for that...
5. You don't sound very confident.
6. What was so bad about that?
7. You're not in a position where you can say 'no'.
8. If you work over 8 o'clock you get a bit more money...
9. Do you both get an hour for lunch?

C. Sentence stress

1. And they do extra lists on a Sunday at the moment.
2. So that would be like a, a, a total knee replacement, total hip replacement...
3. But why, why are you saying 'elective'? 'Cos it's not like you've chosen to do it.
4. Well, you sort of have, haven't you, really?
5. It's an elective list as opposed to something you can't help. You... Trauma is accidents, isn't it?
6. So orthopaedic would be planned operations.
7. Are you doing orthopaedics as well, Dorah?
8. So do you get paid extra for that?
9. We do work weekends.
10. And then did you have to work the next day?
11. But there are varying rates, although not much.
12. What about when you get home, the two of you?

D. Fluency practice 1 – linking

1. you both work as nurses
2. My hours are eight to six, generally. Four days a week.
3. It is in our hospital.

4. 'Cos it's not like you've chosen to do it.
5. It's the same as Dorah, really.
6. That's not bad.
7. So it's not worth it, really.
8. How often is that?
9. Once every six weeks or so.

H. People talking over each other

(I: Interviewer D: Dorah J: Jill)

Excerpt 1

- I: But why, why...
J: ...arthroscopies...
I: ...are you saying 'elective'? 'Cos it's not like you've chosen to do it. Why's it called 'elective'?
J: Well, you sort of have, haven't you, really?

Excerpt 2

- J: ...so... Most people bring their own stuff in anyway because by the time you've changed and gone to the canteen...
D: Mmm.
J: ...which is the other end of the hospital and er, come back then there's 10...
D: 10 minutes left.
J: ...10, 15 minutes gone, yes. So it's not worth it, really.

Excerpt 3

- D: If I come home early then I can, you know... You know, relax. Have a bath.
I: Cook a, cook a nice meal.
D: Yeah, have a nice meal, watch whatever.

5 Further Language Development

A. Gap-fill

1. We tend to eat mainly salads in the summer.
2. I generally go to my parents on Sunday for lunch.
3. The hotel was quite nice, but very expensive.
4. The problem with the chicken biryani here is that it's got bones in it.
5. My mum's going into hospital for a hip replacement next Monday, so I've taken the week off work.
6. We had to work overtime last week to clear the backlog of customer orders.
7. My daughter needs three grade As to go to university, but she seems pretty confident that she'll make it.
8. My salary gets paid into the bank on the last Thursday of the month.
9. I think Paris is really expensive compared to London.
10. My parents are coming to stay this weekend so I've got to clean the whole house.

11. Would you like another slice of cake as well, Toni?
12. Is the service charge included in the bill?
13. You must never sign a contract without checking it through.
14. We've organised a big party for my parents' silver wedding anniversary so hopefully my mum will be out of hospital by then.
15. I used to eat in the canteen at work, but they closed it last month to save money.
16. There's a shortage of qualified teachers at the moment, so class sizes are getting bigger.

B. Colloquial English

1. Once the kids have left home we're going to sell this place and buy somewhere smaller.
2. Oh no! I was supposed to be home 10 minutes ago.
3. It's lucky you brought your umbrella. Look at the rain!
4. You're surely not going to walk home at this time of night!
5. It's hard working such long hours, but I do enjoy my work.
6. Could I have a bit more cake, please? I'm starving.
7. You should have seen his last girlfriend – she was even taller!
8. I can't help feeling bad about what I said to Kim last night.
9. Are you OK with this music or shall I put something else on?
10. I'm not quite sure if we can park here.
11. We're meeting at seven, so it's not worth going home first.
12. I was so angry with him I couldn't even speak.
13. I don't care what time it is. I'm tired and I want to go to bed.
14. We're really lucky living here because there's a wonderful pub just up the road.

C. Transformations

1. My husband has a (tend) tendency to snore if he lies on his back.
2. Yesterday I (accidents) accidentally ran over a woman's foot with my shopping trolley. You should have heard what she called me!
3. You've got a (choose) choice of cabbage, sweetcorn or peas – which do you fancy?
4. When our last manager retired they (replacement) replaced him with a 24-year-old straight out of university, but he didn't last long.
5. Don't bother reading the (introduce) introduction – it's quite boring.
6. She's very good at her job, but she just lacks (confident) confidence.

7. I have to say that merging the two departments was a (logistics) logistical nightmare.
8. The Government's new (proposing) proposal is to freeze public sector pay for two years.
9. I can assure you that isn't my (sign) signature.
10. We did a price (compared) comparison on some website and this policy was definitely the cheapest.
11. This is the (bad) worst cup of coffee I've ever had!
12. They don't accept credit card (paid) payments so we'll have to pay in cash.
13. We don't go out every Friday. It (varying) varies.
14. I told you (specific) specifically to be home by midnight.
15. My cousin has just been (appointment) appointed chief marketing officer at JB Cunningham, so we're going out tonight to celebrate.
16. I enjoy gardening, to be honest. I find it very (relax) relaxing.

Unit 8 – Randy

1 Pre-Listening Comprehension

C. Normalisation 1: Anticipating the next word

1. It was too easy over there to fall into a menial job that, you know, would pay the bills.
2. I spend about three hours a morning scanning for jobs and applying for things that I find interesting.
3. Most actors pay the rent, pay the bills with barwork and rent, waiting some tables.
4. I get up in the morning and rent, I go for my run and then I come back and shower...
5. And he works during the day so I make sure I sing during the day so he's not there and not too late at night.
6. But how can you make enough money with barwork? I didn't think that was very well paid.
7. There are days when I will hibernate and 14 hours later my eyes will open up and life will be great again.

D. Normalisation 2: True/False

1. F – 'I think rent, my, my parents and I have hit a lovely point in our relationship where they're just happy that I'm happy...'
2. T – 'It was too easy over there to fall into a menial job that, you know, would pay the bills and get you by and, and you never really pushed yourself for anything above and beyond.'
3. F – 'I was in London for six months before I went to Edinburgh for five and a half years. Sorry, Edinburgh, Edinburgh. I have to say that one right – I lived there too long...'
4. F – 'and in Scotland I just found that I, I was always constantly finding somebody to work with...'
5. F – '...and the opportunities are rife. No different than New York.'
6. F – 'I would have happily taught at a college or university level...' We know from this grammatical construction (known as Third Conditional) that he hasn't taught at that level.
7. T – '...there's no way I could have gone to grad school so I never could have achieved the education that I needed to teach university kids.'
8. T – 'it's [i.e. music] not something that's funded very well in the States, you know. Sports kind of takes the precedent...'

2 Listening Comprehension

A. Sentence completion

1. Randy is a freelance actor and writer so he spends a lot of time job-hunting.
2. It's difficult to find work at the moment because of the economic climate.
3. Randy spends three hours every morning scanning the Internet and theatrical papers looking for work which is interesting.
4. He's posted a few photos (i.e. put up some advertisements) for individual tuition.
5. To give music lessons you need a place to teach that contains a piano.
6. To make ends meet (i.e. to survive financially) Randy sometimes waits tables or does barwork.

B. Questions

1. He goes for a run.
2. He searches for a job.
3. The script and a couple of tunes that he has to sing.
4. He sings.
5. the neighbours

C. Correcting mistakes

1. 'I'm in a two-bedroom flat.'
2. He's from Northern Ireland. ('Northern Irish guy')
3. 'he works during the day'
4. The interviewer asks if Randy had to buy the piano and he says 'was a gift from a friend of mine'.
5. 'it's digital'
6. 'I love to cook...'
7. 'We've been there two years...'
8. 'the landlord's great'

D. Gap-fill

1. Randy does a lot of part-time work in the evenings.
2. If he's not working he tries to catch up with friends.
3. Randy says he is constantly on the look-out for new things to do.
4. The interviewer asks how Randy can make enough money just by doing barwork.
5. She doesn't think this kind of work is well paid.
6. She asks Randy how he can afford to pay the rent.
7. Randy says this is one of the reasons why he lives south of the river.
8. It's cheaper to rent in south London than in central or north London.

9. Randy and his friend made sure they found somewhere to live that they could afford.
10. Randy and his friend are very careful about how much they spend on grocery shopping.

E. True/False

1. F – He says he is working up to 30 hours a week.
2. F – ‘You’re always paid depending on experience in this industry...’
3. F – ‘if I start to get strapped for cash and I find a place that I enjoy working I will end up being there 50, 60 hours a week...’ So ‘strapped for cash’ means ‘short of money’.
4. F – ‘managing the bar or general managing the restaurant and the bar’
5. T – ‘the American experience of waiting and waiting tables and bartending, and the customer service is, you know, second to none... You get trained harder in the States.’
6. T – ‘And the minute you start working for somebody, because you’re good they want you there all the time...’
7. F – ‘It’s too easy to get sucked in and then all of a sudden you’re working six doubles a week and the 24 hours you have off you’re recuperating.’
8. F – I: What’s the latest you finish work when you’re working in a bar? R: Oh, it can be three in the morning – three, four in the morning. Couple of night buses across town!
9. F – ‘it might become more of an afternoon/evening run’

F. Cloze

(I: Interviewer R: Randy)

I: Um, have you ever worked anywhere really awful?

R: Oh, yes! (*laughs*) Haven’t we all! Oh, where do I begin? (*laughs*) I suppose for me the worst kind of bar jobs are just... It might sound a bit snobby, but I, I do like the gastro bars and, and the places that do offer a little bit more upscale than some place you just walk in and watch football on TV and, and drink pints out of dirty glasses. It drives me nuts. I have a real serious standard to what I offer as far as service and...

I: Mmm, hmm.

R: ...and I can’t stand dirt and grime and filth, you know. I, I like someplace that, that, it, you know, offers good product and offers nice service and somewhere that you want to go in, but not because you’re going to get wasted on a bottle of wine for £5. You’re going to have a bottle of wine that’s £30 – £40 because it’s lovely and you’re going to enjoy it with people and...

I: Mmm.

R: ...you know, have that experience rather than just down it and, you know...

G. True/False

1. F – Randy talks about preferring gastro bars and upscale places, to which the interviewer replies: I’m not going to invite you to my local pub, then!
2. F – ‘I’m not saying I don’t drink in places like that...’
3. T – ‘The problem with working late nights um, is usually when you do get home it takes a couple of hours to wind down before you get to sleep.’
4. T – ‘I try to get up at half-seven every morning as well.’
5. F – ‘At the moment my schedule’s pretty open...’
6. T – ‘life’s too short to lay in bed and do nothing’
7. F – ‘If I was going to say average it out over a normal seven-day week I probably sleep... four to six hours a night.’
8. T – ‘And I think everybody feels that in this country – that the sun comes out in the summer and you want to be out in it and during the winter you just want your bed.’

4 Further Listening Practice

A. Dictation

1. I’m so much more interested in this country than I ever was in the States.
2. I would have happily taught at a college or university level.
3. Sports kind of takes the precedent, especially in smaller towns, you know.
4. I would like to get back into teaching some lessons and stuff.
5. When we were flat-hunting, you know, we found a place that we knew we could afford.
6. You’re always paid depending on experience in this industry, which is the great thing.
7. I’m not saying I don’t drink in places like that, but I’m just saying I wouldn’t want to work there!

B. Sentence stress

1. I’m so much more interested in this country than I ever was in the States.
2. And I first moved over here in ’99.
3. It’s not just bill-paying, you know.
4. You have to have the music and the piano ready, you know...
5. I get up in the morning and er, I go for my run and then I come back and shower and er, and search for a job.

6. And I spend a good three hours on that.
7. Did you have to buy that?
8. One of the reasons I live south of the river is because it's cheaper.
9. You just have to budget what's important and what's not...
10. You're always paid depending on experience in this industry...
11. It might sound a bit snobby, but I do like the gastro bars and...

C. People talking over each other

(R: Randy I: Interviewer)

Excerpt 1

- R: Belt away to the... to the disgrace and dismay of the neighbours! (*laughs*)
I: So have you got a bedsit or a studio flat?

Excerpt 2

- R: Um, it was a gift from a friend of mine that I composed a show with in... up in er, Scotland.
I: Oh, that's wonderful! Yeah.
R: So it's...
I: How nice.
R: ...it's full 88 keys and it's digital...

Excerpt 3

- R: ...the American experience of waiting...
I: Mmm.
R: ...and waiting tables and bartending, and the customer service is, you know, second to none. It's, it's...
I: So because you're good at it...
R: You get trained hard in the States.
I: I see.

Excerpt 4

- R: I try to get up at half-seven every morning as well...
I: Do you? Even though you don't need to?
R: ...regardless of whether I've gotten up at six or not.* **

D. Fluency practice 1 – linking

1. there's_no way I could have gone to grad school
2. So it's words_and music you're having to learn?
3. That's_lucky, isn't it?
4. I try to socialise and catch_up with people...
5. One of the reasons_I live south_of the river is because_it's_cheaper.
6. which works_out well
7. You just have to budget what's_important and what's not.
8. Does_a_lot_of the barwork pay minimum wage?

9. the sun comes_out in the summer

5 Further Language Development

A. Gap-fill

1. Anders and I have just hit a point in our relationship where we both feel ready to get married.
2. I'm not very interested in Greek history. What's in the next room?
3. If you don't study hard and pass your exams, you'll end up in a menial job just paying the minimum wage.
4. So long as I earn enough money to pay the bills I'll be happy.
5. He could have got a grade A if he'd pushed himself.
6. It was a great holiday apart from the fact that it rained constantly for most of the first week.
7. What does your brother do for a living?
8. My parents emigrated to Australia because they thought there would be more opportunities out there.
9. I want to check out that new restaurant that Peter has been going on about. Can we go there this weekend?
10. I wanted to do intermediate level Spanish, but they've put me in the advanced class and it's really difficult. I think I need to get some individual tuition instead.
11. There's no way I can afford a mortgage in my current financial situation so I'll just have to carry on renting.
12. The Royal Opera House is partly funded by the Government, but it also gets donations from corporate and individual sponsors.
13. I've definitely got to get a new phone. This one's rubbish.
14. We spend most of our time in the garden in the summer.
15. Why don't you get Roberto to have a look at your car? He's a trained mechanic.
16. He makes enough money to get by on, but not enough for holidays.
17. She's a qualified accountant but she can't get a job because she doesn't have enough work experience.
18. I was going to go by train, but then someone told me the bus is much cheaper.
19. Now that Paul's not working we can't afford to go out for dinner every weekend like we used to.
20. I'm a bit strapped for cash at the moment so I'm going to ask my parents for a loan.

B. Transformations

1. He studies international (relationship) relations at university.

2. You need to keep (constantly) constant pressure on the wound so that the bleeding stops.
3. If you've got a degree you could always go into (taught) teaching.
4. I don't know if I can afford to go on holiday this year. I need to check my (financial) finances.
5. Passing your driving test first time is a huge (achieve) achievement. Well done!
6. We've decided that for this job experience should take (precedent) precedence over qualifications, so we'd like to offer you the position.
7. My aunt's having a brain (scanning) scan on Friday so I'm taking her to the hospital.
8. Please fill out the attaching (applying) application form and send it back before the closing date of 15th August.
9. I'm going on a (trained) training course next week so I'll have five days away from the office. I can't wait!
10. Could you try and get the (waiting) waiter's attention?
11. Have you got any (lines) lined paper? I want my writing to look neat.
12. They say (proud) pride comes before a fall.
13. The new couple next door aren't as (socialise) sociable as our previous neighbours, which is a shame.
14. I'm finding this new job very (challenges) challenging because there's so much to learn.
15. Leeds used to be a very (industry) industrial town, but now most of the factories have closed down.
11. I'm not sure if I'll be able to make it tomorrow – it depends on how much studying I get done this evening.
12. He came here for a long weekend and ended up staying here for five years.
13. I'm finding it a bit hard to keep on top of my work at the moment.
14. I've got tomorrow off so we could get together if you're.
15. The problem with living in London is that everywhere's so expensive.

C. Prepositions and adverbs

1. How do you feel about going to that new gym and checking it out?
2. Why don't we go and talk to those guys over there?
3. I really like Jake, but he's impossible to work with.
4. I've just applied for a fantastic job – head of entertainment on a cruise ship.
5. I would love to get back into playing tennis again, but I just don't have enough spare time these days.
6. Try to get it into your head – she doesn't love you and she never will!
7. The tickets cost £50, but Thomas fell asleep during most of the second act so that was a waste of money.
8. You obviously put a lot of work into this essay and it shows.
9. It would be great to catch up and hear all your news.
10. I'm sharing a flat with three other guys, and it's working out really well.

Unit 9 – Eileen

2 Listening Comprehension

A. True/False

1. T – ‘I usually just have a cup of tea...’
2. F – ‘I think my daughter and I grunt at each other as we say goodbye.’
3. F – She doesn’t say how long it takes her to walk to the tube station, just that ‘It’s only a 20-minute ride on the Victoria line.’
4. T – ‘it’s two minutes’ walk from the station’
5. T – ‘It’s got this horrible coffee contraption – you know, one of those machines that do coffee, chocolate – disgusting contraption...’
6. F – She usually has a Ready-Brek breakfast – porridge – that she heats up in the microwave.
7. F – ‘So while the computer is warming up and getting ready, I usually have a bowl of porridge and my cup of tea.’
8. T – ‘they send in application forms and we process them’
9. F – We can hear from her intonation when she says ‘It’s a really exciting job.’ that she means the opposite.
10. F – ‘It works out quite well, you know, with not too much of a problem.’

B. Gap-fill

1. Four of the people in Eileen’s team do the input, i.e. they enter information on the computer.
2. Eileen and her colleagues get on very well.
3. One of Eileen’s colleagues comes from Africa.
4. The colleague from New Zealand has only worked in the planning department for a couple of weeks.
5. He shares a house with eight people.

C. Questions

1. ‘busy’
2. phone calls
3. in a Greek cafe
4. her husband and two of the typists
5. Andy (Andy has ‘known them since they started’.)
6. Yes. ‘We’re friends socially as well. We see each other socially.’)
7. a) their families, b) annoying things at work, c) the pressure they’re under at work

D. Gap-fill

1. Eileen says the work in the afternoon is the same as the morning – not very exciting.

2. If they’ve had a really busy day, someone will go to the supermarket and they have cakes or something to cheer themselves up.
3. The Council doesn’t like people eating at their desks because of the computers.

E. Questions

1. Eileen
2. He’s the dog – a Labrador
3. He has to take the dog for a walk.

F. Gap-fill

1. Andy usually leaves work at 6.30.
2. At the moment someone is monitoring the work that Eileen and her colleagues do.
3. They want to find out how long it takes to do each task.
4. Part of Andy’s job is to go through all these figures and produce statistics.
5. Andy starts work later than Eileen.

G. True/False

1. F – Interviewer: Do the four of you have dinner together? Eileen: Very, very rarely.
2. T – ‘Usually when I come home from work Andrew is usually out.’
3. F – Eileen says her daughter has a boyfriend ‘and she goes straight up to his house’.
4. F – ‘We may see her over the weekend, Saturday or Sunday.’

H. Gap-fill

1. Eileen says ‘We do go out sometimes.’
2. Andy is fascinated by maps.
3. Eileen’s sister lives in Norfolk.
4. Eileen is finding television quite boring at the moment.
5. In the evening Eileen reads or does the washing or tidies up.
6. She usually has the television on in the background.
7. Eileen says she and Andy very rarely see their kids these days.
8. She explains that both children have got their own lives now.
9. Because work is quite stressful at the moment, Eileen says it’s quite nice for her to just sit down and chill in the evenings.
10. Eileen doesn’t have a lie down when she comes home, but she has occasionally dozed off on the sofa.

4 Further Language Development

A. Gap-fill

1. I'm going to set the alarm for 6 as I've got to be in work for 7.
2. I need to bring some cakes in tomorrow because it's Sophie's birthday.
3. Our company has just announced it's going to introduce flexitime, so I'll be able to socialise more during the week in future.
4. We rarely cook meals from scratch these days because we're both so busy at work. We just buy ready-meals or get takeaways instead.
5. Our shower is broken so we can only have baths at the moment.
6. I wanted to get my mother a helicopter ride for her birthday, but they were charging 35 euros for a six-minute trip which I thought was a bit steep.
7. I'm just going to go for a lie down. I'm exhausted.
8. Could you try not to stagger? I don't want the neighbours to see you drunk again.
9. There's a disgusting smell coming from next door. Do you think we should phone the police?
10. I can't believe it takes them 10 weeks to process a passport application.
11. Are you very busy at the moment? I could do with a chat.
12. I never meet my manager socially. I prefer to keep work separate from pleasure.
13. Your desk is a real mess! I don't know how you can work like that.
14. Could you remind me to call Claire tonight? I don't want to forget.
15. This freezer's in a terrible state. I need to sort out what we've got in there.
16. Can you tidy up your bedroom, please? It's a disgrace.
17. I've had a really stressful day, so I'm just going to sit in the garden and chill for a while.
18. Last night I went to put the kettle on and by the time I came back he'd dozed off. I really think he's working too hard.
5. We're thinking of (extensions) extending our kitchen into the garden a little way, but it's going to cost a fortune.
6. There was a real air of (exciting) excitement before the match began.
7. Would I like to come white water rafting? No, thanks. That sounds a bit too (adventures) adventurous to me.
8. Her new boyfriend's not very (friends) friendly, is he?
9. Stop being so (annoyed) annoying!
10. There seems to be a (tend) tendency now for people go on city breaks rather than longer holidays in the sun.
11. I forgot to pay the gas bill last month and they've already sent me two (reminder) reminders.
12. They didn't tell us our work was being (monitor) monitored, which was a bit unfair really.
13. This book is (fascinated) fascinating! You must read it.
14. My old teacher used to say 'If you're (boring) bored you're boring', which was really annoying.
15. Try to be patient with her. She's really (stressful) stressed at the moment.

B. Transformations

1. Mike's the (lucky) luckiest person I've ever met. He always lands on his feet.
2. They said on the weather forecast to expect (shower) showers today, so don't forget your umbrella.
3. You're (stagger) staggering a bit. Do you want me to carry it for a while?
4. I've just (application) applied for a new job with Network Rail.

Unit 10 – Peadar

1 Pre-Listening Comprehension

B. Normalisation: Questions

1. 5.30am
2. a cup of tea and a fag (a cigarette)
3. He gets a lift in his firm's van.
4. a cup of tea
5. two hours ('And we go to work and we have a cup of tea and we start work at 8 o'clock. Has our sandwiches at 10.')

2 Listening Comprehension

A. True/False

1. T – Interviewer: You take in your own sandwiches? Peadar: Yeah.
2. F – Interviewer: What kind of sandwich do you have? Peadar: Well, it varies. Cheese, ham – varies.
3. T – We know he starts at 10am and he says 'finish around 4 o'clock like.
4. F – Interviewer: And do you get an hour for lunch? Peadar: Oh, it is up to ourselves, really, like, you know. We'll take half (an) hour, 40 minutes.
5. F – Interviewer: You get a lift home in the van? Peadar: Yeah, firm's van again.

B. Gap-fill

1. Peadar never knows exactly when he'll get home – it all depends on which part of London he's working in.
2. It can take him up to two hours to get home from Putney, depending on the traffic.
3. Peadar mentions two tunnels – the Rotherhithe Tunnel and the Blackwall Tunnel.
4. He usually has his dinner about 30 minutes after getting home.

C. True/False

1. F – 'I has [sic – have] a shower, watch television...'
2. F – He says it's about 10 minutes' walk from where he lives.
3. T – Interviewer: You do that every day? Peadar: Every day.
4. T – 'I drink Guinness, the best of it.'
5. F – He has a cup of tea.
6. F – He says he has a chat with his wife when he comes home.
7. T – He says he goes to bed 'Roughly around 12' and we know he gets up at 5.30am.
8. F – 'the same for the last 40 years!'

4 Further Language Development

A. Transformations

1. I hate (get) getting up in the mornings when it's dark.
2. Is it OK if we (picked) pick you up at 6.30 tomorrow?
3. What a beautiful rose bush! Do you know what (varies) variety it is?
4. Can you give me a (roughly) rough idea of when you'll be arriving?
5. (depends) Depending on the weather we'll either have a barbecue or a casserole indoors.
6. The kids were playing with the hosepipe in the garden yesterday and they took great pleasure in (shower) showering me with water when I came home.
7. You'd get a lot more done if you didn't spend so much time (chat) chatting to your friends on your mobile all the time.

B. Prepositions and adverbs

1. What time will you be in tonight?
2. I was just coming home from work when I saw Paul, so we went for a drink.
3. I'm just going to phone Kate. I need to have a chat with her about next Sunday.
4. What would you like in your sandwiches – cheese or ham?
5. I'm starving! I haven't had anything to eat for ages.
6. Anders was just telling me about her holiday. It sounds fantastic.
7. I normally go to work by bus, but the traffic's been so bad lately I've been walking to work instead.
8. Patrick only gets half an hour for lunch.
9. Shall we have beef or lamb for dinner tomorrow? It's up to you.
10. I was really scared the first time we went through the Channel Tunnel, but now I've got used to it.

Unit 11 – Trudie

1 Pre-Listening Comprehension

B. Normalisation – anticipating the next word

1. I live in a 1920s house. It was actually built in 1923.
2. eight panes of glass per window
3. And then at the back I have a garden.
4. there aren't really many cars coming down this road
5. I was having some building work done, but she didn't really like the noise.
6. It didn't happen beyond 5 o'clock 'cos then the builders always went home.
7. He's married to a very nice Turkish lady.
8. I look after his keys when he's away.

2 Listening Comprehension

A. True/False

1. T – 'It was actually built in 1923.'
2. F – 'On the front it has something called pebble-dash... It's not particularly attractive.'
3. T – She has converted the garage into a breakfast room, she has knocked two bedrooms into one and she's knocked two reception rooms into one.
4. T – 'It has three bedrooms. It has a very large bedroom at the front of the house which used to be two bedrooms, and I knocked it into one.'
5. F – 'And the back half of the reception room has er, large French doors leading on to a patio.'
6. F – 'a reasonable-sized kitchen'

B. Gap-fill

1. Trudie has converted the garage into a breakfast room.
2. There is a cloakroom downstairs.
3. Trudie says the hallway is a reasonable size.
4. The garden is about 50 foot long.
5. Access to the garage is from the road round the back of Trudie's house.
6. Trudie doesn't know how old the church is at the end of her street.
7. The garden at the front of the house is quite small.
8. Trudie's road is quite quiet because it's a cul-de-sac.

C. True/False

1. F – 'I have quite nice neighbours, yes.'

2. F – It was the woman 'who's adjoined to me'. i.e. The woman next door to Trudie.
3. T – 'It didn't happen beyond 5 o'clock 'cos then the builders always went home – actually probably about 4 o'clock. I wish they did stay to 5 o'clock, but they never did.'
4. F – 'There aren't actually many children in my street.'
5. T – 'Then across the road I have a very nice neighbour who's Greek. And he's absolutely lovely. He's married to a very nice Turkish lady. And er, they are really, really nice.'
6. T – Trudie goes on to say 'I look after his keys when he's away...'
7. F – Trudie was invited to her next-door-neighbour's 70th birthday party.

D. Gap-fill

1. East Finchley is one of the many suburbs of London.
2. There is a row of shops in the High Street and also a supermarket.
3. Trudie says East Finchley is a mixed community.
4. Some people have lived there all their lives there while others have recently moved in.
5. A lot of the houses in East Finchley are being done up.
6. East Finchley isn't a very fashionable area, but it does have a lot of family houses which are quite spacious.
7. It doesn't take long to get to the countryside from East Finchley.
8. You can travel to the centre of London in around 40 minutes.
9. There is a tube station in East Finchley.
10. East Finchley is quite high up.
11. Trudie says Muswell Hill is a good place to go for shopping.
12. The view from Muswell Hill on a clear day is absolutely fantastic, according to Trudie.

E. Questions

1. in the exhibition hall
2. Cherry Tree Woods
3. It's a fund-raising event. (i.e. It's held to raise money for charity.)
4. cakes
5. five minutes
6. They are open-air concerts. i.e. They are held outside.
7. a lake
8. fireworks
9. no ('If it rains you don't go and you lose your money for your ticket.')

3 Interesting Language Points

F. Word stress

1. abso-**LUTE**-ly
2. at-**TRAC**-tive
3. **CLASS**-i-cal
4. co-**MMU**-ni-ty
5. con-**VERT**-ed
6. **COUN**-try-side
7. ex-hi-**BIT**-ion
8. **FASH**-ion-a-ble
9. fan-**TAS**-tic
10. **FES**-ti-val
11. **NEC**-e-ssar-il-y
12. **OR**-che-stra
13. par-**TIC**-u-lar-ly
14. per-**FOR**-manc-es

4 Further Listening Practice

A. Dictation

1. but that doesn't really matter because there aren't really many cars coming down this road
2. but she didn't really like the noise
3. and then there are a couple of children at the house at the end of the street
4. and all the neighbours in the street went, which was really, really nice
5. And people who'd left the street actually came back and visited, so that was great.

B. Elision

1. it's a brick-bui**T** house (✓)
2. On the fron**T** it has something calle**D** pebble-dash... (✓) (X)
3. and tha**T** is sort of jus**T** like stone (✓) (X)
4. It's a semi-detache**D** house. (✓)
5. which has been converte**D** into a breakfas**T** room (✓) (X)
6. It has a very large bedroom at the fron**T** of the house... (✓)
7. which use**D** to be two bedrooms (X)
8. And then nex**T** door to that we have a kitchen... (X)
9. An**D** then at the back I have a garden... (X)
10. there's a roa**D** that leads roun**D** the back of my house (✓) (X)

C. Glottal stop

1. I do have something that used to be a garage attached to my house, but I've now converted that into a breakfast room.

2. It has three bedrooms.
3. It's got one bathroom upstairs.
4. but I've knocked it into one huge one
5. And then next door to that we have a kitchen...
6. I'm not sure when it was built, but pretty, pretty old.

D. Weak forms

1. Um, can you describe your house to me?
2. At the end of my street there's a very nice church.
3. I was having some building work done...
4. I wish they did stay until 5 o'clock, but they never did.
5. To the other side I've got a very nice young family...
6. And it wouldn't take you very long to get to the countryside...
7. You can see the Docklands, you can see sort of all around.
8. you've got a little bit of green where people can kick about a football.
9. you can go and have a cup of tea...
10. That's what you call it!
11. ...and it can be a really nice evening, if it's fine weather. But it's not always fine weather.

5 Further Language Development

A. Gap-fill

1. Sorry, can we just stop a minute? I've got a stone in my shoe.
2. I know he's not very attractive, but he's got a lovely personality.
3. We rang the doorbell and knocked on the door, but there was no answer.
4. We usually have dinner on the patio in the summer, unless it's raining.
5. Where we live in London you need a permit to park on the street.
6. When we go on holiday we get our neighbours to water the garden and then we do theirs when they're away.
7. I don't think they're married – neither of them wears a ring.
8. I've lost my keys and our neighbour who has a spare set is away, so I'll have to call a locksmith out.
9. How do you switch it off? Is it this button here?
10. The kids were so noisy the teacher had to shout to make herself heard.

B. Transformations

1. I had to give the police a (describe) description of the man I saw because they think he was the getaway driver.
 2. We're having some (built) building work done, so it's a bit difficult to have anyone to stay at the moment.
 3. Most of my friends think Robbie Williams is gorgeous, but I can't see the (attractive) attraction myself.
 4. I wish I had a (converted) convertible to drive in the summer, so I could put the top down and get a suntan.
 5. Every time we turn our central heating on the pipes start (knocked) knocking. I think we've got an airlock somewhere.
 6. The beach is not longer (access) accessible by car, so we'll have to go on foot.
 7. I was rather (alarm) alarmed when I (switch) switched the lights on and nothing happened, but then I realised there was a power cut.
 8. Are flared trousers in or out of (fashionable) fashion at the moment?
 9. The one disadvantage with our cottage is that we don't have enough (spacious) space.
 10. I love this time of year when all the (leafy) leaves/leafs turn red and yellow.
 11. My spatial (aware) awareness is really poor, which is why I'm no good at (park) parking.
 12. I'm a bit short of (fund) funds at the moment. Can you lend me £20?
 13. Are you the (owns) owner of this car?
 14. Everybody's very (neighbours) neighbourly in this street. We're always popping in and out of each other's houses.
9. I've sure I (to knock out) will be knocked out/am going to be knocked out in the first round, but I'll give it my best shot.
 10. Breakfast (to serve) is served between 7 and 10am.
 11. So while our very important visitors (to show) were being shown around the facilities we were frantically trying to get hold of the catering company to find out what had happened to the lunch that, according to our records, (to order) had been ordered five weeks ago.

C. The Passive

1. I think he (to operate to) is being operated on/is going to be operated on/will be operated on tomorrow morning.
2. The door (to shut) is shut at midnight, so if you come back late you'll have to ring the bell and the night porter will let you in.
3. My car (to repair) was being repaired so I couldn't fetch her from the station, unfortunately.
4. Have you heard about Peter? He (to fire) has been fired!
5. Our local swimming pool (to suppose) is supposed (to heat) to be heated, but it gets perishing cold in winter.
6. Penicillin (to invent) was invented by Sir Alexander Fleming.
7. Last year all our courgettes (to eat) were eaten by snails so we're not growing them this year.
8. I don't think this bed (to change) has been changed! I'm going to call reception and complain.

Unit 12 – Laura and Francis

1 Pre-Listening Comprehension

A. Schema building – True/False

1. T
2. F – 183 kms
3. T
4. F – ‘Sleepless in Seattle’
5. F – Space Needle
6. T

B. Normalisation – anticipating the next word

1. And if you go two hours east of the city then you’re in the desert.
2. Washington is very famous for its apple crop.
3. Washington State is about the size of Great Britain.
4. All the lakes are connected by canals, too – canals and locks to the ocean.
5. We learn quite a lot about um, England, particularly London, in, um, as children in school.

2 Listening Comprehension

A. Multiple choice

1. c) a peninsula of land.
2. a) boat.
3. c) observe various wildlife.

B. Gap-fill

1. The mountains near Seattle are tens of thousands of feet high.
2. One range is called the Olympic Range and the other, to the east of the city, is called the Cascade Range.
3. Francis says warm ocean air gets blown eastward from the ocean. It gets pushed against the mountain. The air rises and this forces the moisture out of the air which turns to rain.
4. This is why there is rainforest on one side of the peninsula.

C. Questions

1. Equally wet.
2. the desert
3. trees
4. irrigated farmland
5. The southern part – that’s where they grow apples.

D. True/False

1. F – ‘And it’s called the city of Burien where we live.’
2. T – ‘it is also a really quick ride down the, down the highway to end up back at Seattle, downtown Seattle’
3. T – She laughs when the interviewer says ‘You wouldn’t take a bus?’
4. F – ‘There are buses. They’re just um... not as convenient as you’re used to here.’

E. Gap-fill

1. The oldest part of Seattle is Pioneer Square, but not much else is original.
2. Seattle owes its early growth to the logging of timber and fishing.
3. The oldest part of Seattle is around 125 years old.
4. Washington State, because of its location, was one of the last states to be settled.
5. In the state of Virginia there are places that are twice as old as the oldest parts of Seattle.
6. However, Francis says these places are young by European standards.

F. Questions

1. Because it’s a landmark.
2. over 200 metres (‘So like two hundred and something metres high.’)
3. in an elevator
4. an observation deck and a revolving restaurant

G. True/False

1. T – She says it’s ‘pricey’.
2. F – Interviewer: Have you ever done that? Had a meal up there? Laura: Yeah, we did for our anniversary one year.
3. T – ‘And it was good ’cos then I could keep checking on my car – make sure that nobody had stolen it while we were eating.’
4. F – ‘It’s famous for its fish, fresh fish.’
5. F – Francis: ‘But it’s morphed into more than just a food market.’
6. T – Francis: The mountains and the rainforest. It’s all in easy... Or the desert area. It’s all within... By car it’s two hours, or so.’

H. Gap-fill

1. Laura says Seattle is built around two lakes: Lake Union and Lake Washington.
2. She says there is a lot of lake-front property in Seattle.
3. Francis says all the lakes are connected by canals and locks to the ocean.

- Laura mentions the 'Seattle Ducks' which are World War II amphibious assault vehicles which have been converted for tourism purposes.
- The Seattle Ducks are both vehicles and boats which can go on top of the water.
- The Seattle Ducks were personnel carriers in World War II and can take up to 40 passengers.
- The slogan is 'Ride the Duck'.
- The Seattle Ducks are bright white.
- To attract tourists people use whistles to make a quacking noise as people drive by.

I. True/False

- F – 'Um, it is old... it's very old.'
- T – 'we learn quite a lot about um, England, particularly London, in um, as children in school'
- F – He says it's been fun to see all the places that he'd read about as being historically significant as a child, e.g. Trafalgar Square.
- F – Francis mentions scaffolding, but goes on to say that it's nice that buildings are being properly cared for. He doesn't mention being disappointed.
- F – 'things aren't being neglected'
- T – 'a lot of rubbish about, I noticed'
- F – 'Lots and lots and lots of cars – far more than Paris.'

4 Further Listening Practice

A. Dictation

- There's lots of little islands along the way across from the Seattle pier.
- It has its own little town centre with lots of little shops and boutiques.
- Virginia you'd have stuff that was more than twice that old.
- Over a leisurely meal you're getting to see the entire city.
- You go up at sunset and you can see both mountain ranges.
- It's right down near the waterfront and it's got everything.
- And you see them driving around the city and they're massive.

B. Elision

- it's calleD PugeT Sound (X) (✓)
- I'm particularly interesteD 'cos it was your firsT time in London. (✓) (X)
- A big peninsula of lanD protects Puget Sound from the open ocean. (X)
- it was nice to see that um, things aren'T being neglected (X)

- I was expecting it to be almosT the opposite, honestly. (X)
- you've jusT come over to London (X)
- anD it's very old and I likeD that. (X) (✓)
- assault vehicles thaT they've converteD to tourism (✓)(X)(X)
- it's a greaT green rainforest (X)

C. Linking

- but there's_also islands
- are not_too far_away
- lots_and lots_and lots_of_irrigated farmland
- And it's_called the city of Burien, where we live.
- And so it's_still very handy.
- Has_it got_an_old quarter?
- and then there's_also a revolving restaurant
- It's_right down near the waterfront and it's_got_everything. It's_got_arts_and crafts_and food_and...
- everything was_in lovely shape...

D. People talking over each other

(L: Laura F: Francis I: Interviewer)

Excerpt 1

- L: There's islands, too.
I: OK.
L: Mmm, hm.
I: Right.
F: There are, indeed. Lovely islands, and the San Juan Islands, which are very famous, is er...
L: Are not too far away.
F: Not too far away in the northern part of the Sound.
L: You can take ferries.

Excerpt 2

- I: Why are they famous?
F: They're, they're magnificently beautiful. Sheer cliffs that...
L: And you can do whale-watching...
F: ... run right into the water.
I: Whale-watching?

Excerpt 3

- I: What about the other side?
F: Equally wet.
I: Equally wet.
L: Well, the city side is...
F: The city side...
L: ... it rains a lot.
F: It rains a lot, but it's not rainforest.
L: And if you go two hours east of the city then you're in the desert. Then you cross over...
F: It's high desert, they call it.
L: High desert, yeah.

Excerpt 4

- F: And they're very... they're bright white and they have people with little whistles...
I: Mmm.
F: ... that make duck sounds...
L: Yeah, quack, quack.
F: ...and they blow them at you as you drive by.
I: Lovely!

E. Revision gap-fill activity

1. A big peninsula of land protects Puget Sound from the open ocean.
2. It's too dry for trees, but not too dry for grassland, so it's big rolling gentle hills with grasses.
3. There are buses. They're just um... not as convenient as you're used to here.
4. Washington State being on the far north-west portion of the continent was one of, was one of the last areas to, to be settled.
5. Everybody knows the Space Needle, because that's the landmark...
6. And you can go up in an elevator and then when you get to the top there's a, an observation deck and there's also a revolving restaurant that you can eat at.
7. And it was good 'cos then I could also keep checking on my car – make sure that nobody had stolen it while we were eating.

5 Further Language Development

A. Gap-fill

1. Pierre called to say that you're invited to his party as well.
2. Our garden was in terrible shape when we moved in, so we decided to get a landscape gardener in to re-design it.
3. Would you like a glass of water? I think I put too much salt in the soup.
4. We had to drive very carefully because on one side of the road there was a sheer drop to the bottom of the mountain.
5. Their yacht was blown off course in the storm, but luckily they had GPS.
6. We had a good crop of runner beans this year. What were yours like?
7. My brother and I are the same size, which is very handy because we can borrow each other's clothes.
8. It should only have been a short car ride, but the traffic was terrible so it took nearly an hour.
9. It's a really old house and it's still got some of the original features.
10. Could I just have a small portion of chips, please? I'm not very hungry.

11. The hotel was quite pricey, but we didn't mind because it was right in the middle of the old quarter.
12. We often have dinner by candlelight because it's romantic.

B. Transformations

1. I've put your (invited) invitation in the post.
2. Have you (water) watered the plants today? They look a bit dry.
3. This is a nice spot for a picnic because it's (protects) protected by the wind.
4. Did you know you've got a (spotted) spot of gravy on your shirt?
5. That patch of (dry) dryness on my leg turned out to be eczema.
6. Economic (grow) growth has picked up since last year.
7. My parents say we can't have a holiday this year because they're going to spend loads of money on (modern) modernising the kitchen. But I'd rather have a holiday than a new kitchen, wouldn't you?
8. All the land around here (original) originally belonged to a farm.
9. My general (know) knowledge is quite good, but don't ask me anything about modern music!
10. I think this country needs a (revolver) revolution!
11. What with it being 30 degrees every day, (combination) combined with 90% humidity, I have to say I spent most of my time in the room because of the air-conditioning.
12. I was (amazing) amazed when he told me how old he was.
13. The number of seats is (limit) limited so make sure you book early.
14. We watched a (fascination) fascinating programme on television last night about the planets.
15. The weather wasn't as good as we (expecting) expected, but we still had a great holiday.
16. I'm sorry for (neglected) neglecting you on your first day, but we're really busy at the moment. How have you been (settled) settling in?
17. The critics (rubbish) rubbished Mamma Mia when it first came out but I loved it.
18. The motorway gets so (congestion) congested on weekdays that it's generally quicker to go by train.

C. Prepositions and adverbs

1. He's in very good shape for his age.
2. Switzerland and Belgium are both famous for their chocolate.

3. Megan and I had a lovely chat over a cup of coffee last week.
4. I'll just check on the kids and make sure they're not fighting.
5. I usually go to work by car, but this week I'm going to cycle instead.
6. What's 10 centimetres in inches?
7. We've been invited to a party next Saturday but we can't make it because we're on holiday from the Thursday.
8. What's the garden like in your new place?
9. My grandmother used to tell us wonderful stories about the old days.
10. There are far more cars on the road than they're used to be.
11. It's too late for a cooked meal. Shall I just make a sandwich instead?
12. Is there any cake left?

Unit 13 – Val, Peter and Jill

1 Pre-Listening Comprehension

B. Normalisation 1: Anticipating the next word

1. And it was called Willow Walk because it was a road lined with willow trees.
2. And it was the way the farm, and the farm workers used to come back at the end of the day...
3. Because my road was farmland as well.
4. 'Cos I've got a picture of my house in 1904.
5. I've lived here since '93, I think...
6. From here you can get anywhere quickly.

B. Normalisation 2: Questions

1. the leisure centres and the library
2. the Marshes
3. art exhibitions
4. Life in Walthamstow as it was in the past.
5. Because it used to be a police station.
6. Peter. Jill is surprised, but Peter says: 'Or was it the other way round? Was it a poor house first, and then the museum, and then a police station? I think it was...'
7. just opposite

2 Listening Comprehension

A. Questions

1. the old Tudor house
2. 'rebuilt' and 're-established'
3. She says: 'And also in there is the first electric car.' Peter corrects her and says: 'Well, it's the first car ever produced.... Not electric.'
4. a cart
5. in the 18th century – Peter says: 'It's 17 something or other.' We know he can't mean 17 years old because it was the first car ever produced, so logically Peter is referring to the year it was built, i.e. seventeen hundred and something. Any year between 1700 and 1799 is the 18th century, just as any year between 1800 and 1899 is the 19th century.
6. Jill. Peter says the museum is haunted and Jill says 'Oh, don't!'

B. Gap-fill

1. The other side of Willow Walk used to be marshland which was drained so that houses could be built.
2. The area from Willow Walk to Hoe Street used to be farmland.

3. Jill finds it hard to imagine that the local area used to be so rural because it's so built-up now.
4. Hoe Street got its name because the farm workers used to walk home that way with their hoes and wheelbarrows.

C. Questions

1. the introduction of the trains
2. A woman with a bustle behind walking past her house in 1904.
3. It was a popular fashion item in the second half of the 19th century. It was a type of framework a woman wore under her waist at the back which a) stopped her skirt from dragging on the ground and b) emphasised her figure.
4. a row of houses

D. Gap-fill

1. Peter says Walthamstow is convenient 'For me personally, from my point of view, for transport.'
2. Peter says 'From here you can get anywhere quickly.'
3. Walthamstow is just five minutes' drive from the M11 motorway and seven miles from the M25, the orbital motorway round London.
4. Jill says you can get into central London in 20 minutes from Walthamstow.
5. She says there is an overland train line to Liverpool Street, as well as the Victoria line.
6. Val says there are buses into central London as well.
7. It takes Val 45 minutes to get to work, door-to-door.
8. Val is very interested in birdwatching.
9. Epping Forest, one of the biggest forests in England, is only 10 minutes away.

E. Questions

1. in 1993
2. Because it is very multi-ethnic.
3. She says it's colourful and it has a nice buzz.
4. the buildings

F. Gap-fill

1. Val says there is a variety of different restaurants in Walthamstow, including Chinese and Indian.
2. There are a couple of Italian restaurants in the old village, as well as a Mediterranean-style restaurant.
3. Jill says the fact that there are so many different restaurants reflects the make-up of the local community.

4. She mentions Turkish restaurants and Caribbean restaurants.
5. Peter says it doesn't matter what time of day or night it is in Walthamstow, you can always buy food, as well as milk and tea.

G. Questions

1. the Town Hall and the college
2. Val and Jill
3. its acoustics
4. a McDonald's advertisement

4 Further Listening Practice

A. Dictation

1. But it is listed as a haunted building.
2. It was basically nothing more than a pathway.
3. You can get into central London in 20 minutes.
4. And for me, of course, another incentive is birdwatching.
5. And it's colourful and it has a nice buzz about it.
6. So you must have seen quite a lot of changes.

B. Weak forms

1. And of course it is haunted.
2. Because of the cells.
3. And it was called Willow Walk because it was a road lined with willow trees. Because the other side of that was the marsh.
4. And from Willow Walk up here, up to this end of the market, to Hoe Street, was farmland.
5. it was basically nothing more than a pathway
6. the farm workers used to come back at the end of the day with their wheelbarrows and their hoes
7. So it was only with the introduction of the, of the trains, actually, that it took off.
8. That's right.
9. It's really convenient for me personally, from my point of view, it's, it's really convenient for transport.
10. You're five minutes from the motorway...
11. The M11, which is a major north artery.
12. So how long would it take you, say, to get to Oxford Circus?
13. And I work at Tottenham Court Road...
14. it reflects the community

C. Linking

1. It was a police station.
2. Was it a poor house first...

3. So it was made round here?
4. Was it?
5. It's steeped in history.
6. Willow Walk, for example's where the waters, the Marshes stopped.
7. Willow Walk, which is down the market.
8. the other side of that was the marsh
9. It was all marshland.
10. that's the way the farmers used to come back
11. with their wheelbarrows and their hoes
12. It was all farmland up here.
13. 14. from my point of view
14. The M11, which is a major north artery.
15. Oxford Circus, it takes me 25 minutes.
16. It's good for eating.

D. People talking over each other

(P = Peter V = Val J = Jill)

1. P: Lloyds Park
V: Lloyds Park is good.
J: Yes, that's really nice.
P: Lloyds Park's nice.
2. V: ...police station.
P: It was the original police station.
J: What, Vestry House? Was it?
P: Vestry House Museum was...
J: Oh, I didn't realise.
P: ...the original police station.
3. P: It was the first car that was ever built as a, as a motor vehicle. Not electric.
V: Wasn't it?
P: No.
J: So it was made round here...
P: No, it was petrol.
J: ... is that what you mean?
V: It was made in Walthamstow. It was made in Walthamstow?
P: Yeah, it was made in Walthamstow and it was...
J: Oh, well, get down!
P: ...it, it, it was... it the first ever um, motorised car...
4. P: ...our house was built in 1896, and probably yours was the same.
J: They kind of did them in, in rows, didn't they? Yes, that's right.
5. I: Of course one of the things Waltham's got, Walthamstow's got is the, the Assembly Hall – the town hall...
V: Oh, yeah!
J: I'd forgotten about that.
P: ... and the college, of course, which is a, quite a... attractive...
J: Yes.

P: ... set of buildings.
V: 'Cos I saw the Russian Ballet there as well, I think um...
J: I did.
V: That was good.
J: I went to that.
V: And Elkie Brooks was there.
J: That was wonderful.
P: They have lots of stage shows there.
J: It's famous for its acoustics. It's got brilliant acoustics, apparently.
V: Yeah, it really is good.

5 Further Language Development

A. Gap-fill

1. Have you been to any good art exhibitions lately?
2. This is an original recipe handed down to me by my grandmother.
3. It's a novel based on the life of a student in the 1980s.
4. It's such an old house I'm sure it's haunted.
5. When we looked inside the nest we could see it was lined with moss.
6. There was an old swimming pool in the garden when we moved here but we drained it and filled it with soil to make a vegetable patch.
7. I can't imagine my grandmother ever being a schoolgirl.
8. I don't think it's right that children have to stay on at school until they're 16 nowadays.
9. We planted the peas in rows about 12 inches apart.
10. To get to work I have to change trains twice.
11. When I moved to New York from Milan I found it quite a culture shock.
12. The hotel laid on a huge variety of activities for the children during the day.
13. Caroline and Robert are a very nice couple.
14. No matter what time I come home my partners always wait up for me.
15. Have you seen the new advert for Pilkington Pies? It's hilarious.

B. Transformations

1. Would all (visiting) visitors please report to reception.
2. It says the last time this painting was (exhibitions) exhibited was in 1827.
3. My mother was very (art) artistic when she was younger, but then she stopped painting when she got married.
4. This room was (original) originally the garage.
5. The Government wants to put up income tax, but the (opposite) opposition say they'll cut it if they get into power.

6. Who starred in the original (produced) production of My Fair Lady?
7. English Heritage is responsible for preserving sites of (history) historical interest.
8. The jacket's is made of silk, but the (lined) lining is polyester.
9. Sorry about the awful smell! I think our (drained) drains need checking.
10. What do you think is the (basically) basis of a good relationship?
11. I prefer doing (culture) cultural things on holiday rather than lying on a beach all day.
12. I have to say we were both a bit (shock) shocked when we met our son-in-law for the first time.
13. What's your estimated time of (arrived) arrival?
14. The menu is quite (variety) varied here so I'm sure you'll find something you like.
15. Isn't that beautiful – the (reflects) reflection of the willow trees in the water?
16. Everyone else in my family loves skiing, but I can't see the (attractive) attraction myself. I hate being cold and wet.

C. Must have + past participle for logical assumptions

Answers: 1 D, 2 B, 3 F, 4 E, 5 A, 6 C

Unit 14 – Dorah and Letta

1 Pre-Listening Comprehension

A. Normalisation: Questions

1. Atteridgeville
2. Because it's a long way from Cape Town.
3. 40 minutes

2 Listening Comprehension

A. Gap-fill

1. Dorah doesn't know how many people live in the township because it has grown so much in recent years.
2. Dorah says the main reason for this is because the government is building new houses everywhere.
3. Letta talks about 'mortgage houses' – new houses which people are buying in the township.
4. Dorah equates 'RDP houses' with council houses in the UK.

B. True/False

1. T – Letta: At the entrance when you go to Atteridgeville there are these jaca... Pretoria is being known by, by these... Dorah: Jacaranda... Letta: Jacaranda trees.
2. F – Interviewer: They're the ones with the blue flowers? Dorah and Letta: Yes!
3. F – Letta: When you get into Atteridgeville from the entrance, there are these jacaranda trees, especially during the summer.
4. T – Letta: And plus there er, mortgage houses, they're just along, along that area... Dorah: Yeah, and it's a kind of hill. Letta: Hilly, yeah.
5. T – 'It's a, it's a beautiful township. It's the best! The best!
6. F – 'bubbly'
7. F – Dorah: Because we do have er, different nationalities, different groups of, of, of, of, of black South Africans. Then we just get along.
8. T – Letta: But there... I know there are places where you find that people like the no... I would say the no-go areas. But Pretoria Atteridgeville is... Dorah: We don't have. Letta: You can go anywhere. You are free to go anywhere, anytime.
9. F – 'You'll always be safe.

C. Gap-fill

1. People from the Xhosa tribe, such as Nelson Mandela, have the sound of a click in their language.
2. Dorah says many people in Gauteng can speak three or four languages.
3. This means everyone can communicate with each other.

D. Questions

Because there are now malls and shopping centres in the township.

E. Gap-fill

1. The interviewer asks Dorah and Letta what changes they have seen in their township over the years.
2. Dorah says there used to be no houses on the hill.
3. A lot of white people have moved to Atteridgeville since apartheid ended.
4. Dorah says during apartheid any white person who moved to a township would have ended up in jail.
5. She says now you can live anywhere you want.
6. Looking back, Dorah wonders what the point was of all the bad things that happened in her country.

4 Further Language Development

A. Gap-fill

1. We live quite close to the station, but we can pick you up in the car if your hip's still playing up.
2. Sorry the house is in a bit of a mess – we only moved in last week.
3. Our company is expanding so we're having to take on more staff.
4. I want to buy my own place, but first I need to see if I can get a mortgage.
5. You're a really special person and I'm glad you're my friend.
6. We wanted a room with a view of the sea, but they were all booked so we ended up looking out at the car park.
7. Please come home soon – I miss you.
8. I think people are friendlier in London than in Paris.
9. I wish you kids would try to get along better – you're always fighting!
10. Is it safe to walk around here at night?

B. Transformations

1. According to the latest figures, economic (grown) growth fell to 0.6% in the year to June.
2. The 19th century saw a huge (expanding) expansion of the rail network in England.
3. Have you heard the latest about Josh and Kiki? There been a new (developing) development.
4. My friend is a lawyer (special) specialising in divorce cases so I could give you her work number if you like.
5. I wish I could help you, but my (known) knowledge of employment law is pretty basic.
6. What do you do for a (lively) living?
7. One of the reasons we decided to move to Canada is because people are more (tolerance) tolerant here towards gay people.
8. My grandfather (fighting) fought in the First World War.
9. What is the (minimal) minimum wage in the USA?
10. The thing I remember best about our holidays in Wales when we were kids is all the (flocking) flocks of sheep everywhere.
11. Sorry to disturb you, but I need to (accessible) access my computer.
12. If you think that dog's ugly you should see his (own) owner!

Unit 15 – Muriel

1 Pre-Listening Comprehension

C. Normalisation: Questions

1. Beverly Hills and/or Hollywood
2. 4 kilometres
3. mountains

2 Listening Comprehension

A. True/False

1. F – She lives four kilometres from the sea and she says the mountains are 20 to 25 kilometres away.
2. T – She says it is ‘A little bit warm in summer.’
3. T – Muriel says ‘we have nice weather until December’.
4. F – When Muriel says how hot it gets in the summer, the interviewer replies ‘Uncomfortable.’
5. F – Muriel says because it often rains in the mountains there is a lot of water, ‘So we never have no water.’

B. Sentence completion

1. Muriel has only been living in Mougins for two years.
2. Fillinges is surrounded by mountains.
3. Fillinges is only 15 kilometres from the Swiss border.
4. Big towns make Muriel feel oppressed.

C. True/False

1. F – ‘And what for me was very important – I can go er, from my house and I can walk as I want around the mountain because we were in, in the mountain. So I can have a, a walk for one hour, for two hours from my house. And for me it’s very important I don’t take er, a car or something else. I can just walk.’
2. T – ‘So I can have a, a walk for one hour, for two hours from my house.’
3. F – ‘And for me it’s very important I don’t take er, a car or something else. I can just walk.’
4. F – ‘A lot of fog, a lot of rain and um, and the winter – phew – was very long.’
5. T – ‘And sometimes in er, July you can have to put on an anorak.’
6. F – She says that when you take a decision you have to be positive, ‘or you don’t live’. So her philosophy is to make the best of everything.

7. T – ‘I can’t do that [i.e. walk to the swimming pool] in Fillinges because it was 20 kilometres to, to find a swimming pool.’
8. T – In Fillinges it [the ski slope] was near the... it was... er, phew! Ten minutes? Yes. Like here the sea, in fact.
9. F – ‘It [Nîmes] was quite a big town, but we were in a small village...’

4 Further Language Development

A. Gap-fill

1. I won’t be a minute. I’m just switching off the computer.
2. The city of Bath is famous for its Georgian architecture.
3. I heard a really funny joke yesterday. Do you want to hear it?
4. We tried to sunbathe, but we had to give up because it was so windy the sand kept getting in our eyes.
5. My brother is a landscape gardener.
6. What was the weather like while we were away?
7. What’s Paul’s situation now? Is he still married?
8. We’ve got a bit of a problem. Our computers are down so I can’t get those figures to you.
9. The hip is where the thigh bone joins the pelvis.
10. St Andrews is a beautiful city on the east coast of Scotland.
11. Unfortunately we live next to a main road, so there are always cars going past, no matter what time of day or night.
12. I’ve got two older brothers and two younger sisters, so I come in the middle.
13. You don’t even need to show your passport when you cross the border between France and Switzerland.
14. The Welsh were oppressed by the English for centuries.
15. The only problem with this cottage is there’s not enough storage space.
16. I think we’re all getting a bit tired. Shall we have a break for 10 minutes and then reconvene at 11?
17. You feel really hot. I think you might have a temperature.
18. The neighbours who live opposite are really nice. We see them quite a lot.
19. It’s really important to give positive feedback as well, otherwise people tend to get discouraged.
20. When I stand for too long my feet swell up so much I can hardly get my shoes on.

B. Transformations

1. What's the cost of (live) living like in Norway now? Is it still really expensive?
2. Can you tell me where the (near) nearest bank is, please?
3. Does Bournemouth have a (sand) sandy beach?
4. Before I start the car, is everyone sitting (comfortable) comfortably?
5. I usually have (dry) dried apricots on my cornflakes.
6. The cottage is (situation) situated on a little hill just outside the village.
7. I'm thinking of (joins) joining Weightwatchers. I really need to lose a few pounds.
8. We took the (coast) coastal road which took much longer than the motorway, but the views were spectacular.
9. What's the (mean) meaning of the French word 'commune' in English?
10. The weather at the moment is so (oppressed) oppressive – really hot and humid. We need a storm to clear the air.
11. I think the Government should provide more affordable (house) housing for key workers – nurses and teachers and people like that.
12. If you don't ask (nice) nicely you won't get any more cake.
13. It was so (fog) foggy that it was too dangerous to drive so we just walked around the town until it cleared.
14. I think the (happy) happiest time of my life was when I was student.
15. My next essay is on the (important) importance of the wool trade in the 18th century, so I'm really looking forward to that!