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Pronunciation

1 Track 11 Listen to the sentences and underline the stressed syllables.

Boy, did you make a fool of yourself!

- 1 I really do like your new house.
- 2 Are we glad to be home!
- 3 I definitely did buy some milk.
- 4 Was I sick after that meal!
- 5 Jack really did love you.

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2 Track 12 Listen to the phrases and underline the stressed syllables.

a desire for approval

- 1 a tendency to worry
- 2 a big fear of rejection
- 3 a sense of achievement
- 4 an amazing lack of ambition
- 5 a need for reassurance

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Listening

3 Track 13 Listen to six students talking about their flatmates. Are the statements true (T) or false (F)?

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| 1 Alice is messy. | <u> T </u> |
| 2 Steve always sulks. | <u> </u> |
| 3 Sarah is highly strung. | <u> </u> |
| 4 Speaker 4 keeps herself to herself. | <u> </u> |
| 5 The guys are both laid-back. | <u> </u> |
| 6 Speaker 6 is very arrogant. | <u> </u> |

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Grammar

4 Rewrite the sentences putting the adverbs in the correct place.

I go out for dinner. (frequently)

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1 I'm aware of the situation. (perfectly)

2 My mother goes out of the house. (hardly ever)

3 We went home when we'd finished our meal. (straight)

4 That will be Kate on the phone. (almost certainly)

5 Are you going to the hospital every week? (still)

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5 Complete the sentences with the infinitive or gerund form of the verbs in the box. Add prepositions where necessary.

pretend cause finish help be get up

Maria's very good at pretending she's happy even when she isn't.

1 I've always been afraid _____ on my own.

2 Please allow me _____ before you interrupt me.

3 Why don't you let John _____ you with your homework?

4 I'm used _____ early though I don't particularly enjoy it.

5 I blame you _____ all these problems.

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6 Use the prompts to make future sentences.

What time / your flight / leave?

What time does your flight leave?

1 I / work / in New York / this time next week

2 I / call / as soon as / I / get home

3 The play / due / start at 7.30

4 Paul / on point / sell / his car

5 You / see / your parents / this weekend?

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7 Match statements and questions 1–6 with responses a–f.

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| 1 Who's that woman? | <u>e</u> | a Can I have some? |
| 2 Which apples taste better? | _____ | b I think so. |
| 3 I've just bought some ice cream. | _____ | c The green ones. |
| 4 Who borrowed my tablet? | _____ | d So do I. |
| 5 I love going shopping. | _____ | e It's Sandra. |
| 6 Is John coming over later? | _____ | f It was me. |

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Patterns to notice

8 Complete the sentences with a suitable particle.

Can you put that book back where you found it?

- You managed to get up there so I guess you'll be able to climb _____.
- When I think _____ to my childhood, I feel quite nostalgic.
- There's always a group of teenagers hanging _____ in the square every evening.
- The teacher handed _____ a sheet of exercises at the end of the lesson.
- Maria used to run _____ from home quite regularly when she was a child.

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Vocabulary

9 Complete the sentences with the words in the box. You do not need all the words.

graduated fees retake scholarship marks truancy laboratory numeracy
seminar vocational curriculum

Simon graduated from university last summer but he is still looking for a job.

- University tuition _____ are now so high that a lot of people are deciding not to go on to further education.
- There are so many compulsory subjects in the school _____ that there is no room for spontaneity.
- Levels of _____ and literacy are falling due to technology in my opinion.
- Jack won a sports _____ to an American college so he doesn't have to pay for his tuition.
- Laura failed her final exams again so she's going to have to _____ them in the autumn.

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10 Complete the sentences with the correct form of *look*, *sound* or *feel*.

I'm feeling on top of the world because I've just been offered my dream job.

- 1 Do you really think those _____ effects in the film were realistic?
- 2 I've always had mixed _____ about Jim. He seems so nice on the surface but I think there's another side to him.
- 3 I enjoy listening to the _____ bites that the government puts up on their website as they give you an idea of what's currently important.
- 4 We need a George Clooney _____ alike for our summer festival.
- 5 A lot of people think that _____ -good movies are just superficial but I really enjoy them as they're usually romantic escapism.

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11 Complete the sentences with a suitable word.

When Luke's nervous he will insist on cracking the most inappropriate jokes.

- 1 My grandmother was a very _____ bearing, domineering woman and no one dared stand up to her.
- 2 Julia's such a _____ freak. Everything in her house is so ordered and organised.
- 3 I don't see much of Lisa as she tends to _____ herself to herself.
- 4 Fred's on a really _____ fuse at the moment. Everything seems to annoy him.
- 5 Please don't let things _____ to you. Why don't you take some time out and go away for a while?

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12 Correct the underlined words in each sentence.

Not the way will I let you go to the festival. You're far too young.

No way

- 1 Alice always gets out of her way to be helpful.
- 2 I can't believe that Laura's got another baby in the way.
- 3 You're wearing your sweater the wrong way over or is that deliberate?
- 4 Steve is on a really bad way. I wish there was something I could do to help.
- 5 I don't know where the station is so why don't we just tell the way?

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13 Choose the correct answer: a, b or c.

- Max was really upset to learn that his wife had been cheating c him.
 a to b over c on
- 1 I confess I'm guilty of the facts a little. I just couldn't help myself.
 a committing b embellishing c plagiarising
- 2 Are you prepared to testify oath?
 a under b with c by
- 3 It's acceptable to tell a lie to spare someone's feelings in my opinion.
 a black b grey c white
- 4 Why don't you just make and leave quietly?
 a a fib b an excuse c a hoax
- 5 I know Jack likes to so I never believe a word he says.
 a exaggerate b plagiarise c commit

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Functional language

14 Complete the sentences with the phrases in the box.

~~funnily enough~~ I'm glad to say to my utter astonishment it's a good job
 to make matters worse to be perfectly honest

- Funnily enough, I bumped into Jack this morning and I'd only just been thinking about him.
- 1 , my boss called a meeting and promptly resigned.
- 2 , I've never really enjoyed living in this village.
- 3 I had enough cash on me to pay the restaurant bill as I'd forgotten to take my credit cards.
- 4 that I was very pleased with the service we received.
- 5 Bob was late and , he didn't even apologise.

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15 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box. You do not need all the verbs.

~~cut~~ run back up close down scroll make install create press find connect

Why don't you just cut and paste the document instead of typing it all out again?

- 1 It's important to a system scan regularly to prevent your computer from slowing down.
- 2 I 'delete' by accident and lost all the work I'd just done. I was so annoyed with myself.
- 3 I always any files I've been working on at the end of the day.
- 4 As I live in the country it can be difficult to a signal so I don't often use my mobile.
- 5 Make sure you all the programs that are running before you turn your computer off.

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Reading

16 Read the blog and put sentences a–g in the correct place (1–6) in the text. There is one extra sentence.

posted 4th October 2013

The current education system does not prepare you for life.

For those of you who follow my blog, you'll know that there are various topics that really get me going, and one of those is education. ¹ c

Let me just give you an example, a silly one perhaps, but one which says a lot about standards today. I was in the bank recently and wanted to know how much I'd be charged for taking £100 cash out on my credit card. ² _____

I don't know about you, but I'm very concerned about the standard of education in this country. I was shocked, but frankly not really surprised, to read an article in one of our broadsheets recently in which the British Chambers of Commerce reported that many employers had been left 'disheartened and downright frustrated' by poor levels of literacy, numeracy, communication and timekeeping among school leavers. ³ _____

It has been suggested that this is in part down to an overemphasis on exams and targets instead of a focus on the soft skills that are now needed in the workplace. ⁴ _____ So is it any wonder that employers look to other countries for skilled labour?

⁵ _____ While I do think that it is essential to have good basic general knowledge to be a rounded human being, it is surely just as important to be equipped with the tools needed to function in what is a very competitive environment today. The curriculum as it stands leaves little or no room for the so-called 'soft skills' necessary in today's world and I would argue that we are doing our young people a great disservice in the name of education.

⁶ _____ This means encouraging people to think for themselves and to come to their own conclusions rather than to learn everything by rote. Only when we return to this method of 'education', in my opinion, will we be providing students with the tools they need to be able to make a positive contribution to our society.

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- a The young man behind the counter said it would be 1½% so I said, 'so that's £1.50 then' and he had to check on his calculator!
- b The comments were made as separate research showed that over 70% of young people were offered no work experience opportunities while at school, and almost a third admitted that they lacked basic skills when they started their first job.
- c Not surprising really as I'm a teacher!
- d The original meaning of 'educate', derived from the Latin *educare*, is literally 'to draw out/to lead out that which lies within'.
- e How can it be that we are now so far removed from what is required for life in the 21st century?
- f It is not surprising that many teachers are now leaving the profession.
- g Not only that, but these concerns were also voiced with regard to graduates.

Writing

Write a review of a restaurant you have recently eaten at. You should include:

- the location
- the positives
- the negatives
- your overall opinion

Write 200–250 words.

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