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Pronunciation

1 Track 8 Listen to the sentences. Are the speakers American (Am), British (Br), Australian (Aus) or Indian (Ind)?

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 1 _____
 2 _____
 3 _____
 4 _____
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2 Track 9 Listen to the words and write the number (1–11) next to the corresponding stress pattern.

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| a Oo | <u>1</u> |
| b oO | _____ |
| c Ooo | _____ |
| d oOo | _____ |
| e ooO | _____ |
| f Oooo | _____ |
| g ooOo | _____ |

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Listening

3 Track 10 Listen and choose the correct answer: a, b or c.

- 1 Speaker 1 is talking about b .
 a bribes b tips c pocket money
- 2 Speaker 2 feels ____ .
 a scared b relieved c ashamed
- 3 Speaker 3 is ____ .
 a in the black b in the red c bankrupt
- 4 Speaker 4 feels ____ .
 a insecure b relieved c mortified
- 5 Speaker 5 has a brother who is ____ .
 a loaded b stingy c skint
- 6 Speaker 6 feels ____ .
 a scared stiff b overjoyed c devastated

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Grammar

4 Complete the sentences with a suitable continuous form of the verb in brackets.

- I'm always forgetting my keys. (forget)
1 What _____ since we last met? (you / do)
2 I _____ to catch you yesterday before you went away. (hope)
3 I _____ my new job on Monday. I must say I'm quite nervous. (start)
4 Mary seems _____ a lot of time with Fred these days! (spend)
5 When I got up, I realised it _____ all night. (rain)

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5 Complete the sentences with a suitable perfect form of the verbs in the box.

know	clean	travel	plan	start	finish
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- How long have you known one another?
1 It was the first time that I _____ around France.
2 I'm afraid I _____ writing up my notes before Friday.
3 I _____ the house all day and now I'm exhausted!
4 We _____ our trip for ages before we finally set off.
5 _____ you _____ the book I lent you yet?

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6 Rewrite the sentences using compound adjectives.

- I have a cousin who is twenty years old.
I have a twenty-year-old cousin.
1 This environment is very friendly to children.

2 I don't like wearing shirts with short sleeves.

3 There was a queue of people at the checkout that was one hundred metres long.

4 Most people are talking about this performance.

5 John is the man with the green eyes.

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7 Choose the correct answers.

It might / can rain later so be sure to take your umbrella with you.

1 I really should / ought to start going to the gym.

2 You should / must have done as I asked. Look at the mess we're in now because of you.

3 Don't worry, Lisa mustn't / won't have forgotten your birthday.

4 I'm so happy because I was able to / could get front row tickets for the concert.

5 May / Could you help me later?

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Patterns to notice

8 Find and correct the mistakes in the sentences.

Only now I fully appreciate all that you've done for me.

Only now do I fully appreciate all that you've done for me.

1 Under any circumstances should you be left on your own.

2 Not only does Jack speak English fluently but also he speaks French.

3 Not longer will we put up with this behaviour.

4 Never before I have enjoyed a concert so much.

5 Rarely Simon admits that he's wrong.

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Vocabulary

9 Add letters to complete the words.

Our wa y of li f e has changed substantially with the widespread introduction of wireless technology.

1 The b_____ d_____ of skilled people to other countries is quite damaging.

2 I never buy cheap clothes as I know they'll have been manufactured in s_____ where the workers are paid next to nothing.

3 Why is everyone obsessed with g_____ b_____ like Apple and Pepsi?

4 Our culture has become very A_____ through television and Hollywood movies.

5 I prefer to buy l_____ p_____ whenever I can because I want to support our farmers.

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10 Correct the underlined words in each sentence.

- Can't you see that Louise is near to tears?
 1 You may think you're smart but I bet I'll have the end laugh.
 2 I saw Clare crying her eyes off earlier.
 3 The seminar was so tedious, I was boring to tears.
 4 You've always been a neck to cry on.
 5 I burst on laughing when I heard what had happened.

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

~~loaded~~ black red tips deficit stingy pension pocket money alimony
 worthless priceless broke

- Why don't you ask John to lend you some money? You know he's loaded.
 1 I can't believe that Alice bought you a drink. She's usually so _____ she never opens her wallet.
 2 I was told that the painting I bought was quite valuable but in fact it turned out to be completely _____.
 3 Bob is enjoying his retirement as he has a good _____ and can afford to enjoy his hobbies.
 4 Catherine receives monthly _____ payments from her ex-husband.
 5 Fortunately my account is usually in the _____ at the end of the month as I don't have an extravagant lifestyle.

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

- It was hard to keep a straight a as Bobby was telling his story.
 a face b body c head
 1 You're such a snob. Why do you always turn your _____ up at my food?
 a head b mouth c nose
 2 Come on, it was a joke. I was only pulling your _____.
 a arm b leg c foot
 3 I always get butterflies in my _____ before exams. I get so nervous.
 a heart b stomach c legs
 4 Mark's so clumsy. He's all fingers and _____.
 a thumbs b toes c arms
 5 That was a really scary, _____-raising film. Never again!
 a eye b ear c hair

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13 Choose the correct answers.

- It's important to create a good impression / *done thing* when you go for an interview.
- 1 It's very *unhygienic* / *unprofessional* to call off a meeting at the last minute.
 - 2 Jane's behaviour has always been *over-the-top* / *offensive* but you just have to accept that she's larger than life.
 - 3 I think it's very *pushy* / *inconsiderate* to play loud music late at night when you have close neighbours.
 - 4 Mike's behaviour is overly *familiar* / *gentlemanly* in my opinion. He makes me feel quite uncomfortable.
 - 5 Charles is quite *awkward* / *disrespectful* in social situations because he's rather shy and short-sighted.

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Functional language

14 Match 1–6 with a–f to form collocations.

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| 1 a handful of | e | a lime |
| 2 an enormous portion of | _____ | b people |
| 3 a pinch of | _____ | c money |
| 4 a dash of | _____ | d pasta |
| 5 a huge sum of | _____ | e carrots |
| 6 the overwhelming majority of | _____ | f salt |

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15 Match sentences 1–6 with answers a–f.

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| 1 Lara, hi. Are you in the middle of something? | c |
| 2 Well, shall I come back later? | _____ |
| 3 Just let me send this off and I'll be right with you. | _____ |
| 4 Can I ask a really, really big favour? | _____ |
| 5 May I disturb you for one moment? We have a small problem and I wonder if you might be able to help me. | _____ |
| 6 We would very much appreciate it if you could help us here. | _____ |

- a Thanks ... sorry to be a nuisance.
 b What's the problem exactly?
 c Sort of.
 d No, no it's all right. What can I do for you?
 e Well, I don't see why I should.
 f Depends what it is.

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Reading

16 Read this online travellers' forum about how our world has changed. Then match titles a–g with paragraphs 1–6. There is one extra title.

1 Maria Schmidt c

I was quite shocked when I visited the UK recently to see how cheap some of the goods in the supermarkets were – particularly clothing. When I looked at the labels I saw that pretty much everything was manufactured in China so no wonder the prices were so low. But don't the people buying these clothes stop to consider where they come from and how much, or rather how little, the manufacturers are paying their workers? I really think this is one of the worst aspects of globalisation.

2 Geoff Coombs ____

I'm a keen surfer and like to go to different places around the world. Last year was my first trip to Bali and I have to admit that I was really shocked by the impact that tourism has had on the island. There were mountains of plastic bottles and rubbish discarded by the roadside and gaudy trinkets on sale outside every temple or tourist attraction. It's a shame that so many people want to have all the comforts that they enjoy at home instead of experiencing different ways of living.

3 Anne Lucas ____

I've just come back from New York. Wow! What an amazingly vibrant, exciting city. It really never does sleep. Everyone has their own image of The Big Apple but I'd say that it really is the living embodiment of the global village. Night or day, whatever you want, you know you'll be able to find it somewhere. The downside, of course, is that you'd be hard pushed to find anything that has not been flown in from halfway across the world and I was really keen to buy stuff that came from down the road but that was definitely hard to find.

4 Lee Stubbs ____

Travelling around Bulgaria, I was struck by the number of villages that are deserted, with buildings falling into disrepair. I was told that none of the young people wanted to stay in the country as there is no work so they have gravitated to the towns and cities in search of employment. Those that have good qualifications and expertise are often tempted to go overseas as they know they'll be able to earn more money. I can't see how the country will survive if all of the best people are leaving.

5 Michelle Lewis ____

My parents went to live in Spain a few years ago, partly because they don't like the English weather and partly because they realised they could get a cheap property over there. Loads of British people had the same idea and for a time life was good, but inevitably the bubble burst and now many of those same people want to return to the UK but they can't sell their properties. This has had a devastating effect on the local economies and now both the local people and the foreigners are suffering.

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6 Ben Wicks ____

One of the countries that has changed beyond all recognition must surely be China. I first went there as a student 20 years ago and then again last year. The changes are most noticeable in cities like Beijing and Shanghai where you are simply overwhelmed. I couldn't believe the transformation as I walked around, taking in all the sights and sounds of these 21st century cities. Of course you have to remember that although the city dwellers may enjoy the finer things in life, the people who live in the countryside won't be sharing in this newfound prosperity.

- a immigration
- b a clash of cultures
- c sweatshops
- d local produce
- e a higher standard of living
- f the brain drain
- g environmental pollution

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Writing

You are organising a concert to raise money for a local children's charity (choose name). Write an email to a local business owner (choose name of company and contact) asking him/her to pay for an advertisement in the concert programme.
Write 200–250 words.

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