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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 is ____ .
 a hard up b loaded c flashy
 3 Speaker 3 generally feels ____ .
 a relieved b insecure c mortified
 4 Speaker 4 is talking about ____ .
 a bankruptcy b pensions c alimony
 5 Speaker 5 feels ____ of his brother.
 a ashamed b scared c envious
 6 Speaker 6 can't believe that his painting is ____ .
 a worthless b priceless c invaluable

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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 I _____ to call you but I couldn't find your number. (intend)
2 Alice seems _____ her retirement. (enjoy)
3 Tim _____ at the bus stop for ages before the bus finally turned up. (stand)
4 What _____ recently? (Jack / do)
5 We _____ to the airport this time tomorrow. (drive)

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

know play finish buy leave go out

- How long have you known one another?
1 I _____ writing the report before you know it!
2 How long _____ you _____ with Alex?
3 I realised I _____ my keys on the kitchen table as soon as I shut the door.
4 I _____ any books for ages.
5 The children _____ in the garden for hours before their parents went out to join them.

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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 Sally creates curries that make your mouth water.

2 Charles is a writer who everyone knows.

3 You can't continue to wear those shoes as you've worn them out.

4 Max and Lucy went on holiday for three weeks.

5 I can't believe you wear T-shirts with long sleeves even in the summer.

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7 Choose the correct answers.

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

1 Tina can / must have left already as she's not here.

2 That can't / shouldn't be Karen! She looks so old.

3 You shouldn't / couldn't have spoken to Mr Brown like that. Please apologise now.

4 Most children must / have to wear a school uniform in England.

5 There's no point going to the office because Paul will / might have left by now.

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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 Seldom you see such beautiful butterflies.

2 Not only we had a house by the sea when we were younger but we also had a small flat in town.

3 Under any circumstances will I allow you to go out with Andrew.

4 No longer I can bear to listen to that music.

5 Never before we have had such a fabulous holiday.

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Vocabulary

9 Add letters to complete the words.

Our way of life has changed substantially with the widespread introduction of wireless technology.

1 Our culture has become very A_____ thanks to the influence of Hollywood movies and television.

2 It's important to embrace cultural d_____ as we can learn so much from our differences.

3 The general s_____ of l_____ is higher now in China and India than it was a few years ago.

4 I _____ is always a controversial topic as many people feel too many foreigners are coming into the country.

5 There has been a b_____ d_____ of skilled people moving abroad to find work.

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10 Correct the underlined words in each sentence.

- Can't you see that Louise is near to tears?
 1 Nicola was in rivers of tears after she heard the news.
 2 Behave yourself! This is no laughter matter.
 3 Why was Mary crying her eyes off?
 4 I laughed my face off at the comedy show last night.
 5 The meeting just went on and on. I really was bored to cry.

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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'm really _____ at the moment so I can't afford to come out with you this weekend.
 2 I can't believe my account is in the _____. I thought I had at least £100.
 3 Julia gets really good _____ as a waitress because most of the customers are really generous.
 4 When I was a child I didn't get regular _____ from my parents but I had a Saturday job.
 5 The government _____ has grown considerably over the last couple of years due to overspending by most departments.

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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 What a ____-rending story. I felt so sad after I read it.
 a mind b heart c brain
 2 OK I give in! You win ____ down.
 a hands b feet c arms
 3 This is so complex that I'm finding it hard to get my ____ round what's going on.
 a brain b mind c head
 4 Carl can be so insensitive sometimes. He's always putting his ____ in it.
 a leg b mouth c foot
 5 I'm afraid I can't join you as I'm up to my ____ in work at the moment.
 a neck b eyes c head

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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 The shop assistant was so *sexist* / *pushy* that I left the shop without buying anything. She just wouldn't leave me alone.
- 2 Smoking is a real *turn-off* / *taboo*, however attractive someone might be.
- 3 Harry's behaviour has always been *revolting* / *overly familiar* but most people just accept the fact that he's being friendly.
- 4 I think Lisa's words were just *misinterpreted* / *disrespectful*. I'm sure she didn't mean to be rude.
- 5 Sneezing without using a tissue is very *unhygienic* / *awkward*.

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Functional language

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

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

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

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

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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