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Track 1

We only eat locally sourced food at home.

- 1 I've never participated in a webinar.
- 2 We haven't been as badly affected by the global economic crisis as some countries.
- 3 What I love about my country is the cultural diversity.
- 4 Our way of life has changed significantly over the last twenty years.
- 5 I communicate online with people from all over the world.

Track 2

devastated

- 1 indifferent
- 2 apprehensive
- 3 shattered
- 4 envious
- 5 disgusted
- 6 insecure
- 7 mortified
- 8 overjoyed
- 9 relieved
- 10 helpless

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Track 3

- self-help
- 1 acupuncture
 - 2 counselling
 - 3 discipline
 - 4 endurance
 - 5 hypnotherapy
 - 6 laser
 - 7 marathon
 - 8 spirituality
 - 9 vegan
 - 10 voluntary work

Track 4

- If you say so.
- 1 We would very much appreciate it.
 - 2 I don't see why I should.
 - 3 Oh, all right.
 - 4 If you'll just bear with me.
 - 5 I must ask you not to touch that.

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Track 5

I need to talk to you. Don't rush off!

- 1 You're walking far too fast for me. Can't you slow down?
- 2 I'm not waiting any longer. I'm sick of hanging around!
- 3 Can you put your hands up please? Don't shout out!
- 4 We need to get moving, guys. Eat up!
- 5 Those two seem to be getting on well, look! They're chatting away!

Track 6

Am I glad to see you.

- 1 I really do appreciate your help.
- 2 We'll definitely come and see you tomorrow.
- 3 Was I relieved to hear the news.
- 4 They really do like you.
- 5 Sam definitely saw you yesterday.

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Track 7

- a need for attention
- 1 a fear of failure
- 2 a desire for approval
- 3 a sense of achievement
- 4 a need for reassurance
- 5 a sense of fun
- 6 a lack of ambition
- 7 a desire to please
- 8 a tendency to worry
- 9 a fear of rejection
- 10 a sense of security

Track 8

- I really do feel as though the world is getting smaller.
- 1 My family has suffered a lot as a result of the financial crisis.
- 2 More and more people are wanting to immigrate to my country.
- 3 There are so many places I'd like to visit.
- 4 I'm hoping to get a job with a multi-national corporation.
- 5 It's so important to try and understand other cultures and mentalities.

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Track 9

- 1 desperate
- 2 devastated
- 3 overjoyed
- 4 ashamed
- 5 disgusted
- 6 relieved
- 7 envious
- 8 insecure
- 9 mortified
- 10 disillusioned
- 11 helpless

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Track 10

Speaker 1 I'm a student so it's really hard to make ends meet but I started doing a few shifts at the local Italian restaurant at the beginning of this year and it's certainly helped me keep my head above water. I don't get a good hourly rate but on a good day I get to take home quite a bit extra. We share out the money at the end of the shift and yesterday I was amazed because I got an extra £50! There was a big group celebrating someone's birthday and I guess they were just feeling generous.

Speaker 2 I graduated three years ago and still haven't been able to find a decent job. I mean, I've done bits and bobs but nothing permanent has come up. It's really demoralising especially as most of my friends are earning good money now and they're always going out. I'm sure they'll stop inviting me along soon as I usually make up some reason why I can't join them. I just don't want to admit that I can't afford to do the things they do.

Speaker 3 I've always been quite good with money but I still never know whether I'll be overdrawn or not at the end of the month. I haven't had a pay rise for over three years but everything keeps going up in price. I've cut down wherever I can but it's still touch and go. Luckily one of my brothers has helped me out this month so I'm OK but who knows what will happen next month. It's a horrible feeling.

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Speaker 4 My ex-husband has always been really good about giving me money for the children. You just never know how people are going to react though when money's involved so I heaved a sigh when the court finally decided on the amount I'd be receiving every month. I was so stressed before I knew what I'd be getting but now things are fine and I can manage perfectly well

Speaker 5 My brother has so much money he doesn't know what to do with it! He's got everything you could possibly have – a house in London and a couple of places abroad not to mention a yacht and a plane. I'm not entirely sure how he made all his money but I wish I had some of it as, I have to be honest, I'm struggling a bit, but I'd never ask him.

Speaker 6 I was gutted when I found out that the painting I bought at auction was a fake. I spent £50,000 on it and now, nothing. Who'd have thought that such a reputable auction house could make such a mistake? I'm looking into getting my money back but I don't suppose I will.

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Track 11

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.

Track 12

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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Track 13

Speaker 1 I've been sharing a flat with Alice for a year now. At first everything went really well as we've got lots in common and we're doing the same course but as time has gone on, I'm starting to get really irritated by her untidiness. Not that I'm obsessive or anything but she never puts things away and I'm forever looking for stuff and ...

Speaker 2 My flatmate Steve is quite difficult to get along with. When we're out he can be the life and soul of the party but when we're at home, I'm never quite sure how he's going to be and the problem is that when he's in a mood, he just doesn't speak. I much prefer people to have a rant and then it all blows over but ...

Speaker 3 I don't see it myself but all our friends tell us that we're really alike so I guess that's why we get on. Sarah's certainly very passionate about things she believes in ... some would call that opinionated but she definitely wouldn't agree! As you can imagine, we have some very heated debates and ...

Speaker 4 I'm the kind of person who likes peace and quiet. I'm not exactly a recluse but I guess I enjoy my own company while Clare is the opposite. She just never stops talking. I don't know whether it's a nervous thing. Maybe she doesn't like silence but it can get pretty annoying when I'm trying to read or listen to music and she'll ...

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Speaker 5 We're both very similar in that we're pretty relaxed about stuff. Life's too short to get worked up about things that really don't matter. I mean, we seem to function pretty well and things get done but we just don't stress. Some of our friends are real control freaks but we're most definitely not and we try to take each day as it comes ...

Speaker 6 My new flatmate, Tom, moved in a couple of weeks ago and I have to say, I wish he'd move out again! He obviously thinks he's better than everyone else and seems to enjoy putting people down all the time. I've tried to stand up to him but frankly I might as well just try and ignore him and let him ...