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Pronunciation

1 Track 16 Listen and underline the stressed words.

- 1 Honestly, you're so silly!
- 2 Where on earth have you been?
- 3 I do hope we can meet up again.
- 4 I've had such a good time today.
- 5 It was you who told me not to say anything.
- 6 It gets really busy here in the evenings.

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2 Track 17 Listen and mark the stress in these words.

- 1 dinosaur
- 2 volcano
- 3 surface
- 4 scientific
- 5 eruption
- 6 radioactive
- 7 dioxide
- 8 nuclear
- 9 catastrophe
- 10 ocean
- 11 temperature

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Listening comprehension

3 Track 18 Listen to six speakers talking about different events and experiences and choose the correct answer, a, b or c.

- 1 Speaker 1 is talking about a ____ .
a reception b wedding c funeral
- 2 Speaker 2 is talking about a ____ .
a protest b victory parade c promotion
- 3 Speaker 3 is talking about a ____ .
a practical joke b miracle c publicity stunt
- 4 Speaker 4 is talking about a ____ .
a soap opera b talent show c reality TV show
- 5 Speaker 5 is talking about (a) ____ .
a mass media b tabloid c broadsheet
- 6 Speaker 6 is talking about a(n) ____ .
a nuclear bomb b volcanic eruption c earthquake

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Language focus

4 There is one word missing in each of these sentences. Rewrite them, adding the missing word.

We produce large amount of waste every day.

We produce a large amount of waste every day.

1 It seems as though there are hundreds festivals all over the country.

2 David has few good friends, so he feels very fortunate.

3 There are a number reasons why I don't want to go to the carnival.

4 Would you like milk with your coffee?

5 In my opinion, you can never have many books.

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5 Complete the sentences with modal verbs.

Perhaps it will rain later.

It might rain later.

1 I can't believe that you haven't seen the film before as everybody has!

You _____ seen the film before!

2 It would be a good idea to call your brother.

You _____ call your brother.

3 Were you able to swim when you were a child?

_____ you swim when you were a child?

4 Jack was obliged to wear a school uniform.

Jack _____ wear a school uniform.

5 You are not allowed to take photos here.

You _____ take photos here.

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6 Complete the sentences with *alan*, *the* or no article ($\emptyset$).

Graham's at $\emptyset$ university studying $\emptyset$ Law.

1 My cousins have _____ small cottage on _____ coast.

2 _____ first time we went to _____ Canada was in 2009.

3 Matt goes to _____ gym once _____ week.

4 _____ Severn is _____ longest river in England, isn't it?

5 We're going to _____ party on _____ Saturday.

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7 Rewrite the sentences using the verbs in the box.

assured ~~told~~ refused explained recommended suspected

'Listen carefully to what I'm about to say,' Chris said to me.

Chris told me to listen carefully to what he was about to say.

1 'I think my brother lied to me,' Fred said.

Fred _____.

2 'I won't help you with your project,' Martha told me.

Martha _____.

3 'It'd be a good idea to set up a Twitter account,' Stephen said.

Stephen _____.

4 'Don't worry, everything is under control,' Laura said to Mr Brown.

Laura _____.

5 'The results will take a few weeks to come through,' Mark said.

Mark _____.

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8 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

I wish I could (can) speak German.

1 I _____ (have) a good job now if I _____ (go) to university.

2 We _____ (not get) lost if we _____ (take) a map with us.

3 What _____ (you / do) if you _____ (be) me?

4 If only we _____ (know) sooner, we _____ (help) you.

5 I _____ (go) to South America now if I _____ (have) the money.

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Vocabulary

9 Complete the phrases with *take* in these sentences.

Please come in and take a seat.

1 Martha takes _____ her mother. They're both very tall and slim.

2 There's a market taking _____ in the town square this weekend. There will be lots of interesting things to buy, I'm sure.

3 I don't want to take any more of _____ as I know you're very busy, but thank you for coming along.

4 Bella wants to take _____ yoga as she has heard it's very relaxing.

5 I'm taking _____ my grandmother as she had a fall recently.

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10 Choose the correct answers.

I was absolutely furious / *hilarious* when I found out what had happened.

- 1 The traffic this morning was *enormous* / *horrendous*. There must have been an accident.
- 2 The craftsmanship in that jewellery is *exquisite* / *massive*.
- 3 Working 50 hours a week is *exhausting* / *deafening*.
- 4 The plot of that film was just *stunning* / *ridiculous*. I've never seen such nonsense.
- 5 We live in a *tiny* / *vast* house on the outskirts of town, but, luckily, there are only two of us.

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

foreign correspondent	tabloid	broadsheets	episode	reality TV show	social media
upload	interactive	circulation	soap opera	coverage	

I always read the broadsheets if I want to read balanced and well-researched articles.

- 1 The _____ of most newspapers has fallen as so many people tend to read the news online now.
- 2 Can you help me _____ my pictures on to my Facebook page?
- 3 The _____ papers usually focus on scandal and gossip rather than serious news.
- 4 There isn't much _____ of unusual sports on terrestrial television. You need to subscribe to satellite or cable channels.
- 5 I don't understand the appeal of the _____. Why do people want to watch what goes on in other people's lives?

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12 Match words 1–6 with words a–f to make collocations.

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| 1 magnifying | <u>d</u> | a power |
| 2 climate | ___ | b fuels |
| 3 fossil | ___ | c eruption |
| 4 wind | ___ | d glass |
| 5 toxic | ___ | e change |
| 6 volcanic | ___ | f chemical |

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13 Add letters to complete the words. The first letter is given.

Paul McCartney is a household name. Everyone has heard of him, haven't they?

- 1 Shirley is a bit of a **d**____ and certainly expects to be treated like royalty!
- 2 Sadly, I think Marilyn Monroe achieved **i**_____ because of her beauty and private life rather than her acting ability.
- 3 Mick Jagger is a living **l**_____, in my opinion. He just seems to go on and on.
- 4 There are many bands around today that can draw huge **c**_____ and fill the biggest stadia.
- 5 Mike has a **r**_____ for being quite difficult and he certainly doesn't like being interviewed.

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Functional language

14 Match sentences 1–6 with responses a–f.

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| 1 Go on, have some more cake. | <u>d</u> |
| 2 Go on, I insist. Have the last piece. | — |
| 3 Oh no, I'm so sorry! It was your favourite glass as well! | — |
| 4 Dan's annoying? You mean my new boyfriend Dan? | — |
| 5 We had a great trip. Anyway, as I was saying ... | — |
| 6 I'm sure you want to hear the end of the story. | — |

- a Oh sorry, I didn't realise. I hope I didn't offend you.
b No, really. I couldn't manage any more.
c Of course, but I know you're really busy and I don't want to keep you.
d No, thank you. It was very nice, but I'm really full.
e It doesn't matter. These things happen.
f Sorry to interrupt, but I think there's someone at the door.

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15 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

look go think be phone try

- Have you ever thought about becoming a chef as you love cooking so much?
- 1 I'd suggest _____ to get a Saturday job.
2 I would recommend _____ around as well.
3 You ought _____ into your options.
4 If I _____ you, I'd just contact everyone you know.
5 Why _____ to the new Italian restaurant and just ask?

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Reading

16 Read the email and put sentences a–f in the correct place in the text.

Dear Penny,

How are things? I hope everything's going well in your new job. It's been so long since we got together – there's loads to catch up on and I realise I haven't been in touch for ages. ¹ d

It was such a shame you couldn't make the Larmer Tree Festival again as I'm sure you'd have enjoyed it. I decided to get a ticket for the whole four days this time so I could camp and really make the most of all the music. You know what it's like otherwise. ² ____

We were really lucky with the weather this time as I certainly wouldn't have enjoyed it quite so much if we'd had to put the tent up in the pouring rain! They'd moved the campsite area, so we were nearer the main entrance, which made it much more convenient, although it was quite loud as we were also much nearer the music stages.

As usual, there were some fantastic bands and some excellent comedy stuff as well.

³ ____ You know how small the venue is, so we managed to find one another whenever we wanted to.

The best thing this year was the parade on the Sunday. As I went with Emma and her two children, I got involved in much more of the children's stuff than I would have done otherwise. The theme was the natural world, so we all made costumes and masks representing different aspects of the planet. ⁴ ____ The parade went through the main music area and everyone clapped and cheered as we went past.

The only thing that was a bit disappointing this year was the food. You know how they usually have lots of stalls selling international food – well, it all seemed rather overpriced and not particularly different. ⁵ ____

Anyway, all in all, it was great. It was just such a shame you couldn't join us. We must make sure we go next year. ⁶ ____

Love,
Fiona

a You're just getting into the mood and then you have to leave.

b Emma's kids are really into Africa, so we made an elephant and a giraffe (well, with a bit of imagination!).

c Perhaps it was just me, but there definitely wasn't the variety.

d I can't believe it's almost the end of the summer!

e I think the tickets will be on sale very soon, so let's just book!

f In the end I went off on my own for some of the time as we couldn't all agree on what we wanted to listen to.

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Writing

17 A speculative covering letter

You are looking for a job at your local newspaper. Write a speculative letter to see if they have any opportunities. You can use these prompts to help you:

- Write about your qualities, skills, interests and experience
- Think of something positive to say about the newspaper

Write 120–180 words.

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