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Pronunciation

1 Track 13 Listen and mark the stress in these words.

- 1 loneliness
- 2 behaviour
- 3 anxiety
- 4 exhaustion
- 5 security
- 6 confidence
- 7 relationship
- 8 tolerance
- 9 employee
- 10 conformist
- 11 fanaticism

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2 Track 14 Listen. Do you hear a statement or a question? Tick (✓) the correct alternative.

- 1 a You've met Brad Pitt. _____
b You've met Brad Pitt? ✓
- 2 a Laura doesn't live here any more. _____
b Laura doesn't live here any more? _____
- 3 a They didn't enjoy the film. _____
b They didn't enjoy the film? _____
- 4 a Sarah's bought another car. _____
b Sarah's bought another car? _____
- 5 a Alex likes going hiking on his own. _____
b Alex likes going hiking on his own? _____
- 6 a Paul won't be at the party. _____
b Paul won't be at the party? _____

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Listening comprehension

3 Track 15 Listen to six speakers talking about relationships. Which speaker (1–6) ...

- a suffers from jealousy? 1
- b has little in common with their sibling? _____
- c is very competitive? _____
- d loathes one of their relatives? _____
- e feels their relationship isn't going anywhere? _____
- f suffers from a feeling of inferiority? _____

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Language focus

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

Oh no, I 've forgotten my keys again! (forget)

1 When _____ back last night? (you / get)

2 John _____ really nice to me at the moment. I wonder what he wants! (be)

3 We _____ a quiet drink when two men at the bar started fighting. (have)

4 I _____ why you're so negative about everything. (not understand)

5 Ben _____ to resign before he was offered a pay rise. (decide)

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5 Add prefixes or suffixes to complete the words.

The steak was so over-cooked that it was too tough to eat.

1 Strangely, a lot of _____ secure people like being the centre of attention.

2 Don't bother talking to Tom until he's had his first coffee of the day as he's always so _____-tempered.

3 I'm feeling really rest _____ and just can't keep still.

4 It can be quite depress _____ here in winter when the days are so short and dark.

5 The situation got much worse because it was hopelessly _____ managed.

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6 Rewrite the sentences.

Blueberries are said to be a so-called super food.

They say blueberries are a so-called super food .

1 Credit cards can be used in all the major department stores.

You _____ .

2 A lot of money is spent on upgrading gadgets.

People _____ .

3 Five goals were scored by us in yesterday's match.

We _____ .

4 Hundreds of new houses are going to be built in the village.

They _____ .

5 The ruin was thought to be an ancient temple.

People _____ .

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7 Choose the correct answers.

What are you doing / will you do this weekend?

1 Hang on, I'll be / I'm going to be with you in a minute.

2 I think I'm / I'm going to be sick. I've eaten far too much chocolate.

3 This time next month we'll sail / we'll be sailing in the Mediterranean.

4 Peter is bound / likely to call later as he always does.

5 I'm really pleased because my birthday is falling / will fall on a Sunday this year.

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8 Complete the sentences with the correct Perfect tense of the verbs in the box.

not have meet ~~leave~~ not spend finish not get

You 'd left by the time I got to the party.

1 I _____ the project by the end of the week, I promise.

2 We _____ much time at the museum yet.

3 _____ (you) George before?

4 Tom _____ a holiday for ages, so he was really looking forward to it.

5 Emily _____ home by supper time because she always works late on Fridays.

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Vocabulary

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

enthusiastic a cold home tired on well with a shock ~~a present~~ to work stuck
better lost

Dan didn't give me a present for my birthday, so I was quite upset.

1 I got _____ when I saw how much my credit card bill was!

2 Tim got _____ late, so he missed his meeting with his boss, who was not impressed.

3 We got _____ when we went hiking last weekend. It was quite scary.

4 I hope you get _____. It's not like you to be ill.

5 Sam got _____ in the daylight for once, so he was able to do some gardening.

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10 Choose the correct answer, a, b or c.

We _____ stuck in traffic on the way home yesterday.

a got

b had

c felt

1 I _____ my head on the bookshelf when I stood up.

a damaged

b broke

c banged

2 The car broke _____ again at the weekend.

a off

b down

c up

3 I was late for work because I _____ my train.

a missed

b lost

c caught

4 You're always _____ yourself out. You should wear your keys round your neck!

a wearing

b putting

c locking

5 We'd better go to the garage before we run _____ petrol.

a over

b out of

c down

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11 Choose the correct answers.

I was very amused / *awkward* to see how Brian reacted to the news.

- 1 Pessimistic / Optimistic people tend to see life as a glass half empty.
- 2 Anna gets stressed and *panicky* / *grumpy* before exams as she's always convinced she won't remember anything.
- 3 I don't understand why you're so *curious* / *upset* that Chris is seeing someone else. You decided to split up with him.
- 4 Mandy is incredibly *impatient* / *unsociable* and just hates waiting for anything.
- 5 Despite all her troubles, Kate remains *frustrated* / *cheerful*.

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

I have an appointment at the optician's later today.

- 1 There were so many people from my class at last year's school r_____.
- 2 Jenny met her future husband on a d_____ website.
- 3 We've got an important business m_____ with potential clients this afternoon.
- 4 Whenever we have a family g_-t_____, someone inevitably behaves badly.
- 5 I made some useful contacts at the annual c_____ this year.

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

develop	result	have	explore	give	set	transform	defeat	donate	found
discover									

I like to donate money to children's charities.

- 1 Who _____ King Harold's army at the Battle of Hastings in 1066?
- 2 What's the point in _____ space?
- 3 Usain Bolt _____ a new world record for the 100m, didn't he?
- 4 Which organisation did Mark Zuckerberg _____?
- 5 I believe Albert Einstein _____ the theory of relativity.

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Functional language

14 Complete the sentences with prepositions.

Thanks for getting back back to me.

- 1 Could you speak _____ a bit, please? I'm having trouble hearing you.
- 2 I'll have to put you _____ to another department.
- 3 Am I calling _____ a bad time?
- 4 Please bear _____ me. I'm doing my best.
- 5 I'm afraid you're breaking _____. I'll have to call you back.

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15 What do you say in these situations? Choose the correct response, a or b.

Your best friend is upset after having a row with her boyfriend. What do you say?

a Calm down!

b Cheer up!

1 Your friend is nervous about taking their driving test. What do you say?

a Don't worry, it doesn't matter.

b Try not to worry about it.

2 Everyone is being unkind about your friend's new girlfriend. What do you say?

a What a shame!

b Just ignore them.

3 Your friend is upset because her sister has had an accident. What do you say?

a That sounds awful!

b Never mind.

4 Your friend has had her bag stolen. What do you say?

a How annoying!

b Cheer up!

5 Your friend has broken one of your glasses. What do you say?

a Calm down!

b Don't worry, it doesn't matter.

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Reading

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

How we met

We recently asked our readers to write in and share their dating experiences. ¹ c

'I've always believed that when the time is right, the right person comes along, but after having been alone for a couple of years, I decided to give fate a helping hand and signed up to a dating website. I'd resisted for so long because I felt somehow embarrassed, but if you look at the statistics nowadays, loads of people meet their partners through these sites.' ²

So, I called up my best friend to ask for help with my profile as I think it's incredibly difficult to write about yourself without sounding either too big-headed and arrogant or too modest and self-deprecating. ³

First of all, we had a look at some of the profiles already on the site just to give us an idea of what was expected. Well, everything was out there and I suspect there was a certain amount of manipulation of the truth! They say that you don't stand a chance of being contacted if you don't have a photo of yourself on your profile, but I'm pretty sure that most people had used an editorial touch to make themselves look better. After trawling through endless photos of me, we finally chose one that showed me in my best light and we uploaded it. ⁴ All I had to do now was wait!

Having taken that all-important first step, I was then left wondering what the blind date protocol is. How many emails should you exchange before speaking on the phone or meeting up? ⁵ So, I decided to move things on quickly, email a couple of times, speak on the phone, meet up and then see.

And that was a year ago. I met some very good people along the way and also some who were not so good, but, finally, when I was on the point of giving up, Alex walked into my life. We hit it off straightaway and have been seeing one another for six months. ⁶

Would I recommend online dating? The short answer is 'yes'. As long as you're careful and use your common sense, I believe you can have a lot of fun and, if you're lucky, you can meet that someone special.'

- a As I predicted she would be, she was only too pleased to help as she loves sorting out other people's lives.
- b After all, an email correspondence could go on for ages and then there might be no chemistry.
- c We hope you enjoy the story we have chosen.
- d A couple of clicks of the mouse later, I was out there in cyberspace.
- e I don't know what will happen in the future, but the journey has been a very interesting one.
- f I suppose they are the online equivalent of the lonely hearts columns and dating agencies that were very popular in the past.

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Writing

17 A narrative

Write a story entitled *A day I'll never forget*. You can use these prompts to help you:

- Where did the experience take place and what were the circumstances?
- Who were the main people involved?
- What were the main events?
- How did you feel?
- What happened in the end?

Write 120–180 words.

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