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

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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)

- I _____ Anna's very well. She seems so tired all the time. (not think)
- Sally and James _____ a good time, so let's not disturb them. (have)
- Why _____ me at the party yesterday? (you / ignore)
- I _____ my driving test by the time I was 18. (pass)
- Lucy _____ at home when she heard the news. (sit)

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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.

- Valerie and Marcus were finally _____ united after many years' separation.
- You wouldn't think that Matt was 30 – his behaviour is so _____ mature.
- It can be really frustrat_____ trying to make yourself understood when you don't speak a language well.
- The residents in our street are upset by the _____-social behaviour of a few of the teenagers.
- I think the wealth_____ members of society should pay more taxes.

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6 Rewrite the sentences.

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

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- A lot of time is wasted on the internet.
People _____ .
- Your mobile phone can't be used here.
You _____ .
- A new president is going to be elected soon.
They _____ .
- All our presents were ordered online this year.
We _____ .
- Matthew was thought to have special powers.
Everyone _____ .

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7 Choose the correct answers.

What are you doing / will you do this weekend?

- Oh no, we're going to miss / we'll miss our flight!
- Sam will be celebrating / is celebrating his birthday this time next week.
- It's bound / unlikely to get much colder as it's already freezing.
- Hurry up! The film starts / will start in ten minutes.
- Don't panic. You're being / You'll be fine.

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

spend read not hear not call ~~leave~~ not travel

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

- 1 Don't call until six as I _____ anything before then.
- 2 _____ (you) the Harry Potter books yet?
- 3 I _____ on my own before, so I was quite nervous before I set off.
- 4 I'm sure Ellen _____ all her money by the end of the month as she's so extravagant.
- 5 Paul _____ me for ages – I hope he's OK.

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Vocabulary

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

angry 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 We got _____ in traffic for hours on the way home yesterday.
- 2 Do you get _____ your colleagues? They all seem very nice.
- 3 I got _____ through standing out in the freezing rain for hours.
- 4 Sandra gets _____ so quickly and often loses her temper.
- 5 My grandfather gets _____ so easily these days. He just doesn't have as much energy as he used to.

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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 Neil _____ on the ice and broke his arm.

a spilt

b slipped

c dropped

- 2 Max wasn't paying attention and fell _____ in the street.

a over

b out

c off

- 3 Don't tell me you've _____ your keys again!

a lost

b missed

c locked

- 4 I hope I didn't _____ your car when I was reversing out of the garage.

a bang

b break

c damage

- 5 We broke _____ at a busy junction. It was so embarrassing!

a off

b down

c through

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11 Choose the correct answers.

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

- 1 Jack is feeling a little *dissatisfied* / *insecure* about his future as quite a few of his colleagues have been made redundant recently.
- 2 Tina is very *optimistic* / *pessimistic* about her future and believes that everything always works out for the best.
- 3 Peter isn't a morning person. In fact, he's positively *enthusiastic* / *grumpy*.
- 4 Barbara is quite *unsociable* / *upset*, which is why she doesn't have many friends.
- 5 Children are endlessly *cheerful* / *curious* and love to ask lots of questions.

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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 Linda went on a **b**_____ date last month and is now going out with the guy she met.
- 2 As we've just moved into a new place, we've decided to have a **h**_____ - **w**_____ party.
- 3 People spend a lot of time on social **n**_____ sites nowadays.
- 4 I'd like to book a conference **c**_____ for this afternoon, so I hope you'll all be free.
- 5 I enjoy having **d**_____ parties as I love entertaining.

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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	discover
found	donate							

I like to donate money to children's charities.

- 1 Who has _____ the greatest influence upon you?
- 2 Christopher Columbus _____ America in 1492.
- 3 Advances in medical research have _____ in the development of many new drugs.
- 4 It doesn't take much to _____ the lives of those living in poverty.
- 5 The CEO _____ an inspirational speech at last week's conference.

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Functional language

14 Complete the sentences with prepositions.

Thanks for getting back back to me.

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

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

a Calm down!

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

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

a That sounds awful!

b Never mind.

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

a How annoying!

b Cheer up!

4 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.

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

a What a shame!

b Just ignore them.

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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. ² ____ I suppose they are the online equivalent of the lonely hearts columns and dating agencies that were very popular in the past.

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. As I predicted she would be, she was only too pleased to help as she loves sorting out other people's lives.

³ ____ 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. A couple of clicks of the mouse later, I was out there in cyberspace. ⁴ ____

Having taken that all-important first step, I was then left wondering what the blind date protocol is. ⁵ ____ After all, an email correspondence could go on for ages and then there might be no chemistry. 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. ⁶ ____ I don't know what will happen in the future, but the journey has been a very interesting one.

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 All I had to do now was wait!

b We hit it off straightaway and have been seeing one another for six months.

c We hope you enjoy the story we have chosen.

d 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.

e How many emails should you exchange before speaking on the phone or meeting up?

f 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.

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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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