

## Unit 4C: Young and Homeless

### LISTENING COMPREHENSION PRACTICE

1) Complete the paraphrases with the words below:

effort eye get give hand have life make time touch turn word

- 1) to try hard= to  a big
- 2) to contact somebody= to  in  with somebody
- 3) to ignore something= to  a blind  to something
- 4) to talk to somebody= to  a  with somebody
- 5) to enjoy yourself a lot = to have the  of your .
- 6) to help somebody = to  somebody a .

**Listening strategy 1:** When you listen to a recording, remember that many ideas will be expressed differently in the task. For example, a simple verb in the task may be expressed by a phrase in the recording:  
**sleep well → get a good night's sleep.**

2) Read Listening strategy 1. Then listen to four people and circle the correct summaries.

- 3) For the past two weeks, speaker 1 has been.....
  - a. sleeping well
  - b. sleeping badly
- 4) He's got a new neighbour, but speaker 2 hasn't.....
  - a. Seen him
  - b. Spoken to him
- 5) Speaker 3's husband is in the mountains and nobody can.....
  - a. Find him
  - b. Phone him
- 6) Speaker 4 couldn't take part in the race, although he really.....to be fit for it.
  - a. Tried
  - b. Expected

**Listening strategy 2:** Pay attention to whether the language you hear is formal or informal. This can be an important clue to the context.

3) Read Listening Strategy 2. Match the phrases 1-6 with similar meanings a-f. Write the letters in the boxes. Then, click the formal phrase in each pair.

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| 1. Increase sharply | a gain employment    |
| 2. Need help        | b at the moment      |
| 3. Find a job       | c a high priority    |
| 4. Currently        | d go up a lot        |
| 5. Very important   | e suggest something  |
| 6. Make a proposal  | f require assistance |

**4) Listen to three recordings and circle the correct answers.**

1. In recording 1, we hear a man...
  - a. asking for a form to complete.
  - b. asking for help in completing a form.
  - c. returning a form that he has completed.
  
2. In recording 2, what is the main intention of the speaker?
  - a. To persuade people to make donations to a charity.
  - b. To advise people against giving money to homeless people on the street.
  - c. To suggest ways of helping homeless people which do not cost money.
  
3. In recording 3, when the speaker took part in the Big Sleep Out, she....
  - a. felt much colder than she had expected.
  - b. did not feel as cold as her friends.
  - c. did not feel as cold as she had expected.