

# Listening. Youth Unemployment.

## EXAM TASK 1.17 Listen to the text.

For questions (1–5) choose the correct answers (A, B or C).

- 1 How long are most young people unemployed for?  
A between 6 and 18 months  
B up to 6 months  
C 6 months on average
- 2 Who are the people Louisa refers to as 'hard to reach'?  
A People living below the poverty line.  
B People living in the countryside.  
C People living in big cities.
- 3 How do placements in sports teams and businesses help young people?  
A They can understand the value of things.  
B They can earn some money.  
C They can realize the value of themselves.
- 4 What does Louisa's charity encourage younger teenagers to do?  
A develop their interview skills  
B study harder at school  
C make new friends
- 5 Why does Louisa find the job rewarding?  
A She enjoys working with kids.  
B She likes the challenge of helping parents.  
C She feels she can make a difference in people's lives.

**Look at the words in bold in the sentences (1–8) that the speakers used in exercise 3. Match them with their definitions (a–h).**

- 1 We try to work with young people from all backgrounds. —
- 2 They have more **opportunities** to succeed. —
- 3 They can really **struggle** to find work. —
- 4 We work with a number of different **partners**. —
- 5 It can be quite **stressful** if you've never worked before. —
- 6 Some people find it difficult to **respect** the people in charge. —
- 7 We are very busy, but it is very **rewarding**. —
- 8 Teenagers won't face the same **challenges** their parents did. —

- a people or organizations you are doing an activity with
- b be polite towards someone you think is important
- c the details of a person's family, education, experience, etc.
- d a new or difficult task that tests somebody's ability and skill
- e try very hard to do something with difficulty
- f causing a lot of anxiety and worry
- g worth doing or that makes you happy because it is useful or important
- h the possibility to do or achieve something