

ADVANCED 3 UNIT 6

LISTENING

1 Read the questions first then,

listen to Mike, Maria, Helen, Nick, and Petra answering the questions.

Which question is each **person** answering? Write their names in the **boxes**.

Which **senses** do they mention? Write the answer in the **lines**.

a How many senses do we have? _____

b Which sense do you think is the most important to you
in your everyday life? _____

c Which would you be able to cope best without? _____

d Which sense triggers the most memories? _____

e Have you ever lost the use of one of your senses temporarily? _____

f Do you think any of your senses is especially well developed? _____

g Which sense do we most take for granted? _____

2 Listen again and complete the spaces.

Mike

Hmm ... _____, I _____. Yes, the most _____ one is sight. I guess ... I mean, if you're blind, if you can't _____, then although you can lead a full life and all that, I think it does make you more _____, more _____ on other people, I don't know, for silly little things like, for _____, like grocery _____ or whatever, and I would really hate it if I couldn't see what things or people looked like ... or the expression on a person's _____ when they're _____ to you. I mean, you wouldn't even know if they were looking at you or whether they looked interested in _____ you were saying.

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Maria

No, I _____, but I read an article about a man who went deaf and then his _____ was restored to him, and he talked about how _____ it can be if you can't _____. He said that you miss out on a lot of things, that although you can _____ fine when you need to, you miss out on the subtleties of a _____, and the thing he missed most was _____ ... the humor in spontaneous conversation ... because it all gets slowed down when you're signing. And he really missed listening to _____; that was the worst part, he said. That and not being able to hear his wife's _____. And he said that it was really _____ to start with when he regained his hearing. Everything sounded much _____. He said he actually misses total _____ sometimes, just not hearing anything, and that it can be really _____.

Helen

Um, I don't know ... but maybe _____, I guess ... like somebody can just walk past you on the _____ and you can _____ the smell of their _____ and it reminds you really strongly of somebody ... or _____ ... I can't remember where I was the other day, but I suddenly smelled the most _____ cooking smells: coconut oil and _____ and it reminded me so strongly of my vacation in the Caribbean ... I could _____ the palm trees, _____ the food, _____ the sun on my skin ... yes, I think smell triggers the strongest, most vivid _____.

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Nick

This may seem like a strange answer, but maybe _____ ... you know, the sense of touch ... I think it's probably the one we take the most for _____, being able to feel things and it's not ... it's not, you know, a sense that's limited to one part of your _____, either – it's everything, every single pore, every single bit of your _____. I remember seeing a _____ about a man who was born deaf and mute and had later lost his _____ in an accident – he lived a full life – he was eighty-something and he still worked and even traveled. He just lived his _____ totally through his sense of touch. In this program, they showed him visiting other people like him in Japan. It was _____ – they used an _____ signing _____ which was based on touch – they would touch each _____ and sign on each other's palms, and they could feel each other talking – and it showed them going to a drum concert too – like a traditional Japanese drum concert – and they could _____ the music, I mean they could feel the _____ of the _____, even though they couldn't hear them. It was just totally amazing.

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Petra

Well, usually I'm renowned for my sense of _____! Sometimes I can taste things that _____ else even notices. For example, when someone _____ for me, I can tell which _____ were used. Sometimes my mom will try to fool me by putting something I've never eaten before in the food, but in that case I can always _____ that there is something _____ in the food. I love _____ something I've never tasted before! If food is spoiled I know it right away. Recently I had some really hot _____ and burned my _____. It was strange not being able to taste things as strongly, but I was back to normal after a couple of _____.