1C Listening

Family tensions

I can identify the attitude and intention of a speaker.

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1 **Read the sentences. What is each speaker's attitude? Circle the correct answers.**

1 'Quick! Shut the door, before it's too late!'
(a) aggressive (b) calm
(c) sarcastic (d) urgent

2 'This town was wonderful when I was a boy.'
(a) accusing (b) miserable
(c) nostalgic (d) optimistic

3 'Poor you. I hope you feel better soon.'
(a) bitter (b) grateful
(c) sympathetic (d) urgent

4 'Don't worry. Everything will be fine, I'm sure.'
(a) accusing (b) calm
(c) nostalgic (d) pessimistic

5 'I expect I'll come last in the race. I usually do.'
(a) arrogant (b) enthusiastic
(c) grateful (d) pessimistic

6 'I can't forgive him for how he behaved.'
(a) bitter (b) complimentary
(c) optimistic (d) sarcastic

7 'Your hair looks fantastic!'
(a) aggressive (b) complimentary
(c) grateful (d) urgent

8 'You left my phone outside in the rain? That was a really clever thing to do!'
(a) enthusiastic (b) grateful
(c) nostalgic (d) sarcastic

Listening Strategy

Sometimes, the words alone do not fully express the speaker's intention. You need to pay attention to the tone of voice as well. For example, an urgent tone of voice suggests that the speaker is giving a warning.

2 1.03 **Read the Listening Strategy. Then listen and circle the tone of voice the speaker uses.**

1 The next train leaves in half an hour.
(a) calm (b) urgent

2 That's made me feel a lot better.
(a) grateful (b) sarcastic

3 This is going to be rather painful.
(a) aggressive (b) sympathetic

4 We were too poor to even go on holiday.
(a) bitter (b) nostalgic

3 **Try reading aloud each sentence from exercise 2 using the other tone of voice.**

4 1.04 **Listen. Which adjective below best describes each speaker's tone of voice? There are three extra adjectives.**

arrogant enthusiastic grateful nostalgic pessimistic sympathetic urgent

Speaker 1 ____
Speaker 2 ____
Speaker 3 ____
Speaker 4 ____

5 **Match the intentions (1–5) with the tone of voice you are most likely to use.**

1 persuading somebody: ____
a enthusiastic **b** grateful **c** sarcastic

2 remembering something: ____
a arrogant **b** nostalgic **c** sympathetic

3 thanking somebody: ____
a accusing **b** bitter **c** grateful

4 praising somebody: ____
a calm **b** complimentary **c** optimistic

5 complaining about something: ____
a enthusiastic **b** miserable **c** optimistic

6 1.05 **Listen to four monologues. Decide what tone of voice each speaker is using. Choose from the adjectives in exercise 5.**

Speaker 1 ____
Speaker 2 ____
Speaker 3 ____
Speaker 4 ____

7 1.05 **Listen again. Match speakers 1–4 with sentences A–E. There is one extra sentence. Use your answers to exercises 5 and 6 to help you.**

Speaker	1	2	3	4
Sentence (A–E)				

A The speaker is persuading people to buy something.
B The speaker is remembering a family tradition from when he / she was younger.
C The speaker is thanking his / her guests for coming to a special family meal.
D The speaker is praising a family member for preventing a family argument.
E The speaker is complaining about a bad experience at a family reunion.

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