5 Reading & Listening

a In your country, are there charity events to raise money for a good cause? Have you ever taken part in one? What did you do? How much money did you raise?

b You're going to read an article about Helen Skelton, who agreed to kayak down the Amazon for charity. Read the introduction and answer the questions. TV presenter's Amazon challenge.

1 What did Helen do last year for charity?
2 What is she hoping to do this year?
3 What is dangerous about the trip?
4 What experience does she have?

c Before you read the texts of Helen's first three phone calls, imagine what kind of problems you think she had on her journey. Then read and check. Were you right?

d Read Phone calls 1- 3 again and complete the gaps with the correct word.

1	a. in front	b. behind	c. back
2	a. freezing	b. hot	c. boiling
3	a. exhausted	b. angry	c. lost
4	a. down	b. up	c. over
5	a. long	b. wide	c. short
6	a. ice cream	b. coffee	c. chocolate
7	a. sleep	b. paddle	c. rest
8	a. boring	b. interesting	c. worrying
9	a. being	b. feel	c. feeling
10	a. sick	b. well	c. hard

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e Listen and check.
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f Now listen to the rest of Helen's journey down the Amazon. Did she manage to finish? 1.52

g Listen again. Then answer the questions.

Phone call 4

1 Why hasn't she had any music for three days?
2 What does she do to pass the time?
3 Why didn't she celebrate reaching the halfway point?

Phone call 5

4 What have been driving her mad this week?
5 What wildlife has she seen?
6 Why is she starting to feel a bit sad?

The 6.00 news

7 How many kilometres did she do altogether?
8 How long did the journey take?
9 What did Helen miss?
10 What is the first thing she is going to do when she gets home?

6 Vocabulary: strong adjectives.

Some adjectives have a strong meaning,
e.g. I had to paddle against the current. I was **exhausted**!(= very tired)
I've had a **fantastic** time!(= very good)
With strong adjectives you can use ***absolutely*** or ***really***, but **NOT very**.
I've been suffering from the heat. It's **absolutely** boiling. NOT very boiling.

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a Complete the sentences with a normal adjective.

1 A Was Lisa's father ..... about the car?

B Yes, he was furious!

2 A Is Oliver's flat ..... ?

B Yes, it's really tiny - just a bedroom and a sitting room.

3 A Are you ..... of flying?

B Yes, I'm terrified! I never fly anywhere.

4 A Was the food ..... ?

B Yes, it was delicious.

5 A Are you very ..... ?

B I'm starving! I haven't eaten all day.

6 A Is your parents' house ..... ?

B It's enormous. It has seven bedrooms.

7 A Was it ..... in Moscow?

B It was freezing! Minus 20 degrees.

8 A Was Jack's kitchen ..... ?

B It was filthy. It took us three hours to clean it.

9 A Are your parents ..... about the wedding?

B They're delighted. In fact, they want to pay for everything!

10 A Was the film ..... ?

B It was hilarious. We laughed the whole way through.

11 A Are you ..... you locked the door?

B I'm positive. I remember turning the key.

12 A Were you ..... to hear that Ted is getting married?

B I was absolutely amazed! I never thought it would happen.

b Listen and check. How are the strong adjectives pronounced? 1.53

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