LISTENING: STORIES

TASK 1. Read the introduction to a radio programme. Are the statements TRUE or FALSE?

1. A '*flashbulb memory*' is a memory of an important event. TRUE / FALSE

2. You do not usually remember small details with a flashbulb memory. TRUE / FALSE

FLASHBULB MEMORIES – WHERE WERE YOU THEN?

Do you remember where you were when an important event occurred? Can you remember who you were with? Then you may have what is called a 'flashbulb memory'. In 1977, two psychologists, Roger Brown and James Kulick, used the term 'flashbulb memories' to talk about people's recollections of the John F. Kennedy assassination. They suggested that, like a camera's flashbulb, when a truly shocking event happens, the brain 'takes a picture' of the moment when you learn about the event. This enables us to remember, sometimes in great detail, events of an emotional significance to us. Tune in to Radio 6 *Real Lives* and listen to some of the stories.

TASK 2. Listen to the stories. Match pictures A-D with speakers 1-4



TASK 3. Listen again. Answer the questions

1. Who was angry about not getting to a meeting on time?
2. Who watched the news on a black and white tv?
3. Who got up to make everyone coffee?
4. Who were trying to talk on their mobile phones?
5. Who thought that maybe what they remembered was just a dream?
6. Who wanted peace for everyone?

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