

# Develop your listening

➤ **Goal:** understand short talks

➤ **Focus:** understanding key words

- 1 a Look at the people in the photos and make guesses about their lives.

1 What are their jobs?

2 What do they do every day?

3 What do they do in their free time?

*I think Dorothy usually stays in and spends time with her family.*

*I think Simon studies a lot. He rarely goes out.*

- b 3.6 Listen to one of the people talking about his/her life. Which person is it? Are your ideas about his/her life correct?

- 2 Read the Focus box. What types of words are key words?

## Understanding key words

When we speak, we usually stress words which give the most important information. These words are usually nouns (like *man* or *dog*), verbs (like *eat* or *run*) or adjectives (like *good* or *hot*).

*People often think that at my age we **stay home** every night and **relax** with a **book** or something, but for me that's **not true**.*

Negatives are also stressed because they give important information.

*I **don't like** this film.*

*She **hasn't got** a sister.*

When you listen, you don't always need to understand every word. Listen to the stressed words to get the general idea.

- 3 Listen to Dorothy again and choose the correct alternatives.

1 People think she stays home with a *book/film*, but that's not right.

2 She sings *once/twice* a week.

3 Her group is called *The Music/Song* Birds.

4 The group meets at the *town centre/hall*.

5 At the weekend, she has *coffee/lunch* with friends from the group.

- 4 3.7 Listen to the sentences and underline the key words.

1 I rarely go to the cinema.

2 My old friends often come to my house.

3 We don't stay at home much in the evenings.

4 I don't like crazy parties.

5 We have a cup of tea every day at 11.

6 I often go for a walk at the weekend.

7 My house is near the sea so I swim a lot.

8 We work for a big company.



Dorothy

Simon



Rana

- 5 3.8 Listen and complete the sentences with one or two words.

1 I start work at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock every morning.

2 My favourite thing is \_\_\_\_\_. I love it!

3 I'm a shop assistant at that \_\_\_\_\_ over there.

4 I've got three \_\_\_\_\_ but I haven't got any sisters.

5 I play badminton three times a week with my \_\_\_\_\_.

6 We love \_\_\_\_\_. We watch a different one every evening.

7 We enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ food and have it every week.

8 My favourite thing in the world is \_\_\_\_\_ but I only watch it!

- 6 a 3.9 Listen to Rana and Simon and answer the questions.

1 Who talks about meeting new people everywhere?

2 Who talks about chatting online?

- b Listen again and answer the questions. Use the key words to help you.

1 Where does Rana never go?

2 How many books does she read a week?

3 Who does she talk to about books?

4 Who does Simon often go out with?

5 What three places does he meet people?

6 What two words does he use to describe people?

- 7 Work in pairs and discuss the questions. Are Dorothy, Rana and Simon similar to you? Why/Why not?

**1 Complete the questions with *do* or *does*.**

- 1 When \_\_\_\_\_ you see your friends?
- 2 How many hours a week \_\_\_\_\_ your brother work?
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ you ever cook for a lot of people?
- 4 How often \_\_\_\_\_ you use social media?
- 5 What food \_\_\_\_\_ your teacher like?
- 6 Who \_\_\_\_\_ you spend time with in the evening?
- 7 Where \_\_\_\_\_ your sister live?
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ your best friend ever play games on their phone?
- 9 How many times a week \_\_\_\_\_ you do exercise?
- 10 Which TV programmes \_\_\_\_\_ you watch every week?
- 11 What \_\_\_\_\_ your best friend do?
- 12 Where \_\_\_\_\_ your brother go at the weekends?

**2 Match questions 1–12 with answers a–l.**

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| a I'm not really sure. I think she likes cake!                 | _____ |
| b She's got a flat in Gower Street.                            | _____ |
| c Usually at the weekend. We go out to a restaurant.           | _____ |
| d No, I only cook for my wife and two children.                | _____ |
| e I watch a lot of programmes about animals.                   | _____ |
| f Every ten minutes! I'm always on my phone.                   | _____ |
| g Every day. I cycle to and from work. It takes 30 minutes.    | _____ |
| h I'm not sure! I think he often goes for a swim at the beach. | _____ |
| i Yes, when he travels.  | _____ |
| j No-one. I'm usually at home alone.                           | _____ |
| k He's a bank manager.   | _____ |
| l Ten to twelve hours a day. He's a doctor.                    | _____ |

**3 Work in pairs. Take turns to ask and answer five questions from Exercise 1.**





## Student A

The life of a concert lover

Abi loves all kinds of music. She goes to <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (How many?) concerts a week. That means that she goes to over 70 concerts a year!

Abi spends <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (How much?) a year on concert tickets. She sometimes goes to concerts with her university friends but she often goes alone. Abi and her friends like different music.

Abi goes to both big and small concerts. The tickets for big concerts cost between <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (How much?). The tickets for small concerts cost between £10 and £20.

Abi buys <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (What?) at big, important concerts. She spends about £300 a year on T-shirts. It's an expensive hobby!

Not all the concerts are good, but Abi feels <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (How?) at every one. She forgets about her everyday life. She takes a lot of photos at the concert. The next day she feels really tired but that's OK. She looks at <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (What?) and remembers the music.



## Student B

The life of a concert lover

Abi loves <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (What kind of?) music. She goes to one or two concerts a week. That means that she goes to <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (How many?) concerts a year!

Abi spends over £1000 a year on concert tickets. She sometimes goes to concerts with her <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (Who?) but she often goes alone. Abi and her friends like different music.

Abi goes to both big and small concerts. The tickets for big concerts cost between £50 and £200. The tickets for small concerts cost between <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (How much?).

Abi buys clothes at big, important concerts. She spends about <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (How much?) a year on T-shirts. It's an expensive hobby!

Not all the concerts are good, but Abi feels happy at every one. She forgets about her everyday life. She takes a lot of photos at the concert. The next day she feels really <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (How?) but that's OK. She looks at her pictures and remembers the music.

