

Listening comprehension

a You're going to listen to two stories. First listen to six extracts, and **circle** the words and phrases that you hear.

Peter wanted to get a job

- 1 It was the recession / depression and it was very difficult to get a job.
- 2 I tried for / applied for lots of different jobs.
- 3 We got cut off / got off because the bus went into a tunnel.



Sue wanted to see a tiger

- 4 I was interested in either / neither a trip to see birds nor / or a trip to see a tiger.
- 5 I thought it would be really cool to see a tiger in the wild / in Thailand.
- 6 We spent the whole morning / all morning looking for the tiger.



b Listen to the stories once. Why are they examples of Murphy's Law?

c Listen again. Mark the sentences **T** (true) or **F** (false). Correct the **F** sentences.

- 1 Peter didn't have any qualifications.
- 2 He wasn't expecting to get a phone call about a job.
- 3 He couldn't call them back because his phone had no battery.
- 4 Sue didn't have much free time at the conference.
- 5 The guide was optimistic about seeing the tiger.
- 6 Sue didn't really enjoy her trip.

d Whose experience was more annoying? Have you ever had a Murphy's Law experience?



e Which is right?

- 1 If I'm / I'll be late this evening, don't wait for me.
- 2 Will you call me if I give / I'll give you my phone number?
- 3 If there is / will be a fire, the alarm will ring.
- 4 If I don't see you tomorrow morning, I call / I'll call you in the evening.
- 5 I'm / I'll be surprised if Martin and Jane get / will get married.
- 6 Do you go / Will you go to the party if they invite / they'll invite you?