

Recording 1: Achievement test 1, Listening exercises 1 and 2**1**

Adam: What do you like _____ in your free time, Nicky?

Nicky: Me? Oh, you know, the _____. I watch TV, go shopping, go to the gym ...

Adam: Do you read the _____?

Nicky: No, I usually read _____.

Adam: And do you like _____?

Nicky: Gardening? I don't know. I don't have a garden!

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Jack: Are you going to do anything _____ this weekend, Harry?

Harry: Yes, _____ got tickets for a Shakespeare play at the National Theatre.

Jack: _____ stand Shakespeare!

Harry: But, Jack – he's the _____ writer in the English language!

Jack: For you, maybe. I prefer _____ modern plays – by Harold Pinter or Alan Bennett.
My favourite is Pirandello.

Harry: _____ – I had an extra ticket for you ... but you aren't going to need it, _____?

Jack: Oh ... no, I _____ not.

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Amy: So do you like _____ horses, Ben?

Ben: Of course I do! It's the _____ job in the world.

Amy: _____ it very dangerous?

- Ben:** Well, . . .
- Amy:** But you . . . your life every day!
- Ben:** Well, not every day. Only when we ride in horse races.
- Amy:** Why did you . . . to do it in the first place?
- Ben:** Because I love being . . . all day – and I love horses!

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- A:** Good evening. The Oak Tree restaurant.
- B:** Oh hello. I'd like to reserve a table for Friday night if possible.
- A:** Certainly, sir. At what time?
- B:** Oh, around 7.30, please.
- A:** And how many people?
- B:** Seven.
- A:** Sorry sir, I'm afraid we don't got a table for seven at that time. We're going to be very busy this weekend.
- B:** Oh, that's a pity.
- A:** But we can do it at nine fifteen, sir.
- B:** Perfect. Thank you.
- A:** And what name is it in, sir? ...

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- Marion:** Hello, Marion speaking.
- Nick:** Hi, Marion. What are you doing tonight?
- Marion:** Well, I usually have my Book Club on Thursdays ... but I can't cancel, I suppose. Why?
- Nick:** I've bought four tickets for the concert in the park. It starts at 8. Do you want to come?
- Marion:** Yeah, great! Who else are you inviting?
- Nick:** I thought I'd invite Pete and Sara.

Marion: Good idea. I'm sure I'll love to go.

Nick: OK, I'll be there at about 6 o'clock.

Marion: Right. See you later.

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A: Did you the news about Peter?

B: No, what's ?

A: Nothing. Well, nothing *bad*. He .!

B: Married? When?

A: Last week, in London.

B: the lucky girl?

A: Her name's Françoise. They met in Paris a month ago – and

B: And he her to marry him?

A: Yes, they in Venice for the weekend.

B: How romantic!

Recording 2: Achievement test 1, Listening exercise 3

Narrator: Listen to Mike talk about his hobby when he was a child.

Mike: When I was a child, I loved reading. My mum said I 'ate' books because I read two or three a week but they made me quite happy with my hobby. As an adult I can understand why. My school friends all liked to play football or go fishing and they came home dirty. My mums had to do the washing! Mine never did. My dad worked nights too so I think that my quiet hobby was perfect when he was asleep in the day. I also learned a lot from all the books I read and found a way to be happy.

It was unusual for me to read for hours in my favourite places: on my bed or on the sofa in front of the fire. But that was only when it was cold or rainy. When the weather was better and especially on sunny days, I liked to take my book of the moment to the garden. It was like my pet. There were two places I really loved. They were perfect spots for sitting down and reading. They had wonderful views and were really quiet. One was in the local woods, on a little wooden bench beside the stream. The other one was under a large oak tree in the middle of a field three miles from my home. When I think about these places now, I always smile.

Recording 3: Achievement test 2, Listening exercise 1**1**

A: Excuse me. Can you tell me the way to the Post Office, please?

B: Yes, not far. Go straight on, turn right and you'll see it on the right.

A: Thank you.

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A: How do we get to the Odeon Cinema, please?

B: The Odeon? Yes, it's over here. Go straight this road, take the first right and then the first left. It's on the right.

A: So first right then first left?

B: Yes, you won't miss it.

3

Ann: Hi there. I'm looking for the Modern Art Gallery. Can you tell me the right way?

Bob: Um ... sorry, no idea. Mark, do you know?

Mark: Yes, it's about ten minutes' walk. Go down this street and turn right into Brick Road. Then take the first right again. The gallery's on the left.

Ann: Thanks. That's very kind of you.

Mark: You're welcome.

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Pre-intermediate Tests audio script

- A:** Excuse me. Where's the Ritz Hotel, please?
- B:** The Ritz? Um, I think it's that big hotel at the end of this road. Keep going past
Brick Road and Oxford Road. It's just after that, on the right.
- A:** So straight on and it's on the right?
- B:** Yes, I'm sure that's the Ritz.

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- A:** Can you help me, please? Do you know any good restaurants near here?
- B:** Yes, I do actually. There's a very nice Italian place near here. Keep going up the London Road until you get to Oxford Road. Turn right and you'll see it on the right, on the corner of Cross Street.
- A:** So the Oxford Road and the corner of Cross Street.
- B:** That's right. It's called The Olive Tree.
- A:** Great. Thank you.

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- A:** Excuse me. I think I'm lost.
- B:** Where do you want to go?
- A:** The History museum. I thought it was near here.
- B:** Don't worry – it is! It's about five minutes' walk from here. Take the first right into Brick Road and then turn left into Cross Street. The museum's on the left.
- B:** Can you show me on the map, please?
- A:** Yes, of course.

Recording 4: Achievement test 2, Listening exercises 2 and 3**1**

Paul: Hi Jayne. How's the new job going? Are you *happy*?

Jayne: Hi Paul. Erm... Well, it's *difficult* to say. I mean, the work is fine but I sometimes have to *work* late and I've had problems using the computer system. It's really difficult to understand.

Paul: Have you *asked* to anyone about this? It might be a good idea to talk to your *manager*. There's probably a training course she can send you on.

Jayne: Oh, that's a good idea. I think you could be right. Thanks!

Paul: You're welcome.

2

Doctor: So then, Mrs Martin. What's the *problem*?

Mrs Martin: Well doctor, it's my *arm*. I *hurt* this morning and now it hurts a lot.

Doctor: Can I have a look at it?

Mrs Martin: Of course...

Doctor: Mmm... I think you may have a broken arm but I'm afraid I *can't* do x-rays here. *You* have to go to the hospital. Can you get to the emergency department OK?

Mrs Martin: Yes, that *shouldn't* be a problem. My husband's in the waiting room right now so he *can* take me there.

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Rachel: Hi Peter. How are you doing? Are you *thinking* about going to university next month?

Peter: Oh, hi Rachel – yes, I'm fine and yes, I'm really excited. It's going to be fantastic to go different and to live .. I'm going to get a part-time job, too. My only is that it'll be difficult to make friends.

Rachel: You worry about that. Just join some clubs and talk to everyone you meet. soon have some wonderful friends

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- Doctor:** Good morning, Mr Alton. So, what to be the problem?
- Mr Alton:** Well doctor, I got a really bad cold.
- Doctor:** How long you had it?
- Mr Alton:** Oh, for a week.
- Doctor:** Well, it's nothing to worry about. Drink plenty of water and try to get lots of sleep.
- Mr Alton:** Should I take painkillers?
- Doctor:** No, but drink hot lemon juice and honey.
- Mr Alton:** OK. Thanks, doctor.

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- Prof:** Good afternoon, Linda. How can I help you?
- Linda:** Well, I'm really nervous about the exams. They're so important.
- Prof:** Yes, that's true but you're doing really well in class so what's the problem?
- Linda:** I think the main thing is that I'm not sleeping very well at the moment. That makes it difficult to study after school because I'm so tired.
- Prof:** Well, I'm sure you're working hard, but remember to take regular breaks and don't stay up late. You should also do some exercise and see friends. That will help you feel more relaxed and happy. Hopefully, you'll sleep better then. Oh, and try to not drink coffee or energy drinks in the evening!

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- Dr Lee:** Good morning, Mr Breyley. What seems to be the problem?

Mr Breyley: Well doctor, I've got a sore throat.

Dr Lee: And have you got a fever?

Mr Breyley: Yes, I think so.

Dr Lee: Let me just check... Mmm..., yes, it is quite high. Right. I'm going to give you some medicine. Take these pills three times a day for one week and if you don't feel better, come back and see me again.

Mr Breyley: OK, Doctor. Thank you.

Recording 5: Achievement test 3, Listening exercise 1

- Martin:** No, this is my round. Two more *rounds*, please.
- Brian:** Thanks, Martin.
- Martin:** So ... that's *not* talk about work. You're looking fit, Brian. Playing football again?
- Brian:** No, I don't play *as much* as I used to. But I *am* training for a marathon next month.
- Martin:** Marathon? *Are you* not going to run 42 miles, are you?
- Brian:** No, it's only 26 actually – *half a marathon*. Why don't you do it with me? It's for a good cause.
- Martin:** What – a charity?
- Brian:** Yes, Save the Rainforests. I'm hoping to raise £300 at least.
- Martin:** You *should* talk to Olivia. She's always talking about 'saving the planet'. She *won't* drive Jack and Megan to school anymore. They have to go on the bus, or walk!
- Brian:** *That's* great to me – it's good for the kids! But Celia's the same. She recycles all our bottles and newspapers. It's the only time she *gets out of* the car – to take all the *recycling* to the recycling centre!
- Carl:** Talking about cycling again?
- Brian:** Oh, hi Carl. No, we *are* talking about *recycling* – and 'saving the planet'!
- Carl:** Oh, I'm all in favour of that! I *spend* hours going round the house, turning off TVs, computers, lights, etc, to save energy.
- Brian:** Good for you! Does Christina do the same?
- Carl:** *She's* telling me! You won't find a plastic bag in our house! She only uses paper bags now. What about you, Martin? What are *you* doing to save the planet?

Martin: I do my bit, . I don't have baths – to save water!

Carl: What? And you only have a shower a week?