LISTENING

1 8.3 **Listen to eight conversations in which people are talking about things they have found difficult. Which situations are NOT mentioned?**

- **A** fixing a problem with a van ☐
- **B** learning lines for a performance ☐
- **C** getting a job ☐
- **D** training a dog ☐
- **E** changing a light bulb ☐
- **F** cleaning ink on some clothes ☐
- **H** changing a work schedule ☐

2 8.4 **Listen again and choose the correct answer (A, B or C).**

1 You hear a girl telling a friend about being in the school play. How did she solve her problem?
- **A** She passed her part to someone else.
- **B** She asked the other actors for help.
- **C** She spent more time going over her lines.

2 You hear a boy talking to his tutor about his course at university. What does he say about the new workload?
- **A** It is unexpected.
- **B** It is similar to last year.
- **C** It isn't well organised.

3 You hear a woman talking about her job. Why does she think she was successful?
- **A** She did well in all of the tests.
- **B** She didn't get stressed.
- **C** She had lots of support.

4 You hear a man talking about cooking a special dinner. Why did he have to start again?
- **A** He lost the original instructions.
- **B** He was unable to make the first dish.
- **C** He changed his mind about what to cook.

5 You hear a girl telling a friend about her dog. How did she feel about training it?
- **A** angry that the dog wouldn't listen to her
- **B** unsure about giving the dog instructions
- **C** determined to show her parents that she could do it

6 You hear a man talking to a friend about a bike ride for charity. What does he say about giving up?
- **A** There was no choice.
- **B** He made the decision early in the ride.
- **C** He was relieved he could stop.

7 You hear a boy telling his aunt about choosing a university. What is he worried about?
- **A** not spending time with his brothers
- **B** missing out on the campus experience
- **C** going to a university with a bad reputation

8 You hear a woman telling a friend about a problem at work. How does she feel about it?
- **A** afraid that it is affecting her health.
- **B** concerned that her boss might think badly of her.
- **C** sorry that it has affected her family life



Extend

3 **Complete the sentences with these words from the listening. There are three extra words you do not need.**

adopted begged cleared dipped enrolled homesick nonstop reckoned

1 We didn't buy a cat from a shop. Instead we ..... one from the animal shelter.
2 My sister ..... my parents to buy her an expensive toy, but they kept saying no.
3 I really miss my family. I didn't expect to feel this ..... when I moved abroad.
4 James has studied ..... all weekend. He needs to take a break.
5 I can't believe you haven't ..... on the course yet. There might not be any more places.

4 **Put the words in the correct order to make expressions (1–4) from the listening. Then match them with their meanings (A–D).**

1 a / It / walk / was / in / park. / the
.....
2 hard-going. / It / quite / was
.....
3 hand. / gave / a / She / me /
.....
4 bit / a / getting / It's / much / all
.....

- **A** rather difficult
- **B** help someone
- **C** very easy
- **D** becoming impossible to deal with

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