VOCABULARY

lifestyle adjectives

1 Choose the correct word to complete the magazine article.

An interview with ...

a storm chaser

In this week's 'Interview with a ...', Zen Magazine talked to Micky Nguyen, who has the fascinating-sounding job of storm chaser.

Zen Magazine (ZM): Being a storm chaser sounds like a pretty [1]**harsh / unique** job! I've never even heard of it.

Micky Nguyen (MN): You're right! The work is far from [2]**ordinary / modest**, and I never expected to do this for a living. More and more people are starting to do it, though.

ZM: So, tell us what it involves. Following storms around ... ?

MN: Yeah, I have to get up close to storms so that I can place sensors to record weather data. The conditions can be [3]**rewarding / harsh**, particularly in winter when most storms occur.

ZM: Why is there a need for what you do?

MN: It helps weather forecasters be able to give better storm warnings. It's [4]**tedious / rewarding** in that way because I know I'm helping people.

ZM: You drive all over the country – isn't that [5]**unique / exhausting**?

MN: I do get tired, yes. And there are risks. I could get struck by lightning! I never have, though. That sense of danger is exciting but I'm very careful.

ZM: Well, it certainly doesn't sound boring!

MN: Never! I used to work in an office and the work was pretty [6]**tedious / rewarding**. The days would stretch on forever. The salary was better – I'm on quite [7]**unique / modest** pay now in comparison, but I wouldn't change a thing!



How to ...

speculate

2A **2.06 | Listen to three conversations between friends. What do they speculate about?**

B **2.06 | Match the sentence beginnings (1–8) with the endings (a–h). Then listen again and check.**

1 I suppose it depends	**a** easily get cut off though.
2 I'd have thought it	**b** forget home so easily!
3 I reckon you could	**c** on how remote it is.
4 I bet we'll settle in	**d** farmers will stay ...
5 I know for a fact that	**e** in no time!
6 There's no way I'll	**f** anyone here in 100 years' time!
7 I doubt there'll be	**g** we're going to meet ...
8 I'd imagine the	**h** wouldn't feel so small.

PRONUNCIATION

3 **2.07 | stress to show certainty | Listen and underline the stressed word in each sentence.**

1 There's no way I'd ever consider travelling solo round the world.

2 I know for a fact that I'd feel like I was in prison on a tiny boat.

3 He's obviously not happy where he is at the moment.

4 You're clearly not someone who wants a conventional lifestyle.

5 Tom's bound to live a life of adventure – he can't keep still!

SPEAKING

4A **2.08 | Complete the conversation with one word in each gap. Then listen and check.**

Oli: I'd [1]_____ Kwame's feeling nervous about the play tomorrow.

Cara: It's the first night, right? I get the [2]_____ he's feeling pretty confident, actually.

Oli: Oh, yeah?

Cara: Yes – I know for a [3]_____ that he's learned his lines off by heart.

Oli: Well, I'd guess you have to, really. There's no [4]_____ I could be an actor.

Cara: Why not? I'm 100% [5]_____ that you'd be brilliant at it!

Oli: No, I'd be [6]_____ to get stage fright!

B **2.09 | You are Cara in the conversation in Ex 4A. Listen and speak after the beep. Record the conversation if you can.**

LIVEWORKSHEETS