

Listening

1 Recording 1 Listen to a conversation between a man and a woman and answer the questions.

1 How many places to eat are mentioned in the conversation?

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2 What kind of atmosphere is there in the first restaurant?

3 What should Judy do at the statue?

4 What is Luka's flat above?

5 Zaza's food isn't good and it's also ...

6 What relationship is Victor to Luka?

2 Recording 2 Listen to a girl talking about her experiences of moving to a new home. Decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F).

1 The girl had a difficult start after moving to her new home. T

2 She only had one hobby when she was at her old school in Ledbury.

3 She made friends after she started playing sports with the boys from her school.

4 A teacher began training the girls to play football in the park after school.

5 The girls' football team hasn't been very successful since it started.

6 She has stayed in touch with her friends from Ledbury but never sees them.

3 Listen again and choose the correct option, a, b or c.

1 Ledbury was not boring, because it was

a the right size.

b a lovely town.

c there was a girls' football team.

2 Why was the girl's mother so worried about her daughter after they moved?

a because of how long she had missed her old town

b because she was stressed after the house move

c because she hated her new school

3 Why was the girl surprised about London?

a It wasn't a modern city like she expected.

b The school he attended didn't have the activities she expected.

c She expected London to have bigger schools.

4 She was interested in acting

a before she started playing football.

b after she started playing football.

c because she started playing football.

5 They began playing girls' football at her new school

a because the director of the school requested it.

b when Mrs Braithwaite saw the girls playing in the park.

c after Mrs Braithwaite asked the school director.

6 Why is the girl more popular than she used to be?

a because her friends like to visit her in London

b because she started a girls' football team

c because of social media

Grammar

4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

1 I'm going to finish (finish) the decorating tomorrow and I need you to help me.

2 we (play) in the concert on Saturday afternoon or evening? I can't remember.

3 She's (interested) in eating healthily than other girls her age.

4 He (go) to games night on Thursdays and it's film night on Fridays.

5 Joseph is (popular) boy in the class. Nobody likes him.

6 I (work) when he came in so I didn't see him.

5 Find and correct the mistakes in each sentence.

1 Evie is 50 today. ~~She's~~ She used to be the most beautiful girl at school and she still looks great.

2 Have a look in the fridge. I don't think we have enough chicken to feeding everyone.

3 People say that he's rich that he wears new clothes every day!

4 Have you finish painting your house yet? It has been months since you started!

5 We didn't thought that Portugal was very expensive. And the food was excellent.

6 Has he studying the language every day? He's excellent!

6 Complete the text with one word in each gap.

When you live in ¹ a house with a garden, you get used to the space. In ² summer, you can sit outside for meals and the children have somewhere to play. So we were quite worried when we had to move into a flat in the city. When you move into a small home after living in a large one, it ³ always easy. But actually, the area ⁴ we live now is lovely. There are three parks within walking distance and there's so much to do ⁵ we really don't miss the garden very much. Our bedrooms are actually bigger than at the old house and the living room is ⁶ biggest I've ⁷ seen. We've been going to a lot of museums and art galleries and the kids love going to the zoo and aquarium. There's a nice mixture of people here too. I ⁸ spoken to our neighbours briefly and they are both doctors. I think they ⁹ work at the local hospital. I'll ask them when I see them next time. There ¹⁰ to be a lot ¹¹ people around here who work at the hospital. Maybe I'll find a new job there, too! Anyway, we're really happy here and I'm looking forward to getting to know the area.

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Vocabulary

7 Match the sentence halves.

- 1 She's a very confident woman who a
- 2 They forgot to take her ice-skating so _____
- 3 We lost touch with each other and _____
- 4 The smell of freshly cut grass _____
- 5 It's quite a landmark because _____
- 6 I thought I was quite energetic but _____
- 7 Have you seen this documentary _____

- a says exactly what she thinks.
b I can't find any contact details for her.
c my wife says I'm too inactive.
d it's the biggest building in the country.
e she's very disappointed.
f always makes me think of summer.
g about the history of the flu virus?

8 Underline the correct alternatives.

- 1 It really wasn't very tasty/sweet. I don't think they added any salt to it at all.
- 2 Her house has a very small patio/entrance – there's not enough space for two chairs out there.
- 3 My father dresses up/dresses in very fashionable clothes. I'm so proud of him.
- 4 It's a really reliable/good value taxi service and I've never arrived late when I use it.
- 5 Their watches are so popular/well designed that they give a lifetime guarantee. I know they won't break.
- 6 Are you very sociable/sensible? It seems like you are interested in talking to people.
- 7 We have to take a bus into the city because we live out in the neighbourhood/suburbs.

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8 They built that ugly block of flats and it ruined the landmark/skyline of the city.

9 If it's a weekday, we keep in touch/hang out in the mall but at the weekends we go to the town centre.

10 There's a job coming up in April and I'm definitely going to apply/attend.

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9 Complete the sentences with the missing words.

- 1 I've been travelling for years. It's because I like to experience new cultures.
- 2 It's a str environment working as a doctor because just one mistake could cost a life.
- 3 I'm a pretty tic person and I think we'll stop global warming.
- 4 I'm too emb to go out with this big scratch on my face.
- 5 For the first time, unemployment figures have de so that's good news.
- 6 I think the traffic situation is im since the cycle lanes were built.

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Function

10 Choose the response that is not possible, a, b or c.

1 How about eating at that new Chinese restaurant at the week?

a I'm not really into Chinese food, I'm afraid.

b I don't fancy eating there because the restaurant is too dark.

c ~~That's amazing.~~

2 I think you'll enjoy that golf course tomorrow.

a That's a brilliant idea.

b I'm not sure golf is a good idea because I've hurt my back.

c I'm not keen on playing during the week.

3 How about going to the archaeology exhibition when we get back home?

a That's so cool!

b I'm not really into that kind of thing, I'm afraid.

c I found it a bit boring.

4 And what happened next?

a He just walked away.

b It's very good for you.

c I don't know.

5 What did you think of it?

a It was OK, I guess.

b Best game I've seen all season.

c Oh no!

6 What happened in the end?

a It's not my kind of thing.

b They all lived happily ever after.

c It was a disaster.

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11 Complete the conversation with phrases a–g.

- A: Can you tell me ¹ how to get to the bus station, please?
- B: There are a few ways, actually.
- A: What's the ² _____, please?
- B: Well it depends if you're walking or cycling, you see.
- A: I'm walking.
- B: OK. ³ _____ this street until you get to the pharmacy. Then ⁴ _____ the road and ⁵ _____ down Barnaby Street.
- A: Barnaby Street. OK.
- B: After the crossroads, it's ⁶ _____ on the left. You can't miss it.
- A: How far is it?
- B: It's ⁷ _____. It's about a five minutes' walk.
- A: Thank you very much.
- B: Not at all.

- a quickest way
b not far
c walk along
d cross over
e how to get
f go straight on
g the second turning

12 Complete the sentences with the words in the box. There are three words you do not need.

end honest how idea just pass
recommend take

- 1 I really recommend *The Security Guard*. It's a new TV drama on Channel 5.
- 2 Do you know _____ to make vegetable soup? Is it easy?
- 3 I thought the game was terrible, to be _____.
- 4 It's a good song, but _____ not their best.
- 5 How long does that _____? Is it more than an hour

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Reading

13 Read the article and match headings A–G with paragraphs 1–5. There are two extra headings.

1 B

In the past, A-list actors would rarely appear on television after becoming famous in films. That all seems to be changing now, with many big names choosing to do television rather than large budget movies. Has the small screen slowly begun to fight back in the battle against the big screen?

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Steve Buscemi, Billy Bob Thornton, Francis McDormand, Teri Hatcher, Alec Baldwin. These are all big movie stars who have starred in blockbuster movies over the years. What

do they all have in common? That's right. They have all switched to television recently and starred in high quality TV series. In the past, this may have been seen as a step down in their careers – a sign that things can't be going too well for them professionally. However, these actors were all at the top of their game. So why did they decide to make the move?

3 _____

Perhaps the fact that major American film studios are all more interested in making films that rely on special effects and don't care about making films which challenge people to think. It's impossible to visit a cinema nowadays without seeing yet another superhero film advertised. What happened to all the dramas and thrillers with excellent plots that we used to see on the big screen? I'm talking about films like *The Game*, *Frantic* or *Pulp Fiction*. When was the last time you saw films of that quality at the cinema? You could say that people want to escape from reality and enjoy themselves. But there are many films for people to see like that. Not many for those who want to be challenged.

4 _____

Many people believe that this is why television is becoming so popular. In a television series there is time, over 12 or 24 episodes, to tell a good story with realistic character development and high-quality production. This attracts the actors who are more interested in acting than they are in trying to look good while dressed in colourful tights and capes. Furthermore, the popularity of online television services like Netflix and Amazon Prime, means that there is more money to invest in television. So even the actors who are just interested in the money are beginning to take notice of television.

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Personally, I welcome the change. Perhaps the film studios will begin to understand that people want more variety in the films they watch at the cinema. If they do, we might get to see some more interesting films at the cinema than we currently do.

- A Film fights back
B ~~The rise of TV~~
C Small screen – big quality
D Actors on the move
E Who are the superheroes?
F Things can only get better
G Where's the quality gone?

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14 Decide if the following statements are true (T) or false (F) according to the writer.

- 1 In the past, TV was seen as a better career move for actors than film. F
- 2 Popular actors have started to choose television over film. _____
- 3 There's less choice at the cinema than there used to be. _____
- 4 It's not clear why television is becoming more popular for actors. _____
- 5 Cinema might be influenced by television in the future. _____
- 6 Actors in television only care about the _____

money.

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15 Choose the correct option, a, b or c.

1 What do you think the writer means by 'A-list actors'?

a the most popular actors

b actors from A–Z in the alphabet

c actors from a special movie studio list

2 What do you think a 'blockbuster' is?

a a film with exploding buildings in it

b an expensive and popular film

c a film with the most famous actors in it

3 What does the writer mean by 'a step down in their careers'?

a The actor is moving into television.

b The actor is no longer as popular or as successful as before.

c The actor wants to be more serious in his or her job choices.

4 The writer feels that

a dramas and thrillers are the best kind of film.

b if the plots of superhero movies were better, he'd watch them.

c cinemas no longer show films which focus on good stories.

5 What is the writer referring to when he says actors are 'dressed in colourful tights and capes'?

a They're wearing superhero clothes.

b They're wearing fashionable clothes.

c They're wearing make-up for their acting.

6 The writer believes

a money is beginning to be another reason actors are moving to television.

b money is starting to go into cinemas from online television services.

c money might begin to go into online television services.

7 Overall, what do you think best summarises the writer's opinions?

a As the quality of television programmes improves, cinema might get better as a result.

b Good thrillers and dramas are only available at the cinema so TV needs to improve.

c Acting in television is not bad for your career any more and cinema will lose all the good actors.

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Writing

16 Find words and phrases in the box which mean the same as the ones in bold.

because but how are you
~~more or less~~ want to go

1 I have **approximately** six years' experience in this type of work.

more or less

2 I believe I am the right person for the job **as** I have five years' experience.

3 I like shopping. **However**, shopping malls get too busy at the weekend.

4 Hey, Carol, **how's it going?** I hope your family are well.

5 The **position** you have advertised is ideally suited to me.

6 Do you **fancy** going to the art exhibition in town tomorrow?

17 Write an essay answering the question below.
You should write 120–180 words.

People often say that people were happier in the past. But how true is that?

You should think about how to organise your essay, using topic sentences, examples and conclusions.

You should also use linkers

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