

Lesson 2C

HOW TO ... | speculate

VOCABULARY | lifestyle adjectives

PRONUNCIATION | stress to show certainty

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 ¹harsh / unique job! I've never even heard of it.

Micky Nguyen (MN): You're right! The work is far from ²ordinary / 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 ³rewarding / 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 ⁴tedious / rewarding in that way because I know I'm helping people.

ZM: You drive all over the country – isn't that ⁵unique / 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 ⁶tedious / rewarding. The days would stretch on forever. The salary was better – I'm on quite ⁷unique / 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.

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| 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.

- There's no way I'd ever consider travelling solo round the world.
- I know for a fact that I'd feel like I was in prison on a tiny boat.
- He's obviously not happy where he is at the moment.
- You're clearly not someone who wants a conventional lifestyle.
- 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.

- C Listen to your recording and compare it to Ex 4A.