

# 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 <sup>1</sup>harsh / unique job! I've never even heard of it.

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

**ZM:** You drive all over the country – isn't that <sup>5</sup>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 <sup>6</sup>tedious / rewarding. The days would stretch on forever. The salary was better – I'm on quite <sup>7</sup>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 <sup>1</sup> ..... Kwame's feeling nervous about the play tomorrow.

Cara: It's the first night, right? I get the <sup>2</sup> ..... he's feeling pretty confident, actually.

Oli: Oh, yeah?

Cara: Yes – I know for a <sup>3</sup> ..... that he's learned his lines off by heart.

Oli: Well, I'd guess you have to, really. There's no <sup>4</sup> ..... I could be an actor.

Cara: Why not? I'm 100% <sup>5</sup> ..... that you'd be brilliant at it!

Oli: No, I'd be <sup>6</sup> ..... 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.