

LISTENING



02 You will hear five learners of English talking about difficulties they have faced with communication. For each speaker, choose a problem A–H. There are three letters you do not need to use.

- 1 Speaker 1 _____
- 2 Speaker 2 _____
- 3 Speaker 3 _____
- 4 Speaker 4 _____
- 5 Speaker 5 _____

- A The speaker found British English difficult to understand.
- B The speaker did the wrong kind of preparation for his/her overseas trip.
- C The speaker's classmates were not interested in learning.
- D The speaker had not studied much grammar before.
- E The speaker lacked confidence because he felt his/her English was not perfect.
- F The speaker relied too heavily on translation from his/her mother tongue.
- G The speaker's teacher was too strict.
- H The speaker mixes up different varieties of English.

WRITING

Read this story about a girl called Anya, whose family gave up communication technology for a month. Complete each gap with a word or phrase from the box.

anyway as long as as you can imagine in theory
looking back not even on the bright side secretly

Two years ago, when I was 14, my parents decided to sign our family up for an experiment which would be made into a reality TV series. What we would have to do is survive for a whole month without access to our usual communication devices. We would have no phones – (1) _____ a landline – no radio, TV or computers. It was during the summer holidays so, (2) _____, there was no reason why we couldn't live without those things – there was no homework to do for school. We could go to the local shop and we were allowed to buy a newspaper every day. Books were allowed, but not magazines.

I was not that keen on taking part, but (3) _____ I was hoping I would be talent-spotted and it would lead to a brilliant career in television. My older brother, Marcus, was not that bothered as all he ever did was read books (4) _____. My sister, Molly, was too young to care. (5) _____ she had her toys and her pet rabbit to play with she was fine. Mum and Dad were always telling me to 'get off that phone!' and they were the ones who applied to take part.

Anyway, (6) _____, it was quite a challenge for me! I was so used to googling everything that came into my head, playing games on my phone for hours and chatting to my friends that being without technology was like losing a part of my body. (7) _____, the weather was great that summer so I spent a lot of time outside. I took up running and got really fit. I cycled over to my friends' houses as I couldn't call them to meet up in town. I read about five novels and really enjoyed the feel of an actual book in my hand. So, (8) _____, it was not as bad as I had expected. Would I want to live like that all the time? Definitely not!

