Neil
Hello. _____ to 6 Minute English, I'm Neil.

Sam
And I'm Sam.

Neil
And we are sitting here in New Broadcasting House, in the _____ of London. Would you say, Sam, that this is an **isolated** place?

Sam
Oh no, not at all. **Isolated** means far away from other _____ and people.

Neil
Does that _____ then, do you think, that you can't be lonely here, with all these people around and all these things to do?

Sam
Ah, good question. Can you be lonely in a _____? Yes, of course, I think you can be because being lonely isn't about _____ **isolation**. I think you can be lonely anywhere if you feel that you are disconnected from the world around you, if you feel that no one _____ you. If you are living happily in **isolation** in The Scottish _____, for example, I'm sure you could feel lonely if you came here to London.

Neil
Well, loneliness is today's topic. The BBC has just _____ a big survey about it which we will learn more about shortly. But first, of course, a question: Where is the most isolated inhabited place on the _____ - by which I mean the place furthest away from anywhere else with the fewest people living there. Is it:

a) McMurdo _____ in Antarctica

b) Siwa Oasis in Egypt's Western _____, or is it

c) the island of Tristan da Cunha in the _____ Atlantic

_____, Sam?

Sam
I've got absolutely _____, so this is just a _____ - I think it's the one in Antarctica. I'm going to go with that.

Neil
Well, we'll have the answer later on in the programme. Loneliness is seen as a big _____ for the mental _____ of the _____, so much so that the British _____ has a minister for loneliness. But which age group _____ most from loneliness. Here is a BBC report about the research.

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James Gallagher, BBC Health and science correspondent
There is a **stereotype** that loneliness affects only the old and the **isolated**. It does, but what this experiment also shows is that loneliness is felt throughout . People aged between 16 and 24 loneliness more often and more **intensely** than any other age group.

Neil
So the research, Sam, which section of society is most affected by loneliness?

Sam
This might be a , but it's 16 to 24 year olds.

Neil
I was surprised by that because like many, I would've guessed that it was older people.

Sam
The reporter did say that that was a **stereotype**. A **stereotype** is nothing to do with stereo , but it's the noun we use to describe a very and basic judgement of someone and their character and personality based on their , nationality, profession and so on. So a **stereotype** of British people is that we can't cook, we have bad teeth, we are very reserved and never say what we .

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