

WATCHING – NOTTING HILL – THE LAST BROWNIE

Focus: Adjectives (Forms), Verbs (Tenses), Listening for gist, Listening comprehension, Vocabulary (new words and expressions, British words and expressions), Writing (free writing, opinion)

Watch the video below and complete the exercises.

1) Complete the lines with the correct form of the adjectives.

bad	bad	chubby	desperate
fat	late	mistaken	sad

MAX Having you here, Anna, firmly establishes what I've long suspected, that we really are _____ lot of underachievers.

BERNIE Shame!

MAX I'm not saying it's a _____ thing. In fact, I think it's something we should take pride in. I'm going to give _____ brownie as a prize to _____, act here.

WILLIAM Bernie.

BERNIE Well, obviously it's me, isn't it - I mean work in the City in a job I don't understand and everyone keeps getting promoted above me. I haven't had a girlfriend since... puberty and... nobody fancies me, and if these cheeks get any _____, they never will.

HONEY Nonsense. I fancy you. Or I did before you got so _____.

MAX You see -- and unless I'm much _____, your job still pays you rather a lot of money, whilst Honey here earns twenty pence a week flogging her guts out at London's _____ record store.

2) Complete the lines by saying the correct word/sentence. (Click on the microphone)

HONEY Yes. And _____ -- I've got feathers, and _____ funny goggly eyes, and I'm attracted to cruel men and, actually, no one'll ever marry me because my boosies have actually started shrinking.

MAX You see -- _____.

BELLA _____, her best friend is Anna Scott.

HONEY That's true, I can't deny it. She needs me, _____?

3) Put the lines in order.

BELLA

	in a house full of ramps
	I've totally given up smoking,
	whereas I'm stuck in this thing day and night
	and most of her limbs work.
	and the truth is
	we can't have a baby
	and to add insult to serious injury
	my favourite thing

4) Correct Max's lines. Change, add or remove one or two LETTERS in each line.

WILLIAM Bella.

BELLA C'est la vie... We're lucky in lots of ways, but... surely that's worth a brownie.

MAX

Well, I doesn't know. Look at William.	
Very successful professionally.	
Divorce. Used to be handsome,	
Now kind of squidgy around the hedges	
And absolutely certain never to ear from Anna again	
Once she've heard that his nickname at school was Floppy.	

WILLIAM You did. I can't believe. Thanks very much. Thank you. At least I get the last brownie, right?

MAX I think you do, yes.

5) Complete Anna's lines with the correct tense of the verbs. Also, drag the verbs to the number you used that verb.

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be
be
be
become
discover
get
get
go
have
splash
take

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ANNA Wait a minute. What about me?

MAX I'm sorry? You think you deserve the brownie?

ANNA Well... a shot at it at least.

WILLIAM You'll have to prove it. This is a very very good brownie and I'm going to fight for it.

ANNA I (1) _____ on a diet since I (2) _____ nineteen, which basically means I (3) _____ hungry for a decade. I (4) _____ a series of not nice boyfriends - one of whom hit me. And every time I (5) _____ my heart broken the newspapers (6) _____ it about as though it's entertainment. And, it (7) _____ two rather painful operations to (8) _____ me looking like this...

HONEY Really?

ANNA Really -- and one day, not long from now...

... my looks (9) _____, they (10) _____ I can't act and I (11) _____ some sad middle-aged woman who looks a bit like someone who (12) _____ famous for a while.

MAX Nah!!! Nice try, gorgeous -- but you don't fool anyone.

WILLIAM Pathetic effort to hog the brownie.

6) The characters on the video are trying to get the last brownie. What do they have to do to get this brownie?

7) William did not tell his own story - Max did it for him.

Read below William's most famous quote then answer: do you think he agrees with Max about himself? Why?

"I live in Notting Hill. You live in Beverly Hills. Everyone in the world knows who you are, my mother has trouble remembering my name." (William talking to Anna)

8) Which character, in your opinion and following the rules of the game, should get the last brownie?

9) Find on the written conversation words or expressions that meet the concepts below:

a) a person who fails to achieve their potential (1 word)

b) take something in an unfair way (1 word)

c) a little bit fat (4 words)

d) an attempt at some activity (3 words)

e) a way to introduce a statement that contrasts with a previous one (4 words)

f) working very hard, in this case, a woman (4 words)

g) bulging eyes (2 words)
