



1. LISTEN TO THE RECORDING AND CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

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① What did Lizzie buy?

② Who paid for the coffee?

③ What did Josh win?

④ Where is Josh going to study?

⑤ Why does Lizzie feel thoughtful?

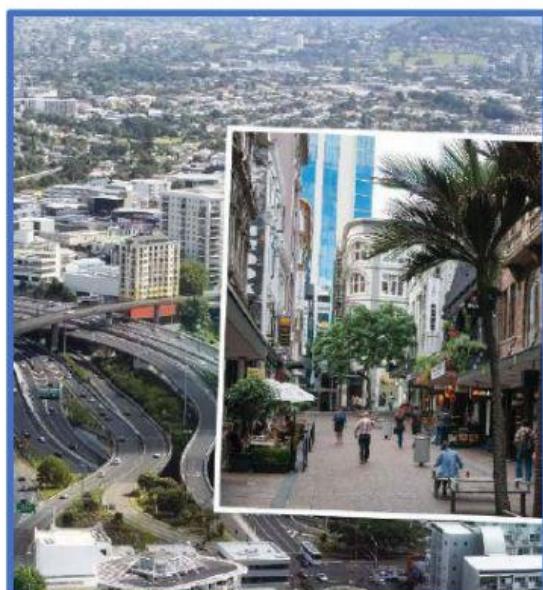
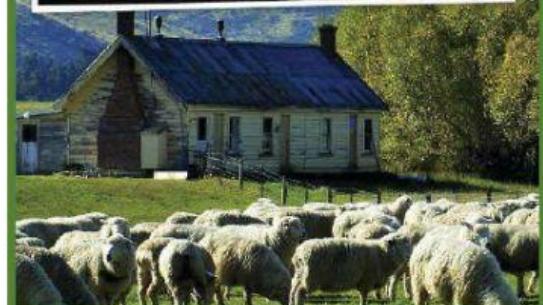
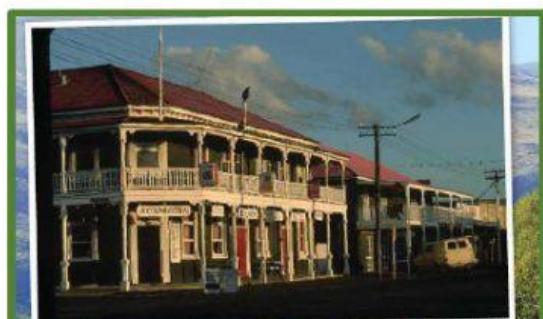
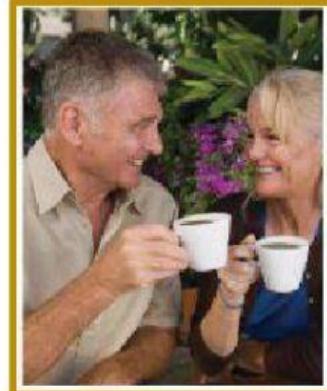
⑥ What happened to Jessica?

⑦ What happened to the timber mill?

⑧ What is the concern about the town's population?

⑨ Why does Lizzie think she can't move to Auckland?

⑩ What is the tone of the conversation?





2. LISTEN AGAIN AND FILL IN THE BLANKS.

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CAFÉ WORKER: So ... a ①_____ and a _____. That's \$7.50.

LIZZIE: Here you are.

RON: But isn't it my turn?

CAFÉ WORKER: Thanks.

LIZZIE: The coffee's on me, Ron.

RON: You sure, Lizzie?

LIZZIE: Well, look on it as a kind of ②_____.

RON: Really?

LIZZIE: Yeah.

RON: Shall we ③_____ here?

LIZZIE: Yep.

RON: So ... What's up?

LIZZIE: What do you mean?

RON: Well, you don't exactly look like you're jumping for joy. In fact, I'd say you almost look a bit ④_____.

LIZZIE: Thoughtful – not miserable.

RON: OK. But you still haven't told me – what are we celebrating?

LIZZIE: It's Josh – he's won a scholarship – University of Auckland Academic Excellence.

RON: Lizzie, that's great! Pass on my congratulations to him. Oh, that's wonderful – proud ⑤_____ eh?!

LIZZIE: Yeah, yeah – I do feel proud. He's studied hard and done really well.

RON: So why the long face?

LIZZIE: Well, it just hit me, y'know, this whole thing of Josh leaving home – off to the Big Smoke ...

RON: Yeah nah, it's hard when they leave the ⑥_____. When Jessica went off to Uni last year it took me a while to get used to her ... not being there.

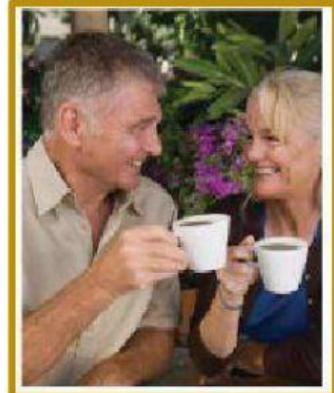
LIZZIE: Yeah, I remember.

RON: It did mean I was able to reclaim the bathroom for myself!

LIZZIE: A lot to be said for that!

RON: But I still miss her.

LIZZIE: Yeah, Josh is my ⑦_____ to go.



RON: Well, they'll probably all go and live elsewhere in the long run – all our kids.

LIZZIE: Yeah – they've got to really, though, don't they?

RON: Well, they can't stay in this town and hope to get a decent ⑧_____!

LIZZIE: Problem is – and this is what I've been thinking about – nor are they likely to return. I mean, even if Josh did want to come back and live here, there wouldn't be any jobs for someone with an engineering degree.

RON: Yeah, Jessica reckons she wants to get into ⑨_____ or something like that. Don't see much chance of her coming back here to do that.

LIZZIE: But that's the thing – see, everyone just goes off to Auckland or Wellington and they never come back. And then small towns like these – they just get smaller and smaller.

RON: But it's not just the kids going off to study, is it? What about when they shut down the timber mill – that meant a big ⑩_____.

LIZZIE: Yeah, we've lost just over a thousand people in the last five years. Makes me feel like packing up myself and moving on.

RON: Yeah, I have to say the thought has ⑪_____ my mind.

LIZZIE: But imagine – the price you'd get for your house here and then the price of houses in a place like Auckland. I just couldn't afford to do it.

RON: Nope, we're better off sitting tight.

LIZZIE: Yeah nah, you're probably right.

RON: And the truth is, I'm not unhappy – life's a whole lot less stressful here.

LIZZIE: That's certainly true.

RON: And I've got some good friends – like yourself. We can keep each other sane.

LIZZIE Yeah, but this ⑫_____ thing – it just made me think. Like, I could see we might end up being the last generation that lives in a town like this. I mean, will the population just keep getting smaller and smaller – and then what?

RON To the point that we don't exist anymore?

LIZZIE Yeah, something like that.

RON But, hey, enough of these ⑬_____ thoughts – let's just celebrate Josh doing well for himself.

LIZZIE Yeah. I must have done something right bringing him up.

RON Maybe, but any kid's only as smart as their mother! Or their father!

LIZZIE Absolutely!"

