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LearnEnglish

Listening: B1

Meeting an old friend

Listen to the conversation between two old friends to practise and improve your listening skills.

Before listening

Do the preparation task first. Then listen to the audio and do the exercises.

Preparation task

Circle the correct explanation for the words in CAPITAL letters.

1. It's been AGES.
   a. a long time
   b. a short time
2. It DIDN'T WORK OUT.
   a. was successful
   b. was not successful
3. The dream job wasn't really A DREAM.
   a. perfect
   b. boring
4. It's CRAZY expensive.
   a. a little
   b. very
5. Time FLIES.
   a. goes quickly
   b. goes slowly
6. You should COME ROUND to the house.
   a. go outside
   b. visit

Tasks

Task 1

Are the sentences true or false?

	Answer	
1. Patrick and Selina have never met each other before.	True	False
2. Selina still lives in London.	True	False

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3. Selina didn't like her job in London. True False
4. Selina is living with her parents. True False
5. Patrick also went to London. True False
6. Selina is surprised that Patrick is married. True False
7. Patrick has a daughter named Marigold. True False
8. Patrick invites Selina to his house. True False

Task 2

Write the correct number to fill the gaps.

1. They have not seen each other for over ..... years.
2. Selina was in London for ..... years.
3. Selina has been back for ..... months.
4. Patrick has been married for ..... years.
5. Patrick's children are ..... and ..... years old.

Discussion

Do you keep in touch with old friends?

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