

1**A:** Do you get up early, Jim?**B:** Yes, at half past seven. Then I have a cup of coffee and a quick shower.**A:** What time do you start work?**B:** At nine fifteen. So I leave home at about quarter past eight.**2****A:** How about seeing a film tonight?**B:** Good idea. There's an action film I'd like to see at the Odeon.**A:** Is it American?**B:** No, I think it's Chinese. Jet Li's in it.**A:** Oh really? Sounds good. I like Jet Li.**B:** Me, too. What time's good for you?**3****A:** I feel like eating Italian food. How about going out to eat?**B:** Good idea. The Trattoria's good.**A:** Yeah, but you can't wear jeans to go in there...**B:** ...and you have to wear a jacket!**A:** Right! So it's the Pizzeria again.

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A: Hi James. What are you doing?

B: I'm *trying* to book a holiday!

A: What's the problem?

B: I want to go to Prague but I don't want to fly.

A: Oh, that's easy. You can go by bus. It's cheaper.

B: Good idea. How long does it take?

A: Oh, about three days...

B: What?! I've only got five days' holiday!

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A: Look, there's my good looking brother!

B: What – with the curly dark hair and jeans?

A: No, the one next to him. With straight blond hair.

B: Mmmm. Nice suit and tie! You have to introduce me...

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A: How was your holiday in Miami?

B: Oh, we didn't go to Florida after all.

A: Really? Where did you go?

B: To Tenerife – one of the Canary Islands.

A: Really? Why?

B: Well, it was cheaper for a start. And the flight was shorter. It was only three hours, not eight hours. You know I don't like flying much.

A: Yes of course. Did you have a good time?

B: Fantastic. The weather was wonderful. Better than here!

Last summer I spent a month travelling around Spain. It was an amazing trip and I had a lot of fun. Most of the time I travelled by train but sometimes I travelled by bus. Travelling by train was much easier than in this country and it was cheaper too!

I started my holiday in Barcelona. It is a busy city but there is a lot to do and see. Barcelona is a city of art, culture and history. There are lots of interesting buildings to see and a castle too. It also has a lovely beach and many cafes. I enjoyed walking around Barcelona but it was really crowded.

After Barcelona, I got a train to Tarragona. This is a quieter city on the coast and has a lot of Roman history. The people here were friendlier than in Barcelona and it felt more relaxed. I spent a few nights here and discovered some wonderful restaurants.

The next place I visited was Valencia. This city is in two parts: one old and one new. I liked the old part the most and I loved the main square.

To get to Malaga, in the south of Spain, I decided to go by train. This took about four hours but it was a comfortable journey. In Malaga it was very hot. I walked up a large hill to visit an old fort at the top. That was really interesting and the views were amazing.

From Malaga, I travelled to Seville and visited some friends. I stayed with them for a few days and they took me to all the main places of interest. They also took me to the best restaurants. The food there was amazing and I didn't want to leave.

I spent most of the next day travelling. It was tiring but relaxing too. After a long train journey, we got to Plasencia. This is an old town in the west of Spain, not too far from Portugal. It is a beautiful place and very historic. It is very hot there. I stayed in a lovely hostel here and visited all the sights. The local people were very friendly. On my last night there I had dinner with a Spanish family. They were very kind.

After Plasencia, I caught another train to León. I stayed there for just one night and then looked for a way to get to the north coast. I decided to travel by bus and to take more time to reach my final destination: Bilbao. I stayed at many different towns and villages by the sea and they were all beautiful. I think this part of my holiday was the best of all. Next



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year, I would like to come back for another month. I would really like to see more of Spain. I hear the old part of Cadiz is like Cuba. I'd love to go to Cuba one day too – but I can't afford the flight!

Here is the week's weather forecast for Sydney. Today, it'll be hot and sunny with temperatures up to 21 degrees Celsius. Tuesday will be warm but cloudy, with a high of twenty. Things will change on Wednesday: it'll be a windy day with the possibility of rain from midday until midnight. With the wind, the temperature will fall to around fifteen degrees so it'll feel a lot cooler. On Thursday, the day will start cloudy and there is a high chance of heavy rain as it is likely to be stormy in the afternoon. On Friday, there is less chance of rain and we should mostly have a dry day with some sun. Temperatures will be around 20 degrees again. Looking ahead to the weekend, the weekend, Saturday will be warm and dry with temperatures of about 23 degrees, but on Sunday things will change again – temperatures will drop and the rain will return. And the outlook for next week: it will be warm but cloudy with some rain.

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A: Good afternoon. Smith's Doors and Windows. Can I help you?

B: Hello. Could I speak to Mr Jackson, please?

A: Sorry, he's gone to lunch. He'll be back in fifteen minutes— at 1.30.

B: Oh. Can I leave a message?

A: Of course.

B: Well, it's Jeff Barnes here – from Fix-It, the garage.

A: Is that G-e-o-f-f?

B: No, it's J- e- f- f.

B: And is your surname b-a-r-n-e-s?

B: Yes, that's right. Barnes.

A: Thank you. And your message?

B: His car will be ready at five thirty this evening. He can collect it today – or tomorrow before 12.15.

A: Today – or tomorrow before 12.15 Would you like him to call you back?

B: Yes, that's a good idea. After three o'clock. I might not be back at the garage until then.

A: Right. Three o'clock. I'll give him the message. Goodbye, Mr Barnes.

- A:** Hello, Maria here.
- B:** Hi Maria. This is Jimmy. How are you?
- A:** Great, thanks Jimmy. And you?
- B:** Not bad, not bad. Is Bill there at the moment?
- A:** No, sorry. He's at work.
- B:** What time will he be back?
- A:** He might be a bit late today. About six, six thirty. Do you want to leave a message?
- B:** Yeah, OK. Tell him I can get cheaper tickets for the Chelsea football match on Saturday afternoon. £30 instead of £50.
- A:** £30? That's a good price for a Chelsea match.
- B:** Yeah. I think so too. Do you think he'll want to come?
- A:** Yes, I'm sure he will. I might too! I'll ask him to call you when he gets home.
- B:** Great. He should call me before 7 – I have to go and get the tickets at 8.
- A:** Seven – OK, I'll tell him. Bye, Jimmy!
- B:** See you, Maria.

- C:** That's for two people, sir. \$50 dollars each.
- B:** Oh...do you take credit cards?
- C:** Of course, sir.
- B:** Here you are.
- A:** And where do we get the bus?
- C:** Over there ma'am. In front of the hotel.
- A:** Which hotel?
- C:** The Park Hotel, ma'am. Look, it's over there.
- A:** Oh yes! I see it ...

Recording 11: End of course test, Listening exercise 1**1**

- A:** Do you get up early, Jim?
- B:** Yes, at half past seven. Then I have a cup of coffee and a quick shower.
- A:** What time do you start work?
- B:** At quarter past nine. I leave home at about eight fifteen.

2

- A:** What are you going to do this weekend, Steve?
- B:** I'm not sure. My brother's coming to visit me for the weekend. I haven't seen him for ages.
- A:** It'll be good to see him then.

B: Yes. We might have a barbecue in the garden tomorrow.

A: Mmm, I don't think so. The weather forecast says it'll rain this weekend...and it won't be very warm!

B: Oh no! Typical! Oh well, we can go out for lunch then...

3

A: Hi Fiona! How was your holiday?

B: Oh, fantastic!

A: Where did you go finally?

B: Well, we flew to New York first and stayed there for three days.

A: How marvellous! I *love* New York!

B: Me, too! Then we took a train to Washington.

A: How long did you stay there?

B: Four days. Then we rented a car and drove down to Florida. It was wonderful. We got back last night.

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- A:** Mum, I can't go to school today.
- B:** Why? What's wrong?
- A:** I feel terrible. I've got stomachache.
- B:** Have you eaten any strange food?
- A:** No, I don't think so. I had dinner with you and dad last night – we ate the same things.
- B:** All right. You should stay in bed and I'll call the doctor.
- A:** OK Mum, thanks.

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- A:** It's lunch-time, Sheila. Shall I show you where the staff restaurant is?
- B:** Oh ... no, no thanks Mr James. I've brought some sandwiches. I'll eat at my desk.
- A:** Oh sorry Sheila. I'm afraid you can't eat in the office – company rules, you know.
- B:** Oh, really? Oh, well then...um, do I have to go out and eat in the park?
- A:** Oh, no, nothing like that! Anyway, it's raining! No, you can eat in the staff room.
- B:** Is there a coffee machine there?
- A:** Yes – and a fridge! Let me show you ...

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- A:** Hello, darling. How was your day?
- B:** Not bad. But *you* don't look very happy.
- A:** No, I've had the most *awful* day.

- B:** Why? Did you have problems at the office?
- A:** No, nothing like that. No, first of all it was the morning train ...
- B:** Was it late?
- A:** No, it broke down – so I was forty minutes late for work!
- B:** Oh dear, those trains are too much.
- A:** And then ... I went out to buy you a birthday present ... but when I looked in my purse, my credit card was missing! It just wasn't there!
- B:** Oh no! That's terrible. Come on, let's phone the bank...

Recording 12: End of course test, Listening exercise 2

- A:** Hi Maggie – it's Ben.
- B:** Oh hi, Ben. What's up?
- A:** I'm sorry Maggie but I don't think I can go to the theatre tonight.
- B:** Why? Is there a problem at work? You don't sound too good.
- A:** No, works fine. But I think I might have flu.
- B:** Flu? Oh no! But you were fine this morning.
- A:** Yes, I felt OK when I got up. But I started to feel strange on the bus on the way to work. I think I've got a temperature now.
- B:** Oh dear. Have you got a sore throat?
- A:** No, but I've got a terrible headache. I took two aspirins an hour ago but it hasn't helped.
- B:** Do your arms and legs hurt?
- A:** Yes, my whole body hurts!
- B:** Right. You have to come home immediately.
- A:** I can't! We're going to have a very important meeting in 10 minutes. I can't miss it!
- B:** Oh come on, Ben. Yes, you can. You'll give flu to everybody at the office if you stay at work!
- A:** Yes, I suppose you're right Maggie. I should come home and go to bed.
- B:** Exactly. That's the best thing to do. I'll go to the chemist's on my way home and get you some flu medicine.
- A:** Thanks a lot Maggie. I'll see you later.