

## 6D LISTENING AND VOCABULARY

1 Read the quotes. Which one is your favourite? Say why.

“ You'll never find a rainbow if you're looking down.

Charlie Chaplin (English comic actor and filmmaker)

“ The optimist sees the doughnut, the pessimist sees the hole.

Oscar Wilde (Irish playwright and poet)

“ I like pessimists. They're always the ones who bring life jackets for the boat.

Lisa Kleypas (American novelist)

2 Look at the photo. Is the glass half full, half empty or completely full? Discuss in pairs. Then go to page 190 and check. Are you an optimist, a pessimist or a realist?

3 Use a dictionary to help you decide if these personality adjectives are positive or negative. Add them to the correct lists.

affectionate anxious calm cautious cheerful  
happy insecure loving miserable optimistic  
pessimistic sad self-confident tense upset

positive: *happy, optimistic, ...*

negative: *sad, pessimistic, ...*

4 **2.28** You are going to listen to a talk about optimism and pessimism. In pairs, say if you think these statements are true or false. Then listen and check.

- Identical twins have identical personalities.
- Our personalities depend completely on our life experiences.
- The children of happy parents tend to grow up to be optimistic.
- There is nothing good about being a pessimist.
- Optimists have longer and healthier lives than pessimists.
- Optimists tend to be more successful than pessimists.

5 **2.29** Listen to the end of the talk and answer the questions.

- Does the speaker think it's better to be an optimist or a pessimist?
- What problems does she mention with people who are too optimistic?

6 **2.30** Dictation. Listen to the joke from the talk again and write down what you hear.



7 Check you understand the highlighted verbs describing feelings. Then in pairs, say if the sentences are true for you. If they aren't, change them to make them true.

- I **adore** challenges.
- I **feel positive** about life.
- I **hate** being on my own.
- I **can't stand** trying new things.
- I often **feel like** jumping for joy.
- I'm **looking forward to** leaving school and getting a job.
- I **don't care** what happens to me in the future.
- I **feel excited about** something that's going to happen in my life.

8 **SPEAKING** In pairs, use the ideas below to make predictions with *will* or *going to*. Then say if you think your partner is an optimist, a pessimist or a realist.

- finish the class early today
- enjoy yourself next weekend
- be sunny/wet next weekend
- pass/fail all your exams this year
- get a good job one day
- become rich and famous
- get a bad/good mark in the next English test
- do better than your partner in the next English test
- complete this book before the end of the school year

**A** *We aren't going to finish the class early today. We never do.*

**B** *Yes, you're probably right but I'm sure we'll finish the class early one day so why not today?*