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LISTENING

Multiple choice

I can follow an informal interview on a common topic.

- 1 **SPEAKING** Read UK TODAY and discuss which facts you find most surprising. Do you think the situation is similar or different in your country?



- A 'young offender' can be anybody from the age of ten to seventeen (twelve to seventeen in Scotland) who commits a crime.
- Each year, almost 1,600 young offenders are sent to young offenders' prisons.
- The most common crimes are theft, violence and criminal damage.
- The average sentence is sixteen months.
- It costs over £140,000 a year to keep a young offender in prison.
- 54 percent of young offenders are aged seventeen.
- 97 percent of young offenders are boys.
- 88 percent of young offenders have been excluded from school.
- 68.1 percent of young offenders commit another crime within twelve months of leaving prison.

- 2 **3.30** Listen to an interview with Daniel, an ex-offender, and answer the questions.

- 1 Why is the government worried about young offenders' prisons?
- 2 What happens to young offenders at night?
- 3 How do young offenders earn money to buy sweets and phone calls?
- 4 Why do some offenders want to stay in prison?
- 5 Who thinks young offenders should be punished more?

EXAM FOCUS Multiple choice

- 3 **3.30** Listen to the interview again. For questions 1–5, choose the correct answer, A, B, C or D.

- 1 The government are planning to
 - A write a special report about prisons for young offenders.
 - B make an example of teenagers who break the law.
 - C educate young offenders more effectively.
 - D make young offenders' prisons harder.
- 2 When they behave badly, young offenders
 - A are not allowed to watch television.
 - B are locked in their cells all evening.
 - C have to attend lessons.
 - D cannot make phone calls.
- 3 One of Daniel's friends damaged a few cars
 - A a few days after he was released.
 - B because he wanted to steal them.
 - C in a supermarket car park.
 - D in order to go back to prison.
- 4 Daniel believes that the best way to make young offenders into better citizens is to
 - A lock them in cells and punish them.
 - B give them hope for the future.
 - C show them that life is simple.
 - D make prison like a holiday camp.
- 5 Based on Daniel's interview, the government's plans
 - A will make prisons more enjoyable.
 - B will probably help some young offenders.
 - C are a complete waste of time.
 - D are likely to be very popular.

WORD STORE 8D Prison

- 4 **3.31** Complete WORD STORE 8D with the verbs in the box. Then listen and repeat.

- 5 Complete the questions with the correct form of a word in WORD STORE 8D.

Should young offenders ...

- 1 always go to prison if they _____ the law?
- 2 serve their whole _____ in prison?
- 3 be _____ in their cells at night?
- 4 be _____ from prison if they don't have a home to go back to?

- 6 **SPEAKING** Discuss the questions in Exercise 5.

PRONUNCIATION FOCUS

- 7 **3.32** Listen and put the words into groups A, B, or C depending on the stress.

(appreciation determined investigation offender)
(sympathetic unexpected)

A ■■■

B ■■■

C ■■■

- 8 **3.33** Listen, check and repeat the words.