

2 LISTENING

A TV show about language

A You will hear five short excerpts from a TV series on words and language.

Which episode does each excerpt come from? Listen and check the correct boxes. (CD Tracks 14 & 15)

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Episode 1: <i>Language and Personal Identity</i>	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Episode 2: <i>The History of the English Language</i>	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Episode 3: <i>Endangered and Dead Languages</i>	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

B Listen several times (if necessary) and complete these profiles with the correct information. (CD Track 16)

- Pilar was born in _____ and grew up speaking _____ at home, but _____ outside her home. Today, she works as a _____ for a _____.
- The local island language in Guernsey is a dialect of Norman _____. The _____ don't learn the language and usually _____ the island to _____ on the mainland.
- Many expressions in _____ come from Shakespeare. Many people may be familiar with the expression *one fell swoop*, but they probably don't know the _____ of the word *fell* and what it means.
- Although Doruk grew up in _____, he now lives in _____, where he doesn't speak the _____ so well. He may have a German _____, but he _____ it's his true identity.
- _____ is a dead language, but some people are trying to bring it back. Teachers believe that it teaches students _____ skills. They plan to use the _____ to get students interested in studying.

E Review these words from the reading "The Gathering World Storm and the Urgency of Our Awakening" on page 147 and use them to complete the sentences, making all necessary changes.

hurdle	detour	staggering (adj.)	resilience	favorable
unyielding	affluence	massive	gradual	unprecedented

- Conditions for growing coffee are very _____ in Brazil. The rich soil, ample rainfall, and warm climate provide the perfect environment.
- Getting a good score on the entrance exam is a big _____ for many students in the process of applying to a university.
- We were late because the road was closed for construction and we had to take a long _____ on another highway.
- The _____ in the tourist areas of some countries contrasts with the severe poverty in other areas.
- The _____ disappearance of the world's forests is changing our climate. It's a slow process, but it has serious negative effects.
- Every year, people in this country throw away _____ number of bottles and cans. I was really shocked when I found out how many.
- People showed great _____ after the hurricane. Even though their homes were destroyed, they were able to recover and rebuild quickly.
- My father is completely _____ in his opinions. He never changes or gives in.
- _____ earthquake struck the capital city yesterday, leaving thousands of people homeless.
- There was an _____ response to the tragedy and thousands of people donated money and medicines.

D Review these words from the reading "Jan. 24 called worst day of the year" on page 97 and match them with their meaning.

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| 1. coincide ____ | a. hopeless or sad |
| 2. peak (v) ____ | b. occur at the same time |
| 3. residual ____ | c. describe in a way that leaves out important aspects |
| 4. obligation ____ | d. disbelieving |
| 5. bleak ____ | e. left over after something is finished |
| 6. disorder (n) ____ | f. mental or physical illness |
| 7. oversimplify ____ | g. duty or responsibility |
| 8. skeptical ____ | h. reach the highest level |

E Use the words from **D** to complete the sentences, making any necessary changes.

1. People who suffer from an eating _____ may consume such a bad diet that they seriously damage their health.
2. Many rainforest animals face a _____ future, as their habitat is being destroyed at an ever-increasing pace.
3. The increase in vacation bookings every year _____ with the worst weather--they both occur in late January.
4. Companies have an _____ to treat all workers equally.
5. Even after treatment, the _____ benefits of the drug continue for some time.
6. The nation's enthusiasm for soccer _____ when the national team played in the World Cup tournament for the first time.
7. Some scientists are _____ about the idea of seasonal disorders. They don't really think that the weather can have such strong effects on people's moods.
8. Saying that overweight people should just eat less _____ the difficulty of losing weight.