

8 What's in a number?

LISTENING

1 **8.3** Listen to eight conversations in which people are talking about things they have found difficult. Which situations are NOT mentioned?

- A fixing a problem with a van ☐
- B learning lines for a performance ☐
- C getting a job ☐
- D training a dog ☐
- E changing a light bulb ☐
- F cleaning ink on some clothes ☐
- H changing a work schedule ☐

2 **8.4** Listen again and choose the correct answer (A, B or C).

- 1** You hear a girl telling a friend about being in the school play. How did she solve her problem?
 - A She passed her part to someone else.
 - B She asked the other actors for help.
 - C She spent more time going over her lines.
- 2** You hear a boy talking to his tutor about his course at university. What does he say about the new workload?
 - A It is unexpected.
 - B It is similar to last year.
 - C It isn't well organised.
- 3** You hear a woman talking about her job. Why does she think she was successful?
 - A She did well in all of the tests.
 - B She didn't get stressed.
 - C She had lots of support.

- 4** You hear a man talking about cooking a special dinner. Why did he have to start again?
 - A He lost the original instructions.
 - B He was unable to make the first dish.
 - C He changed his mind about what to cook.
- 5** You hear a girl telling a friend about her dog. How did she feel about training it?
 - A angry that the dog wouldn't listen to her
 - B unsure about giving the dog instructions
 - C determined to show her parents that she could do it
- 6** You hear a man talking to a friend about a bike ride for charity. What does he say about giving up?
 - A There was no choice.
 - B He made the decision early in the ride.
 - C He was relieved he could stop.
- 7** You hear a boy telling his aunt about choosing a university. What is he worried about?
 - A not spending time with his brothers
 - B missing out on the campus experience
 - C going to a university with a bad reputation
- 8** You hear a woman telling a friend about a problem at work. How does she feel about it?
 - A afraid that it is affecting her health.
 - B concerned that her boss might think badly of her.
 - C sorry that it has affected her family life

Extend

3 Complete the sentences with these words from the listening. There are three extra words you do not need.

adopted begged cleared dipped enrolled homesick nonstop reckoned

- 1** We didn't buy a cat from a shop. Instead we one from the animal shelter.
- 2** My sister my parents to buy her an expensive toy, but they kept saying no.
- 3** I really miss my family. I didn't expect to feel this when I moved abroad.
- 4** James has studied all weekend. He needs to take a break.
- 5** I can't believe you haven't on the course yet. There might not be any more places.

4 Put the words in the correct order to make expressions (1–4) from the listening. Then match them with their meanings (A–D).

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| 1 a / It / walk / was / in / park. / the | A rather difficult |
| | B help someone |
| 2 hard-going. / It / quite / was | C very easy |
| | D becoming impossible to deal with |
| 3 hand. / gave / a / She / me / | |
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| 4 bit / a / getting / It's / much / all | |
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