

### 1 A song and a dance

#### Track 4.02

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I went to a concert at the Royal Albert Hall in London during the holidays. I don't usually enjoy listening to [classical music track] because my mum plays it ALL THE TIME at home and the concerts are all very long. But this was different. It was for kids and teenagers so it was more relaxed. This time the concert only lasted for an hour. I think I might go again. Do you fancy coming with me?

Kamile

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My sister Lucía is really into music from the 60s and 70s. I was looking through her old vinyl records last week and found this one. I know you prefer hip-hop, and I do too, but I was actually pretty impressed with it. Listen first, then tell me if [disco music track] is for you!

Anna

3

I'm going to the Green Man festival in Wales next week. I can't wait! I like some [folk music track] music, but there's so much more at the Green Man festival for people our age! Even though I usually hate camping, the facilities here are great!

Jaime

4

A lot of people like [opera track] but I can't understand a single word they say! The women's voices are too high and the men's voices are far too low. I just want to understand the story!

Andrea

#### Track 4.03

1

Hmm, Spiderman can climb walls and Superman can fly. Who would I rather be, Spiderman or Superman? That's easy – Superman.

2

We can take our pets to school if we like. Isaac took his hamster and Hugo took his rabbit. But when I asked about my pet snake, Mrs Sharp said no!

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I've been to the top of the highest mountain and the bottom of the deepest ocean. But I haven't been to space.

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I really like Charlie. I invited him to my party last year.

#### Track 4.04

Narrator: 1 Which part of the girl's body was sore recently?

Man: How are you doing, Suzie?

Suzie: I've been practising that piece from the opera on my flute and it's really difficult. I had a bad throat a couple of days ago so that didn't help either!

Man: Oh dear, bad luck. I had flu last week and it made my eyes painful and red.

Suzie: Well, it must be something to do with the weather. But, that's not the real problem. My fingers really hurt now because the music is so fast and hard to play.

Man: OK, well, why don't we practise it together?

Narrator: Now listen again.

[Repeat]

Narrator: 2 What will the children do first?

Woman: So, that's what the entertainment for the birthday party will be like. But in case you missed anything, here are the main points again. There'll be two people in national costumes in the first room to welcome you and put you into teams. In the first room, you have to listen to some songs and say who is singing. Just before that, you have to work together and cook some food outside on the barbecue. At the end, you all go into the living room for the dance competition. The winners get a small prize.

Narrator: Now listen again.

[Repeat]

Narrator: 3 Who did the man send the video to first?

Man: Now, an interesting local news story. On Thursday afternoon, some valuable jewellery went missing from Green's Jewellers' shop. At five o'clock, the store detective, Brian Jeffers, was on duty. He saw a customer behaving strangely and recorded it on his mobile phone. Brian thought he should show his boss what he'd filmed, but then realised the best thing would be for the police to see it before anyone else. And that was the right thing to do because they caught the thief soon after trying to sell necklaces at an antiques market.

Narrator: Now listen again.

[Repeat]

Narrator: 4 Which article does the girl always read?

Woman: Hello Bridget, have you seen this morning's article in the 'Teens Today' magazine?

Bridget: You mean the one where the guy predicts what's going to happen in the week ahead?

Woman: Yes.

Bridget: Well, he never seems to get anything right, so I've stopped reading it.

Woman: What about the writer in 'Cool Looks' who gives fashion advice? I like his ideas.

Bridget: So do I. The woman who does reviews of TV shows is the funniest though. I never miss reading what she writes!

Woman: Yes ... she's definitely entertaining!

Narrator: Now listen again.

[Repeat]

Narrator: 5 Which festival did the boy enjoy the most?

Man: I went to three different festivals. The first one was for DJs who experiment with modern jazz and rap. My dad said it was too loud ... I think he was right, actually! The next day there was a festival about acting. The kids there made their costumes and wrote the songs too. It was fantastic. I've put my name on the list for next time.

After that we went to a smaller art festival. I watched a young girl painting people's portraits with her feet. She was amazingly good. The only thing was it rained a lot, which spoiled things really.

Narrator: Now listen again.

[Repeat]

Narrator: 6 Which activity did the girl manage to do on her own at summer camp?

Man: What did you like at summer camp? Did you try rock climbing?

Girl: Yes, but I did it last year in a group. And this time I had to complete a difficult climb by myself in under an hour.

Man: Sounds good. I bet your instructor was pleased.

Girl: Yes, me too!

Man: What about water-skiing and riding?

Girl: I couldn't go riding - I've been scared of horses since I fell off last year. Water-skiing was the best, though. You're never alone ... there are always three people in the boat to help you.

Narrator: Now listen again.

[Repeat]

Narrator: That is the end of part 1.

### 2 Big wide world

#### Track 4.05

- 1 The flag of China is yellow and red.
- 2 The border between the USA and Mexico is the second longest in the world.
- 3 The capital of Australia isn't Sydney; it's Canberra.
- 4 The UK is made up of England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.
- 5 Turkey is on two continents: Asia and Europe.
- 6 Ireland, which is also called Eire, celebrates St Patrick's Day.

#### Track 4.06

Last year, my mum and dad had two months when they didn't have to work, and Mum thought we should all go travelling somewhere. My sister did some research, and worked out details of where we could go and what to do there. My parents thought her ideas were great.

The first place we went to was Moscow. It's great for tourism and we spent lots of time visiting historical buildings like St Basil's Cathedral. We used the amazing metro, and we also went ice-skating several times. I hadn't realised how much local people love it.

After travelling around other parts of Russia, we moved on to China. They're both enormous countries and the sensible thing would be to go by plane. My sister, though, wanted to take the train. It was an interesting experience, but it took too much time.

The places I liked best in China were Harbin in the north, with its huge ice sculptures, Chengdu in the south, where there's a wildlife park for pandas. There are only about 1,900 wild pandas left in China, but the park we visited, which has about 120 of them, is helping to increase the numbers.

After China, we went to Morocco in north Africa. The people there are very different from Russians and Chinese, though they were really nice, and the food was delicious. The heat there was incredible. It was too much for me sometimes, and I had to stay inside. That was OK, though – I had my tablet, and also I did some maths and science work for school.

I'd love to go back to Morocco one day. We visited some amazing markets there, and some of the desert too. What I didn't get a chance to see, and hope to in future, is the sea coast – people say it's fantastic.

#### Track 4.07

[Repeat Track 4.06]

#### Track 4.08

Man: Today we are talking to Shelly Kirk who organises the town's Spring Festival every year. I went to the Spring Festival last year and it was a lot of fun, Shelly. Can you tell our listeners about it?

Shelly: Well last year we started the Spring Festival with a parade to the Town Centre. Everybody was dressed as flowers, even the men. The floats were all decorated with real flowers as well.

Man: Were there any problems?

Shelly: Not really. It all went off beautifully, except the Spring Queen was allergic to pollen. Nobody had told me. She sneezed throughout the entire parade, so this year we're not having real flowers. We're having a spring animal theme instead.

Man: Is she going to be the queen again this year?

Shelly: No. We choose a different spring queen every year.

Man: And what about the music last year? I remember it was very good,

Shelly: Yes, we had the local brass band playing last year. They were great. Everybody loved them.

Man: Are they going to play again this year?

Shelly: No. We try to make every year slightly different. This year children from all the local schools are playing the music, so there'll be a lot of drums and tambourines, and triangles! I think it will be a lot of fun. And then there's the food. That's always very important in the Spring Festival. Last year caterers made hundreds of ham and cheese pies.

We were going to have the same company this year, but that was very expensive, so this year volunteers from the town are making sandwiches and bringing cakes decorated with chicks and other spring animals.

Man: Oh, that's a nice idea!

Shelly: Yes. I think it will be very popular.

Man: And are there any special events for the Festival this year?

Shelly: Yes, dancing in the streets of course. We have that every year. And this year we are having puppet shows for the kids, set up on street corners, and a talent show, which everyone can enter, in the town hall. This year is the first time we've had puppet shows and a talent show. We'll have to think of something else for next year.

Man: Well, thank you very much for coming to talk to us about the Spring Festival. We're all looking forward to it.

Shelly: Yes, come along next Saturday and bring your family and friends. Everyone is welcome.

### 3 Shopping around

#### Track 4.09

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Woman: Can I help you?

Boy: Yes please. I bought this laptop last week, but when I turn it on, the screen is black.

Woman: Oh dear. If you've got your receipt, I can give you another one.

Boy: Great! Thank you.

2

Hannah: Look at these boots, Cara. They're perfect.

Cara: Woah! Look at the price! They're very expensive, Hannah.

Hannah: No, they aren't, not really. They're usually three times the price.

3

Boy: That's a nice guitar. Where did you buy it?

Girl: In a shop in London. It was very reasonable. Only £50.

Boy: That's very good. Was it in the sale?

Girl: Oh no, it was second-hand. But it's in perfect condition. Do you want to hear me play?

Boy: Er, no thanks. Perhaps later.

4

Woman: Which dog do you want to buy, the little black noisy one or the big white scary one?

Girl: Um, I prefer the little cute brown one over there. She looks lovely!

Woman: That's Princess and she isn't for sale. She's mine. I think you should take the little black one. Look ... he wants to be your friend!

Girl: Does he? Right ...

Woman: And remember, you can't return dogs if there's a problem. Here you are. Phew. There, there, Princess. It's quieter now.

### 4 Getting about

#### Track 4.10

**Narrator:** You will hear an interview with a man called Karl Peterson about his job as a flight attendant.

**Woman:** With me today is Karl Peterson who works as a flight attendant. Karl, how did you start to work as a flight attendant?

**Karl:** When I finished university, I wasn't sure what to do. My sister suggested I apply to be a flight attendant. I wasn't sure – I'd never travelled much and I didn't speak other languages. But I applied and was offered a job. I decided to try it for a while until I found something better. Ten years later, though, I'm still doing it.

**Woman:** Did you have training before you started?

**Karl:** Yes, I went to a special centre in Ireland for five weeks. That doesn't seem much when you have to learn about various things like safety, first-aid, how to prepare and serve food. In fact, my friends were amazed the course wasn't any longer, but it's what's normal for flight attendants.

**Woman:** Is the start of a flight difficult for flight attendants?

**Karl:** Yes. Passengers want to know what time we're taking off, what food we're serving, and so on. Then we have to move people so they can sit next to their friends or family. We need to be calm, but what makes me upset is when people bring several bags on board – we don't have room for them all.

**Woman:** Are there certain things flight attendants have to be good at?

**Karl:** Yes. We look after hundreds of passengers, so we work really quickly but also make sure everyone gets what they need. I still find that hard, but when things go wrong, I know how to deal with them – that's my best quality, actually. The other thing is we need to listen and talk to passengers a lot, and I don't find that easy because I'm shy.

**Woman:** People think flight attendants have exciting lives. Are they right?

**Karl:** In some ways, yes. I've been to 30 different countries – and that's not unusual. Some people imagine we get paid a lot, though, and that's definitely not true. But most of us enjoy our jobs. When you see flight attendants smiling and joking as they're serving food, they're not acting – they really do feel happy.

**Woman:** What do you do in your free time?

**Karl:** I see my family and friends – it's easy to lose touch if you're away a lot. It's also important to get plenty of sleep and exercise because you need to be healthy to do this job. What I don't do enough is work on my cooking. My plan is to open my own restaurant in a few years' time, so I need to improve.

#### Track 4.11

[Repeat Track 4.10]

### 5 Study smarter

#### Track 4.12

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- Man: Hello, can I see your boarding pass, please? OK Mrs Palmer, Seat 43, that's on the right.
- Mrs Palmer: Is it by the window?
- Man: Yes, it is. Just go and sit down, please.
- Mrs Palmer: Oh no, I can't sit in a window seat, what if ...
- Man: OK Madam, just go to the seat for now, please, and when all of the passengers are on the plane, I'll find you another seat.
- Mrs Palmer: Thanks. But not at the back. Or at the front. I don't like sitting at the back of planes, or at the front.
- Man: Or by the window. OK Madam. Please get on the plane. We need to take off.
- Mrs Palmer: But ...

2

- Helen: And that's why we celebrate Bonfire Night on 5th November every year. So that's the end of our tour. Please put your headphones and 3D glasses in the box on your right and go through the café to ...
- James: Excuse me. Can I ask a question? How many fireworks displays are there in the UK on November 5th every year?
- Helen: I'm not sure, James. But every village, town and city has a bonfire and a fireworks display. Thanks very much, everybody.
- James: Just one more question. What happens if it rains?
- Helen: If it rains? Well, if you wear a coat and good boots, it's OK. It often rains here, so we don't mind. Thanks for coming, everybody.
- James: But why do ...

Everybody: James! That's enough! We need to go! Look it up on the Internet! Thanks Helen!

3

- Alex: So, is everyone ready to go climbing?
- Everybody: YES!
- Alex: Fantastic. So, we all need to ... umm ... Chloe. Stop. Stop, Chloe. Where are you going?
- Chloe: Er, well, up the mountain. We're climbing, aren't we?
- Alex: Yes, but wait a few moments. We all need a helmet. Choose one, put it on, and check it fits. Is that OK, Kelly? Excellent Ben. No John, that's too small ... Where's Chloe? Has anyone seen Chloe? CHLOE!!
- Chloe: Yes, Alex? I've got my helmet and I'm ready to go!

#### Track 4.13

[Repeat Track 4.12]

#### Track 4.14

- Narrator: You will hear six short conversations. For each question choose the correct answer.
- Narrator: 1 Which place are they going to visit?
- Boy: Where are we going tomorrow?
- Girl: I thought we could go fishing in the river or visit the waterfall.
- Boy: Really? I can't swim.
- Girl: Well. The river isn't deep, so you'll be OK.
- Boy: My parents probably won't let me go.
- Girl: Well, we could go to the underground caves.
- Boy: That sounds cool.
- Narrator: 2 What's the weather going to be like today?
- Girl: What's the weather going to be like today?
- Woman: I'll just check. It says that it's going to be dry.

- Girl: But is it going to be sunny?
- Woman: No, it isn't. It's going to be cloudy all day.
- Girl: I guess I'll take a sweater then.
- Narrator: 3 Who's the guide?
- Girl: Do you know who our guide is?
- Boy: Well if it's the same guide as last time, it's a man.
- Girl: But, there are lots of male guides. What does he look like?
- Boy: He wears glasses and he has long hair.
- Girl: Does he have a beard?
- Boy: No, but he has a moustache.
- Girl: Look! He's over there!
- Narrator: 4 What's the girl's favourite food?
- Boy: What was the food like at camp?
- Girl: It was delicious. Every day for breakfast we had eggs, sausage and bacon.
- Boy: What about the evening meal?
- Girl: It was good too. They had lots of international dishes, like spaghetti and Indian curries. But my favourite food was the Mexican tacos with beans and guacamole.
- Boy: They sound tasty.
- Girl: Mmm ... Yes, they were.
- Narrator: 5 Where are the man's binoculars?
- Man: Have you seen my binoculars?
- Woman: I think I saw them on the table this morning.
- Man: Well, they aren't there now.
- Woman: Maybe they're in your suitcase?
- Man: No, I've already looked there!
- Woman: What about in the car? You took them with you the other day.
- Man: Yes, here they are. They were there all the time.
- Narrator: 6 What would the boy like to be when he's older?
- Woman: Have you decided what you want to do when you leave school?
- Boy: No, not really. I thought about being a policeman like my dad.
- Woman: That's great. How about studying to be a lawyer?
- Boy: That sounds good, but you have to study really hard.
- Woman: Yes, you do, but you have good grades.
- Boy: I like your job. It looks fun and interesting.
- Woman: Really, you'd like to be a teacher?
- Boy: Yes, I would.

### 6 Good job!

#### Track 4.15

Narrator: 1 What will Sarah's hair look like when she leaves the hairdresser's?

Claire: Hello again Sarah. What am I doing for you today?

Sarah: Hi. I fancy a change. I want something really different. Short, I think.

Claire: Short hair? OK, but your hair's really beautiful. It will take a long time to grow back.

Sarah: I guess so, but I want to see my ears. And a new colour, I think.

Claire: Really? Blonde looks good on you.

Sarah: I know, but pink is fashionable now.

Claire: Pink. Um, OK. I'll just get the colour ...

Sarah: Wait, wait! Actually, let's just cut a centimetre off. And I like blonde, so let's keep it as it is.

Narrator: 2 Which is the best book cover for Tom's book?

Woman: Well, Tom. I've read your book ...

Tom: You love it, don't you? Everybody loves it!

Woman: I'm sure they do, Tom. It's just that I don't think many people will want to buy it.

Tom: Why not? It's got a clever rabbit.

Woman: Dr Bunny?

Tom: Yes, who tries to invent a medicine for a terrible illness while at the same time, ...

Woman: Right. Rabbits don't invent things. And while I like your pictures, I'm sorry, this book just isn't going to have many fans. I'm sorry, Tom.

Tom: Well, I'm not happy. I think you're making a big mistake. Goodbye.

Woman: Right. What's next? Oh great. A puppy who saves the world ...

Narrator: 3 What's the woman's job?

Woman: I just think we can do more to help! None of us live in Antarctica, but we all know that the ice is melting. And it's our fault. ... The pollution we cause in this country is making our skies, rivers and seas dirty. We're harming fish and animals. We can't continue like this. But at the same time, people here and in other countries want bigger homes, they want to use their new cars, they want new technology. ... Prime Minister, I think we should all work together to find a solution!

Narrator: 4 What is happening now?

Man: So, that's it then, Brown.

Brown: Yes, Captain. Your last day. How do you feel?

Man: Well, I'm not sure, Brown. I started when I was 21, and I'm 40 now. I haven't had any other jobs.

Brown: What was your first day like, Captain?

Man: I think it was more difficult for new people 20 years ago. We were shouted at every day, well every minute of every day. Early mornings, cold showers, we had to do lots of exercise, too. It's much easier for you young people now. You're only 22 ... Smith, Cartwright, Jones! What are you doing? Run, faster, RUN!

Narrator: 5 What job do the two speakers have?

Woman: Room number 12, here we are. Oh no, look at this place.

Man: Right, well the computer's still on.

Woman: Yes, it's always on.

Man: What's this?

Woman: He's designing a new computer game. This is a picture of the main character. Right, let's put these here, and move those folders there. That's a good start.

Man: Oops, what's that? Uh oh. I've stepped on his guitar case ... and his guitar.

Woman: Well, he shouldn't leave the place in such a mess. We can't do our jobs like this!

### Track 4.16

[Repeat Track 4.15]

### Track 4.17

Woman: Today I'm talking to Danny Preston. Still only 21, Danny's already one of the best-known musicians of his generation. Welcome Danny! Did you do lots of music at school?

Danny: Well, I had some one-to-one guitar classes for a while. I didn't get on with the teacher, but he recommended me for the group which did the music for school shows. I got to know the other musicians and we started a band together. That was great fun, even though we weren't great.

Woman: Didn't you perform at parties?

Danny: Yes. People we knew asked us to provide the entertainment and they paid for our travel expenses. I was very nervous at first, but the experience was useful – I don't mind performing for big crowds now. I started to write my own music at that time, but it wasn't right for parties, so we always played famous pop songs.

Woman: Your first video online helped you become better known, didn't it?

Danny: Yes. I realise now there were many things wrong with it. But I was only 16 and my voice was strong and had lots of feeling in it – that's what made it special, I think. People have become famous overnight because of videos on social media and I thought that might happen to me. It took two years for my video to really get noticed, though.

Woman: Tell us about your latest album.

Danny: Well, I wanted something different from my previous records – more dance music with plenty of electronic sounds. Some people wanted me to go back to the type of songs I was successful with originally, but I need to grow as an artist. Strangely enough, the biggest challenge for me was choosing a photo for the advertising – it had to match the music.

Woman: You recently performed at Big Beach Festival. Was that good?

Danny: Yeah. Playing alongside lots of great musicians was amazing, and the mountains in the background looked good. It takes ages to get there, though, and the sound of the sea often makes it hard to hear the music. But it hardly costs anything to get in, so you can't really complain.

Woman: What are your plans now, Danny?

Danny: To carry on making music – there's a Cuban band I'm keen to play with when they come here on a tour. Before that, though, I'm working in a film, playing the part of a musician. I'll have to learn how to act – I've never done it before. It should be interesting.

Woman: Sounds exciting! Best of luck with it, Danny.

Narrator: Now listen again.

[Repeat]

### 7 It's the law!

#### Track 5.02

- 1 Helen said she was coming to my party the following day.
- 2 Renata said she couldn't hang out with me that day.
- 3 Ben said I was talking to his sister.
- 4 Mum said that Aunt Sarah and Uncle James had arrived at our house.
- 5 Isaac said that Joaquin had emailed to say he would give him a book for his birthday the following month.
- 6 Samantha and Santiago said that they had my present there.

#### Track 5.03

- 1  
David: What do you think of the headline, Mia?  
Mia: Well, it's shocking, isn't it?
- 2  
'We could go to the cinema tonight,' said Fiona.
- 3  
'Shhhhhh! Be quiet! This is a library!' the librarian said in a low voice.
- 4  
'I don't like the room, I don't like the beach, there's too much sand, it's hot, the food's horrible ...,' said Jessica.
- 5  
'Well, of course I've been best friends with Harry Styles since school,' laughed Gabriel.
- 6  
'Oh Natalia, he was wearing a red jumper, green trousers, pink boots ... he looked like a clown!' said Jimena.
- 7  
'This is cold and disgusting. I want another pizza immediately,' said Juan Diego to the waiter.
- 8  
'Hisssssssss.' 'Aaaaagggghhhhhhh! There's a snake in my room!' Emily said.

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'And then at 10.20, we catch the ...,' said the tour guide.

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'But what's for breakfast?' asked Beth.

#### Track 5.04

- Narrator: 1 You will hear two friends talking about a film they have seen.
- Boy: Did you watch 'The Base' on Friday?
- Girl: The one where the famous musician steals a painting?
- Boy: Yeah. It was a bit strange. If you're well-known and successful, why do something like that?
- Girl: Well, as the programme went on, we found out that the painting had once belonged to her family and she wanted it back. I like the main detective in that series. She's so different from other detectives.
- Boy: True.
- Girl: The only thing about this programme was it finished before we found out what happened to the thief after she was caught. What's the point of that? I was quite annoyed.
- Boy: I agree.
- Narrator: Now listen again.  
[Repeat]
- Narrator: 2 You will hear two friends talking about jobs.
- Boy: What job would you like when you leave school?
- Girl: Maybe nursing?
- Boy: My aunt's a nurse. She loves it, though the pay's not great. I wouldn't want a job which didn't give me plenty of money.
- Girl: That wouldn't bother me. The main thing would be the people I was working with – and feeling comfortable with them. And they say that's essential when you're a nurse.

Boy: I fancy being an airline pilot. My dad says teamwork's a big part of that too – it'd suit me. It'd also mean I could go to different countries.

Girl: That's great in the holidays, I wouldn't want to do it all the time, though.

Narrator: Now listen again.

[Repeat]

Narrator: 3 You will hear a boy telling his friend about a campsite he went to.

Girl: Did you go camping last week?

Boy: Yeah. The campsite was really big, but the showers and toilets were clean, and there was a good food shop.

Girl: Lots of campsites have that, don't they?

Boy: That's true. The first night we were there, the people in the tent next to us had a noisy party till really late. That wasn't very nice. So my dad asked if we could move to another part of the site.

Girl: Was it better after that?

Boy: Yes. It rained a bit on the first day. It didn't really matter, though, because there were plenty of nice places to visit – like museums.

Narrator: Now listen again.

[Repeat]

Narrator: 4 You will hear two friends talking about a school project.

Boy: I've got to do a project on something to do with money. The trouble is, I don't know where to start.

Girl: My class did a similar project recently. I found out about unusual types of money. For example, there's one small island in the Pacific where they use shells instead of coins or notes. It's not hard to find stuff about that. Perhaps you could do something like that?

Boy: Maybe.

Girl: You don't need to write a lot. The important thing is to organise your report well, include interesting details, and before you hand it in, read it through carefully, making sure there are no mistakes.

Narrator: Now listen again.

[Repeat]

Narrator: 5 You will hear a brother and sister talking about making a cake.

Boy: Shall we make that chocolate cake this afternoon?

Girl: Do you mean the recipe from that website?

Boy: Yes, using honey instead of sugar and yoghurt instead of butter.

Girl: I'm not sure about the yoghurt. And my friend Rachel's coming round this afternoon. Could we do it tomorrow instead?

Boy: Maybe Rachel would like to try some?

Girl: Why not do it for Dad? It's his birthday in two days' time.

Boy: I'd forgotten about that. You're right. Let's make it for him and let's do it when you suggested. I still think the yoghurt would be good, though.

Girl: It'd make it too bitter. Let's talk about that later.

Narrator: Now listen again.

[Repeat]

### 8 Fantastic flavours

#### Track 5.05

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Cakes are always tasty, right? Well, that's what I thought when I ordered a slice of homemade chocolate and orange cake in a café by the beach. I didn't know it was dark chocolate, and the orange peel, the skin of the orange, was on top. They were both really bitter flavours and tasted awful.

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For me, the best part about going to a funfair is this stuff. It's really sweet and contains loads of sugar. It tastes amazing! It's usually pink, but can be lots of other colours. Here in the UK we call it candy floss, but in the US it's called cotton candy. I prefer the French name, 'barbe à papa'. It means Dad's beard. Have you ever seen anyone with a pink beard?

3

My brother Sam brought these as a present for my mum when he was in South America. Mum used them to make a beef dish. She tasted a tiny bit and screamed, 'Aheeeee! Ahhhhhh!' Sam thought it was really funny. 'What are they, Sam?' asked my dad. Sam replied 'Mum's already told us. They're called Aji peppers, because when you eat them, they're soooooo spicy, people scream 'aheeeeeee!' Get it? Aheeeeeee. Aji?' At first, my mum was really angry, and I thought the dish was disgusting. We laugh about it now though.

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No more ice cream, cakes or chocolate in our house. My parents have decided that we're going to start eating food that is healthy. They buy vegetables from the market every two or three days so they're still fresh. My sister and I aren't too happy, but my parents think our new diet is fantastic. We've been eating a lot more fruit, so it isn't all bad.

#### Track 5.06

[Repeat Track 5.05]

#### Track 5.07

Narrator: You will hear a man called Rik Price telling a group of young tourists about his work.

Rik:

Hello everyone. I hope you're enjoying the views here. Every day, I come out into my fields at sunrise and I go home at sunset, so I don't need a watch to tell the time! The sun can get very strong, though, so I always bring my hat. Over the years, I've developed the farm a bit, and we now have a farm restaurant and shop, and we also show visitors like yourselves round the farm.

A couple of years ago we decided to buy some additional land. Now we grow fruit and vegetables as well as selling corn, eggs, fish, lamb and sheep's milk, which we also turn into cheese.

My wife, Winnie, spends the morning answering doing paperwork. Then, we decide on the menu for the day. Today you'll have a curry with rice, and for dessert, a delicious fruit salad. We want visitors to leave feeling they've had a great meal.

All the ingredients in our meals are fresh – straight from the farm. We're well-known locally for our coconuts and mangoes, and we produce lots of tomatoes and beans of various kinds. This year, we planted cucumbers for the first time, and I must say I'm very pleased with them.

Like farmers everywhere, we have our problems. We get very strong winds, which can damage the fruit, and when the summer heat is extreme, my vegetables suffer. Last year, there was no rain for months, and then my peppers were killed off by disease – that was very disappointing.

Each year, we enter a 'Small Farms' competition. One year the competition was about how much educational work a farm does, and we won. Last year, it was on wildlife protection, and it'll be on the subject of recycling in the coming year. Winning competitions like that is good for our image.

Now, do you have any questions?

### 9 Raining cats and dogs

#### Track 5.08

Narrator: 1 You will hear a brother and a sister talking about their grandfather.

Javier: You saw Granddad yesterday, didn't you, Marta? How was he?

Marta: Oh, you know Granddad. He goes out with his friends every day, and he's still telling the same jokes.

Javier: What was it this time? 'A man says, "Doctor, Doctor, I have a problem. Nobody ever listens to me." and the doctor replies ...'

Marta: 'Next!' No, he had a new one this time, though it's the kind of thing you'd expect from him. What do you call an old snowman?

Javier: I don't know. What do you call an old snowman?

Marta: Snow!

Javier: Oh Marta, that's terrible!

Narrator: 2 You will hear two people talking about thunder and lightning.

Girl: Ooh, look at the lightning! Shall we go outside and watch?

Boy: Hold on! One, two three ... and there's the thunder. The lightning's only one kilometre away.

Girl: Why do you say that?

Boy: Three seconds equals one kilometre, six seconds is two.

Girl: Wow. I'm impressed. I didn't know that.

Boy: I read about it this week. It said that lightning kills 2,000 people a year. And each lightning bolt is nearly 30,000 degrees Celsius hot.

Girl: That doesn't sound good.

Boy: No, it's much hotter than the sun!

Girl: Right, OK. Let's stay inside. I don't want to be burnt to a crisp!

Narrator: 3 You will hear a girl talking to her friend about her day yesterday.

Boy: What was your day like yesterday?

Girl: Well, I thought I was going to be really cold, but it wasn't nearly as bad as I'd thought it would be.

Boy: It's unusual for this time of year, isn't it?

Girl: Yes, when the days are so short and it's dark by 4.30 you just don't expect much sun. And if you get a chance, you've got to go for it. Anyway, I was well wrapped up and I was all ready to go and play tennis in the park with Martina. Too bad it started raining. Just my luck.

Boy: Yes, that's annoying.

Narrator: 4 You will hear a girl telling a friend about a holiday she had in Scotland.

Boy: What was your holiday in Scotland like?

Girl: Great. We stayed in a cottage by the sea. I hadn't realised what that part of Scotland's like. It's got sandy beaches and rocky mountains – it looks amazing.

Boy: Was it warm?

Girl: We had two days when it was sunny, but the rest of the time it was either raining or windy. But every time I go to Scotland it's like that.

Boy: Why do you go so often?

Girl: My mum's from Scotland and we often get together with her side of the family. Some of them are my age and we get on really well.

Narrator: 5 You will hear a mum and her son talking about the weather tomorrow.

Boy: Mum, it's my school trip tomorrow. What does your app say the weather's going to be like?

Mum: Oh, the forecast is for heavy rain.

Boy: They said that on the TV too. It doesn't look that bad now, though.

Mum: My app also says there'll be storms in the afternoon. That doesn't sound good.

Boy: A bit of rain won't be a problem. It's never as bad as you imagine it's going to be, Mum.

Mum: But if there's a lot of wind and rain, it could get dangerous.

Boy: You always expect the worst to happen. I'll see what it's like again in the morning.

Narrator: 6 You will hear a brother and sister talking about a video.

Rafael: Hahaha! Look at this video, Gabriela. This guy is walking by the beach in the wind and ...

Gabriela: But that's really dangerous. It's a really strong gale. Look at his umbrella.

Rafael: Yes, but this is the best bit. It's really, really windy ... he's walking on the sand and here it comes, a HUGE wave.

Gabriela: No Rafael. That isn't funny. He looks really cold now. The sea is really powerful and you shouldn't do silly things in bad weather.

Rafael: It's OK, Gabriela. I don't think he'll walk on the beach in a storm again!

Narrator: 6 You will hear a brother and sister talking about a video they are watching.

Rafael: Look at this video, Gabriela. This guy is walking on the beach in the wind and ...

Gabriela: But why's he doing that? It's a really strong gale. I'm sure that's not safe. And the sea's really rough.

Rafael: I suppose it's quite risky. But this is the best bit. He's walking on the sand and here it comes, a huge wave. And it covers him, just like in a film.

Gabriela: Do you think that's funny? The sea's really strong.

Rafael: This guy's well-known for doing crazy things and putting videos of them online.

Gabriela: I can't see the point of doing that at all.

#### Track 5.09

[Repeat Track 5.08]

#### Track 5.10

1

The most humid places on Earth, like Kuala Lumpur and Hong Kong, are furthest from the Equator. Yes

2

Due to global warming, the mountains in the Alps aren't as snowy now, so ski resorts are using helicopters to drop white powder that looks like snow! Yes

3

The wettest place on Earth is Mawsynram in India. In a typical year, there is 11.87 metres of rainfall. So, imagine you have tall six basketball players and they stand on each other's shoulders, the water would cover their heads! Yes

4

This is a Beluga whale. It is the only whale that stays in the Arctic when the icy water freezes. No

5

Antofagasta in Chile, which is the driest place on Earth, only gets 1 mm of rain a year! No