

FILE 1

Listening 1

Youssef Hello.
Receptionist Hello. Are you a new student?
Youssef Yes, I am.
Receptionist Please sit down. I need to ask you some questions.
Youssef OK.
Receptionist What's your first name?
Youssef Youssef.
Receptionist Youssef? How do you spell that?
Youssef Y-O-U-S-S-E-F.
Receptionist Y-O-U-S-S-E-F. Thanks. And what's your surname, Youssef?
Youssef Amar. That's A-M-A-R.
Receptionist Fine. How old are you?
Youssef I'm 22.
Receptionist Where are you from?
Youssef I'm from Egypt. From Cairo, the capital city.
Receptionist What's your address in the US?
Youssef 14 Ramsay Street, Brooklyn.
Receptionist And your zip code?
Youssef Er ... it's 11222.
Receptionist What's your phone number?
Youssef My cell phone?
Receptionist Yes, please.
Youssef It's 718-555-8443.
Receptionist 718-555-8443. That's great. I'll take you up to your classroom now. Your class is in room 7 and your teacher is Mark Jones.

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Listening 2

1
Betty Hello, I'm Betty. What's your name?
Carlos Carlos. Carlos Sanchez.
Betty Are you a new student?
Carlos No, I'm not. I'm the new Spanish teacher.
Betty Oh, right. I'm the English teacher.

2
Betty This is the teachers' room, Carlos. Come in and sit down.
Angela Hi, Betty.
Betty Hello, Angela. Angela, this is Carlos Sanchez. He's the new Spanish teacher.
Angela Nice to meet you, Carlos.
Carlos Nice to meet you, Angela.
Betty Angela is the director of the school, Carlos.

3
Angela Are you Spanish, Carlos?
Carlos No, I'm from Salta in Argentina.
Betty How do you spell Salta?
Carlos S-A-L-T-A.
Angela Is Salta near Buenos Aires?
Carlos No, it's in the north of Argentina.

4
Betty What's your email address, Carlos?
Carlos Er ... it's cbs900@serv.com.
Betty There's a party at my house this weekend. I'll send you my address.
Carlos OK. Thanks.
Betty See you later. Goodbye.

5
Angela Bye, Carlos. See you on Monday.
Carlos No, I'll see you tomorrow.
Angela Tomorrow? But we aren't at school tomorrow. It's Saturday.
Carlos I know. But Betty's party is tomorrow.
Angela Oh ... yes! See you tomorrow, Carlos.

FILE 2

Listening 1

My name's Tim. I'm an English teacher. I have a really big desk in my room. I have lots of things on the desk. I have a computer and a printer, pens and pencils, a photo of my children, an English dictionary, and a big yellow lamp. My desk is very clean.

I'm Akiko and I'm a student. I have a table in my room. It isn't a very big table, but I have a lot of things on it and it isn't very clean! I have my laptop, I also have a big box of tissues, lots of Japanese magazines, and the keys to my little blue car!

My name's Paul. My desk is small. At the moment it's clean. On my desk I have my computer, a small red lamp, a black file, a phone, a pair of scissors and an old calendar.

FILE 2

Listening 2

1

Grandma Slow down, Mark! You're a good driver, but this road isn't very safe.

Dad Don't worry, Mom.

Grandma Oh, Mark! Please slow down and be more careful.

2

Grandma I'm cold. Can you turn the air conditioning off, Mark?

Dad OK, Mom.

Megan Oh, Dad! I'm really hot now.

Dad Open your window, Megan.

3

Tom I'm bored. Are we there yet?

Dad Not yet. It's about 120 miles.

Megan Dad, I'm hungry.

Grandma Can we stop at that café, Mark? I'm thirsty.

Dad OK.

4

Tom Give me that music magazine.

Megan No, this is my magazine.

Tom No, it isn't!

Megan Yes, it is!

Dad Be quiet, you two! Tom, listen to your iPod! Megan, read your magazine!

Grandma Turn the radio on, Mark.

5

GPS *In 300 feet, turn right.*

Dad We're here. At Grandma's new house.

Megan Great! It's a beautiful house, Grandma.

Grandma Thank you, Megan. Don't park here, Mark. Look at that sign.

Dad Oh, dear!

FILE 3

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Nigel Hi, Vicky.
Vicky Hi, Nigel. Sorry I'm late. This is my sister, Liz. Liz, Nigel's one of the teachers I work with at the school.
Nigel Nice to meet you, Liz.
Liz You too, Nigel.
Vicky Sit down, you two. What do you want to drink, Liz?
Liz Er ... an espresso for me, please.
Vicky Another coffee, Nigel?
Nigel Tea for me, please.
Vicky OK.
Nigel Do you live in Lowell, Liz?
Liz No, I live in Somerville – it's a small town near Boston.
Nigel Oh, my parents live in Boston. They have a computer store downtown. What do you do?
Liz Me? I teach Film Studies at Boston University.
Nigel Film Studies? How interesting.
Liz It's an interesting job. I watch lots of movies at work!
Nigel What kind of movies do you like?
Liz I don't like modern Hollywood movies. I prefer old black and white British films. What about you?
Nigel Oh, I teach French and Spanish, so I like foreign films ... This music is terrible.
Liz What kind of music do you like?
Nigel My friends like heavy metal, but I prefer jazz. When I'm in Boston I go to a club called The Kingdom – they have great jazz nights.
Liz I go there, too. I love jazz. Oh great, here's Vicky with the drinks.
Vicky Here you are. An espresso for you, Liz, a tea for Nigel, and a latte for me – great!

FILE 3

Listening 2

1
Yes, I do. I don't work in an office and I'm never bored. I travel a lot and I meet interesting people, and the other flight attendants are really nice. It's a great job and I earn quite a lot of money.

2
I study Chinese and Economics in college. I want to work in China one day. I think it's a really interesting country. The language is quite difficult to learn, though. I listen to Chinese songs in my car to help with my pronunciation.

3
Yes, I do. I'm in a big office with six other people. They're very nice and we're all friends. After work we often have dinner in a restaurant or go out for a drink. I think it's important to work with nice people.

4
I work at home so I don't travel to work. I have an office in my house with a big desk. I have a computer and a printer in my office and hundreds of files and books. My office isn't very clean and it's difficult to find things.

5
No, I don't. I meet my friends on Saturdays and we go shopping or we go to the movies. On Sundays I play tennis with my sister. If it rains, we stay at home and read the newspapers. I like my job, but I only work Monday to Friday.

FILE 4

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- Emma** These are great photos. Who's the girl in this one?
Dan That's Katie, she's my little sister.
Emma How many sisters do you have?
Dan Two. That's my other sister, Miranda.
Emma She's very pretty. How old is she?
Dan 28. She teaches English in Mozambique.
Emma Do you see her often?
Dan Not really. She comes home once or twice a year. This is her daughter, Lola. She's only three. And that's her husband, Victor. He's a teacher, too.
- Emma** Is that woman your mother?
Dan No, that's Alma. She's my dad's sister. She's really nice. This is my mom.
- Emma** What does she do?
Dan She's a lawyer. This is all of the family at Christmas. That's Alma's husband, Miles, and that's their son, Toby. He's the same age as me, but I don't like him. He's a bank manager!
- Emma** Is that girl one of your cousins?
Dan No, that's Jane. She's my ex-girlfriend!

FILE 4

Listening 2

- 1**
Dave What do you usually have for breakfast, Kelly?
Kelly Oh, I hardly ever have time for breakfast at home. I always get up late. I take the train to work and I usually buy a sandwich and a cup of coffee from a little café near the train station. I have them at my desk.
- 2**
Jill Do you often go out in the evenings, Pete?
Pete No. I'm afraid my social life isn't very exciting. I usually get home and take a shower. Then I make dinner. After dinner I read a book. I get up at 5 a.m., so I'm always in bed at ten o'clock.
- 3**
Mary Where do your parents live, John?
John In a small town in western Massachusetts.
Mary How often do you visit them?
John Not very often – about once every four months. It takes around four hours to get there by train and the tickets are very expensive. I usually go up for Mom's birthday and for Dad's birthday. And I always go home for Christmas.
- 4**
Dan Do you work on the weekend, Jill?
Jill No, my weekends are for relaxing. On Saturday morning I have a long bath. After lunch I meet my best friend, Annie, and we go shopping together. We usually buy clothes or CDs. In the evening I go out with my boyfriend. We usually have dinner in a restaurant, but sometimes we go to the movies.
- 5**
Anna Do you get up early, Phil?
Phil Not every day. I get up at six o'clock during the week, because I have a long drive to work. And on Saturdays I sometimes get up at eight o'clock and go to the gym, but I don't do that very often. Usually I stay in bed until around nine o'clock. What about you?
Anna Oh, I have three children. I always get up early!

FILE 5

Listening 1

Interviewer Come in and take a seat, Steve.
Steve Thank you.
Interviewer So you're looking for a summer job? Do you have any hotel experience?
Steve I'm afraid not. My parents have a shop and I sometimes help out when they're busy.
Interviewer Well, a lot of our visitors don't speak English. Can you speak any other languages?
Steve My parents are from Hong Kong so my Chinese is very good. And I know some Japanese.
Interviewer OK. Good. What about German?
Steve I know a few words, but I can't speak it very well.
Interviewer Now, we need people who can drive because the hotel is a long way from the town and there aren't any buses.
Steve Well, I can drive but I don't have a car – I want a summer job so I can buy one! But it's OK because I have a motorcycle.
Interviewer That's great. What about computers? Can you use a computer?
Steve Yes, I'm very good with computers. I'm studying computing in college.
Interviewer Once a week, we have a Scottish food and music night for our visitors. Can you sing or play a musical instrument?
Steve Well, I know some Scottish songs, but my girlfriend says that I'm not a very good singer. But I can play the guitar quite well, and I'm a very good dancer. I know lots of Scottish dances.
Interviewer Great. Well, thanks very much for coming here. We'll call you next week about the job.

FILE 5

Listening 2

1
Fran New York is so cold.
John Well, it is winter! What's the weather like in Australia today?
Fran It's summer now, so it's really hot and sunny. It hardly ever rains and you can go to the beach every day.

2
Pete What do you usually do when the sun's shining, Kay?
Kay Well, I live a long way from the coast, so I don't go to the beach. There's a park downtown, but I prefer to go there when it's cold and there aren't a lot of people around. When the weather's good, I usually go down to the river and relax with a book.
Pete Do you go shopping?
Kay No! I never go shopping when it's hot. Our shopping center doesn't have air conditioning!

3
Presenter 1 Now, it's over to Tony Hedge for the weather forecast.
Presenter 2 It's good news for New England today. It's a cold and windy day, but you don't need an umbrella. Temperatures are between 40 and 50 degrees, so wear warm clothes!

4
Sam Be careful when you drive home.
Lena Why? The roads aren't dangerous. It isn't raining and there's no ice on the road.
Sam It's sometimes quite foggy here at night and you can't see the road.
Lena Oh, right. Thanks for telling me.

5
Jane What's your favorite season, Dave?
Dave That's a good question. It isn't summer. A lot of people like hot weather, but I don't. Spring and fall are too changeable – one minute you need sunglasses, the next minute you need an umbrella. I think winter is my favorite time of year because it snows and I can ski every day!

FILE 6

Listening 1

Alice What date is it, William?
William November 25th, why?
Alice Only 30 shopping days until Christmas!
William Oh, no! I hate shopping. And shopping at Christmas is really bad! I don't like buying presents for people because I never know what to buy.
Alice Really? I love it. And Christmas is my favorite time of the year. I love seeing my family on Christmas Day and opening my Christmas presents.
William What about the dark nights and the cold weather?
Alice I don't mind them. And it's great when it snows.
William It hardly ever snows in Baltimore at Christmas.
Alice Maybe, but my parents live in Vermont and it always snows there!
William I prefer summer. The weather's nice and I can do lots of things. I like getting up early and going for a run before everyone wakes up. You can't do that in winter – it's so dark in the morning.
Alice I like summer, too. My birthday's on the 21st of June, the first day of summer, and I usually go out after work with my friends. And I love Labor Day at the beginning of September, because we have a day off work and lots of stores open on public holidays.

FILE 6

Listening 2

1
Max Hello, 555-2406.
Kate Hi. Is Mandy there?
Max No, I'm sorry. She's taking a shower.
Kate Can you give her a message? This is her cousin, Kate. She has my laptop and I need it for work ...

2
Pete Sara, what's Joe's number?
Sara I don't know. Oh, here you are. Use my cell phone – his number is on there. Find his name and press the button.
Pete Thanks.
Joe Hello, Joe speaking.
Pete Hi, Joe. It's Pete. Do you want to come to a party tomorrow?

3
Tina Hello.
Bill Hello, Joanne. It's Bill.
Tina Er ... there's no Joanne here.
Bill Oh, dear. What number is this?
Tina It's 802-555-8956.
Bill I'm sorry. It's the wrong number.

4
Sam Who are you calling, Anna?
Anna Sylvia.
Sam Why are you calling her? You see her every day at work.
Anna I know, but there's a party at her house tomorrow and I don't know what time it starts.
Sam Oh. Can I come with you?

5
Frank What's that noise?
Sally What noise?
Frank That sound.
Sally I don't kn... Oh, it's my phone. It's new. Hello? Hello? Oh, there's no one there. What's that?
Frank I think you have a message.

FILE 7

Listening 1

- Roger** These are great pictures.
Alison Yeah. My photos aren't as good as these.
Roger That's the Jamaican runner – he won lots of medals at the Olympics. What's his name?
Alison It's Usain Bolt. And that one's the American swimmer – uh ... Michael Phelps.
Roger Oh and look! There's Eddie Edwards – he was a British Olympic skier.
Alison Who's this woman?
Roger That's Ellen MacArthur. She sailed around the world and broke the world record in 2005.
Alison Who did she sail with?
Roger She didn't go with anyone. She sailed alone. That's a photo of her on her boat in Australia.
Alison Wow! It's a great boat.
Roger And here's another picture of her in France.
Alison Is she Australian or French?
Roger No, she was born in the north of England. I read a book about her a few weeks ago. She's a really interesting person. She was only four when she started sailing, and she sailed around Britain in a boat called *Iduna* when she was a teenager. She won lots of races, but she retired in 2010.
Alison What does she do now?
Roger I don't know. I didn't finish the book!

FILE 7

Listening 2

- 1**
Mike I called you on Saturday but you weren't at home.
Anna No, I went out with Carla and her sister.
Mike Where did you go?
Anna Well, we wanted to try that new French restaurant in town, but it was closed. So we had a burger and went to see the new Brad Pitt movie. It was really good!
- 2**
Dave How did you meet your husband, Jane?
Jane Oh, I met Pete when I was a student. I was bored one weekend so I decided to go home and see my family. I didn't have enough money to fly, so I took the bus. Pete had the seat next to me and we started chatting. The rest, as they say, is history!
- 3**
Kate Where are you working now?
Mike At the train station. I'm in the ticket office.
Kate Do you like it?
Mike It's not too bad, but I preferred my old job.
Kate Why did you leave?
Mike The owner of the restaurant decided to retire.
- 4**
Sara What are you looking for?
Alan My cell phone. I can't find it anywhere. I had it when I left the football game because I called Stacey on my way to the café. Oh, no! I put it on the table in the café and I forgot to pick it up when I left.
- 5**
Tim Did you see the game last night?
George Only the first half. Jill wasn't at home so I had to cook dinner for the kids. Then I had to help them with their homework.
Tim Don't worry! It wasn't a very good game.

FILE 8

Listening 1

- Officer** Please sit down, Mrs. Jones. As you know, I'm here to ask questions about the robbery. What happened?
- Mrs. Jones** Well, yesterday, at about three o'clock, two men came to my house. One was tall and blond with a moustache, about 30 years old, and the other was quite short with dark hair. He was probably about 18.
- Officer** And what happened?
- Mrs. Jones** They said they were from the water company and that they wanted to check the quality of the water of all the houses on the street.
- Officer** Did you ask for identification?
- Mrs. Jones** Yes I did, and they showed me their ID cards. They seemed OK.
- Officer** What happened next?
- Mrs. Jones** I went into the kitchen and the tall man followed me. He was there for about five minutes.
- Officer** Where was the other man?
- Mrs. Jones** Well, I thought he was outside because he opened and closed the front door. The tall man didn't stay long. But after they left, I looked in my bag and my wallet wasn't there.
- Officer** How much money did you have?
- Mrs. Jones** I think I had about \$50.
- Officer** Did they take your credit cards?
- Mrs. Jones** No, they didn't. They were in another bag.
- Officer** Did they take anything else?
- Mrs. Jones** I don't think so.
- Officer** OK. Well, thank you very much, Mrs. Jones.

FILE 8

Listening 2

- 1**
Coral Well, I have two homes. I have a big apartment in the center of Paris and a little cottage in the south of the country. I live and work in the city, and I go to my cottage for holidays. It's very small, just a living room, a kitchen, a bathroom, and a bedroom. But it's a great place to relax. It's next to the sea and there aren't any noisy neighbors!
- 2**
Nick I bought this apartment because it's across from the hospital so I can walk to work. There are five rooms – a kitchen, a bathroom, a living room, a study, and a bedroom. I love the living room because it has a great view of the city. Oh, and another good thing about my apartment is the garage because it's really difficult to park on the street here.
- 3**
Danny When I was a child my parents had a big old house in Connecticut. There were six rooms downstairs and eight bedrooms upstairs, but only two bathrooms! And it was always really cold – there was no central heating system, and the fireplaces weren't very good.
- 4**
Lisa Well, this is Browning Street, but I don't know which house is Gemma's.
- Alan** I can't remember the number, it's 4 or 5. And is the door blue or green?
- Lisa** OK, well, this is number 4 and the door is red. Let's try number 5 – that has a green door.
- Alan** OK.
- Gemma** Lisa, Alan. Hello, you're late! Come on in.
- 5**
Kate My favorite room? Hmmm ... that's difficult. I like all the rooms in my house. The bathroom is lovely, because it's really clean and modern. And I love relaxing in the living room – I bought some really comfortable armchairs. But I think my favorite is the kitchen. It has a big table and it's really nice to sit in there and have meals with all the family. We have a dining room but we hardly ever use that.

FILE 9

Listening 1

Erica What's that?
Nathan One of your magazines. Oh, let's do this food quiz.
Erica OK.
Nathan Question 1. Fruit juice is better for you than milk. True or false?
Erica That's true, because milk has more calories. Fruit juice is better.
Nathan You're wrong. Fruit juice is bad for your teeth and there's more sugar in it! Next question. People in Canada have a healthier diet than people in the US. True or false?
Erica There isn't any difference. People eat the same things in Canada and the US.
Nathan No, in Canada people eat more fruit and vegetables, so they get more vitamins. And in the US they have more salt in their diets, and salt is really bad for you.
Erica Oh, dear. I love salty food.
Nathan Next question. You eat more in winter. True or false?
Erica True! I eat when I'm cold and I always put on five or ten pounds during winter.
Nathan Well, it says here that you don't eat more in winter, but you don't go out much when the weather's cold. People are heavier in winter because they don't exercise.
Erica Ask me another.
Nathan True or false? Short fat French fries are better than long thin French fries.
Erica Of course, they are! They're much tastier.
Nathan I mean they're better for your health.
Erica Yes, I know you're talking about health! And the answer is it's true because long thin fries have more oil on them.
Nathan Correct!
Erica How much longer is this quiz? I'm hungry!
Nathan This is the final question. Chocolate is good for you.
Erica Well, I love chocolate, but I don't think it's good for my health. There's a lot of sugar in it and a lot of calories.
Nathan Yes, but the magazine says that some scientists found out that eating a little chocolate each day helps people to relax and feel happier. Where are you going?
Erica To the kitchen to get a bar of chocolate. I want to find out if the scientists are right!

FILE 9

Listening 2

1
Jane Hi, Carla.
Carla Hi, Jane. Go through into the living room. Tony and Ed are in there. They arrived a few minutes ago.
Jane These are for you.
Carla Oh, they're lovely. Thanks a lot.
Jane Hi, you two.

2
Jane This soup is delicious. Did you make it yourself?
Carla Yes, it's very easy to make. You only need onions, olive oil, salt and pepper, and a little cream to put on top. You can add some chicken as well, but I didn't put any in today.
Tony You're a great cook, Carla. What are we having after the soup?
Carla Wait and see.

3
Carla Here's the main course. Jamaican chicken and rice – my grandmother was born in Jamaica and she taught me how to make this when I was a child.
Ed It's really good.
Tony I agree. The meat is very tasty.
Carla Well, enjoy it. There's lots more rice, if you want, but only a little chicken.

4
Carla Would you like some more water, Jane?
Jane Yes, please. I'm really thirsty.
Carla Tony? More water?
Tony Er ... Is there any cola?
Carla Yes, there's some in the fridge in the kitchen. Ed?
Ed No, I'm fine, thanks.

5
Carla There's ice cream or chocolate cake and whipped cream for dessert.
Jane Ooh. Chocolate cake for me, but only a little cream with it.
Ed The ice cream for me, please.
Carla What about you, Tony?
Tony Nothing for me, thanks. I can't eat any more. Can I have a glass of water?

FILE 10 Listening 1

Interviewer Excuse me. I'm doing a survey about people's vacations. Can I ask you and your husband a few questions?

June Yes, of course.

Interviewer First of all, can you tell me your names?

June I'm June Smith and this is my husband, Thomas.

Interviewer And are you from Bristol?

Thomas No, we're from Memphis. We're visiting our daughter – she's at the university here.

Interviewer Can you tell me about your last vacation?

Thomas We had a week in Cape May, on the east coast. It was really nice and we had sunny weather all week. There are lots of interesting things to do there – we had some nice walks and visited the museum and art gallery. It wasn't expensive either. And the vacation apartment was very comfortable – great views of the sea from our bedroom window.

June Well, I didn't enjoy it. It was cheap and the weather was nice, but Cape May wasn't very exciting. It was very quiet in the evening and there was nothing to do. It was sunny, but I couldn't sunbathe or swim in the sea. I like hot weather and I like to go dancing in the evening. And it's better to stay in a hotel. I don't want to cook or make beds when I'm on vacation!

Interviewer So, where are you going to go for your next vacation?

June Well, I want to go somewhere exciting. Maybe New York. I can go shopping during the day and Thomas can visit some of the museums. Then, in the evening we can do some sightseeing and visit some of New York's restaurants and nightclubs.

Thomas No, thanks! I don't like big cities and sightseeing is boring. I prefer to find places that are quiet and relaxing. I'm going to buy a new mountain bike and travel along the coast of North Carolina.

FILE 10 Listening 2

1

Announcer There's only ten minutes to go until the end of the game and the score is 2–1. United is definitely the better team today and they look very strong. Galaxy isn't playing very well. They scored the first goal, but they look quite tired now. I don't think they're going to get another goal before the end of the game.

2

Announcer 1 Now it's over to Jonathan Hodge for the weather. Jonathan, the weather is really bad at the moment. Is it going to be better later on in the week?

Announcer 2 You're right, Tricia. The weather isn't very nice. It's snowing in the Northeast at the moment, and it's very cold. The average temperature is only 34 degrees. That's much lower than it usually is at this time of the year. The snow isn't going to stop and temperatures aren't going to get higher.

3

Paul Rosie?

Rosie In the living room, Paul!

Paul Hi. What are you doing?

Rosie I'm moving all the furniture into the bedroom. I don't want to get paint on anything.

Paul That armchair looks heavy. Let me help you.

4

Sara Be quiet! I'm trying to work.

Dom But me and Jake are practicing. We're going to enter the school music competition next week.

Sara There are lots of really good musicians in the competition. You can't sing, and everyone is going to laugh at you!

5

Woman Who's the best person for the job, Jim Brown or Terry Webb?

Man Jim has more work experience, but he can't speak German. Terry's German is very good – he went to a university in Berlin, but he doesn't have any experience.

Woman Well, most of our customers are German, so we need someone who can speak to them in their language. That's more important.

Man OK, I'll call them both this afternoon.

FILE 11 Listening 1

- Kerry** So, Jamie, what's it like living in Paris?
- Jamie** Oh, it's very different from Peoria. The first thing you notice is the clothes. I prefer to dress casually, even when I'm teaching. But I can't do that in Paris. My students are businessmen and they're always really well dressed, so now I have some formal clothes that I only use for work. The worst thing is that clothes are really expensive there.
- Kerry** Is your French good?
- Jamie** It's pretty good now. I'm taking lessons and I can have conversations. It's a beautiful language, but I don't always understand what people say because my French isn't perfect.
- Kerry** What are the people like?
- Jamie** Some people say that people in Paris aren't very friendly – but it's the same in New York City, some people are friendly and some aren't. My neighbors, Jean-Luc and Marie, are really nice. I met them on the day I moved into my apartment and now I have dinner with them every weekend.
- Kerry** That's lucky, because you aren't a very good cook!
- Jamie** Well, fortunately there are lots of great restaurants in Paris and the food is fantastic – and it's cheaper to eat out there. One thing that surprised me though is that there are a lot of fast food restaurants – and most of the customers aren't foreign tourists, they're French. So it's a myth that all French people eat healthily!
- Kerry** What's driving like in France?
- Jamie** Well, I don't really use my car very much, but I think most French people drive well. One or two of my friends don't, though. My girlfriend always drives fast – even on little streets. She uses her phone when she's driving and she shouts at other drivers. It's safer to walk than travel in a car with Nathalie!
- Kerry** Oh, my. Poor you!

FILE 11 Listening 2

- 1**
I retired six months ago and my son bought me a computer. I took a class so I could learn how to use it. I don't use it every day. I don't like sending emails – I prefer to write letters. But I do buy quite a lot of things on the internet – like food and books. It's very easy to find what you want and the best thing for me is that I don't have to carry anything home!
- 2**
Some of my friends think I'm really strange because I don't have a computer at home. I do know how to use a computer – I'm a travel agent so I have to use one in my job. But I don't want one in my house. I don't like playing computer games and I prefer to do my shopping downtown, so I can see what I'm buying.
- 3**
I spend around four or five hours every evening on my computer. I use it to write essays for college, but mostly I play computer games, check my Facebook account to see what my friends are doing, or download movies to watch. It's really easy to find new movies, and it's cheaper than going to the theater.
- 4**
The internet is great, isn't it? My daughter lives in Colombia – she teaches English there – and it's really expensive to call her on my home phone. But now we have Skype and we talk to each other two or three times a week. She has two sons, and they sometimes make video calls to me. It's great to see and hear them.
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I work at home and I use my computer all day. I'm a reporter so I use the internet to find out information when I'm writing an article, and I have an email account which I use to send work to the newspaper. But I don't just use my computer for work. I like to watch TV on my laptop, and I'm always emailing my family and friends. I write around 30 emails a day. I also have a Twitter account and a blog that I use every day to tell people about my life.

FILE 12 Listening 1

Presenter Good evening and welcome to *Celebrity Interview*. I'm Paula Beacon and my guest tonight is Hollywood movie star, Mike Changer. Welcome to New York, Mike.

Mike Thanks, Paula. I'm really happy to be here.

Presenter Is this your first visit to New York, Mike?

Mike Yes, it is. And I'm having a great time here. Everyone is so friendly.

Presenter Now, Mike. You've recently finished a new film called *Going Home*. What's it about?

Mike Well, it's the story of a 15-year-old boy who argues with his parents. He has a difficult life, but he gets a job and goes to college and becomes a teacher. When he's 25, he decides to go back and see his parents at Christmas.

Presenter So this is a movie for Christmas?

Mike That's right.

Presenter It's very different from your last three films, which were about vampires.

Mike Yes, but it was time to do something different.

Presenter Are you making another movie at the moment?

Mike No, I'm writing a book for children.

Presenter How did that happen?

Mike Well, I got married three years ago and we recently had a baby girl. I wanted to do something for my daughter.

Presenter Is it easy to write a children's book?

Mike Actually, it's really difficult. But I studied English in college, and I worked on a children's magazine for two years before I became an actor, so I have some experience.

Presenter Well, thank you for coming to talk to me and good luck with the movie and the new book.

Mike Thank you, too.

FILE 12 Listening 2

1

John Not another celebrity magazine, Mel! Why do you buy them?

Mel I like reading about famous people. Have you ever met anyone famous, John?

John No, I don't think so. Oh, I saw that TV announcer, Shirley something. I can't remember her name. She was at the post office. And I spoke to the actor from the James Bond movies – at the theater where I worked.

Mel Oh, right!

2

Mark Do you want to go to the movies tonight, Sally?

Sally What's playing?

Mark *The Hobbit*.

Sally Oh, I've seen that. I saw it last week in New York with Jenny. Is there anything else?

Mark There's *Johnny English*.

Sally Oh, I haven't seen that, but I love Rowan Atkinson's movies. I thought *Mr. Bean* was really funny.

3

Rachel Hi, Brian.

Brian Rachel, I need your help. I want to take Liz out for a meal, but I'm not sure where to go.

Rachel Have you tried that Chinese restaurant on Main Street? I went there last week. The food was really good and it wasn't expensive.

Brian I don't really like Chinese food. What's that new Greek restaurant like? I've never eaten Greek food.

Rachel I don't know. Sorry.

4

Ricky Neil, what are you doing here?

Neil I'm looking for some paint. Clare wants to decorate the living room.

Ricky But you've decorated it once this year.

Neil We painted the bedroom last month, but not the living room. Anyway, why are you here, Ricky?

Ricky I need to get some wood to make shelves for the kitchen.

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Dan Have you ever been to Italy, Mary?

Mary Yes, my dad's parents were Italian, and we visited them every year when I was a child.

Dan What's Naples like?

Mary Oh, that's in the south. I've only been to the south once. My grandparents lived in Milan, in the north. I'd like to go back to the south, though.

Dan Let's go together. We can get a car and drive around.