

## PROGRESS TEST FILES 1-6

### Listening 1

**Claire** OK, here's my family. I love this photo. I took it last summer ... when was it? July, I think. Oh, of course, July the 16<sup>th</sup>, Mom's birthday. We had a picnic on the beach, and five of us came – Mom, Dad, my two older brothers, Jamie and Alex, and me. We were all there, except my sister Lisa. She's the oldest, and I'm the youngest. She and her boyfriend, Tom, were away on vacation. And of course, I'm not in the picture, because I was taking it! Anyway, that's my mom, with the gray hair. It was her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday that we were celebrating. She's great, really generous and kind. She's met a lot of my friends, and they always really like her. That's my dad, on her left, with the dark hair. Next to him is my brother, Jamie. He's the one with short blond hair. He's a lawyer, and we don't see him that often because he's very busy. He's really smart, but he's really shy and quiet. I don't think you've met him. Then there's my other brother, Alex, the one with dark hair on the left. He always wears black. I think he's probably the one I feel closest to. He's a teacher, and I think he was smiling so much in this photo because it was the first day of his school vacation.

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### Listening 2

- 1  
**Woman** Oh no! Did you hear that? It's delayed for three hours!  
**Man** That's ages. Do you want to go back downtown and do some sightseeing? It's not far.  
**Woman** No, we can't do that. We've already checked in our bags.  
**Man** Yeah, I suppose you're right. Let's go to the departure lounge. We can get something to eat, and you can go shopping, too.
- 2  
**Man** Excuse me! This chicken is cold.  
**Waitress** Oh no, it *is*, isn't it? I'm ...  
**Man** ... And I didn't want a salad. I ordered fries.  
**Waitress** I'm terribly sorry, sir. I'll take it back to the kitchen immediately.
- 3  
**Woman** This sweater's a medium. It doesn't fit.  
**Man** Oh, what size were you looking for?  
**Woman** Do you have it in a large? This one's a little too small for me.  
**Man** I'll just check, ma'am.
- 4  
**Luigi** Oh, hi Kim. I thought you were on vacation.  
**Kim** No, that was *last* week! It went so fast.  
**Luigi** I know what you mean. So, are you busy now that you're back?  
**Kim** Yeah, I have two big meetings, and I'm seeing the boss tomorrow.  
**Luigi** Yes, it's always worse after a vacation, isn't it?
- 5  
**Girl** That's Molly, over there. See her? She's dancing with Sam. I think he invited her tonight, but they're just good friends.  
**Boy** Oh, she looks nice. What's she like?  
**Girl** She's pretty shy, but she's really friendly when you get to know her. I'll introduce you, if you like.

## PROGRESS TEST FILES 7-12

### Listening 1

- John** Do you get bored working at home all day on a computer?
- Kate** Well, yes, to be honest, I sometimes used to. But that's why, a couple of years ago, I started teaching people to swim part-time. It gets me out of the house and in contact with other people.
- John** It sounds like fun. How much time do you spend teaching, then?
- Kate** I only have three classes. They're all on Monday afternoons. I spend the rest of the work week doing my desk job. I've got one class for older people – the over-60s, and two classes of kids.
- John** Can they already swim?
- Kate** My adult's class and one of the children's lessons is for beginners. Those kids are only four or five, and the class is really big, so it's hard work. And the other class is more advanced – although they're only eleven or twelve years old, they're excellent swimmers already, and we're training them to win competitions.
- John** So, a real variety, then! Do you have a favorite class? I mean, if you could only teach one, which would you choose?
- Kate** Oh, that's easy. I'd choose the adult beginners.
- John** Why's that?
- Kate** I suppose it's what swimming means to them. For one reason or another, they haven't learned how to do it before retirement age. Many of them have had bad experiences at some point, you know – maybe they were thrown into deep water when they were young, or something. And now, most of them are terrified. Deciding to learn to swim is a big thing for them, and helping them to stop being afraid is a great feeling. We get along very well, and I really look forward to those lessons.
- John** It sounds like a wonderful job. Why don't you do it all the time?
- Kate** I can't afford it! The job doesn't pay very well. It's very tiring too. If I did it all the time, I'd be exhausted.
- John** Oh, that's too bad.

## PROGRESS TEST FILES 7-12

### Listening 2

- 1**
- Doctor** You don't look very well at all. What's the matter?
- Patient** I have a terrible headache, and a sore throat.
- Doctor** Oh my. Let's have a look. How long have you felt ill?
- Patient** Nearly a week now. I have no energy at all.
- Doctor** Hmm, and you have a temperature, too. I think you have the flu.
- 2**
- Tourist** Excuse me, are you a local?
- Woman** Actually, I'm not, but I work around here, so I know the area pretty well.
- Tourist** Great. Can you tell me how to get to the modern art museum?
- Woman** Oh, that's easy. You can take the number 17 bus. See the stop over there?
- Tourist** Yes, great, thanks. And how many stops is it?
- Woman** It's not far, on Fenton Street. I think that's five stops. Ask the driver to be sure.
- 3**
- Receptionist** Hello.
- Anthony** Hello, this is Anthony Rogers. Can I speak to Sophia Wyatt, please?
- Receptionist** I'm sorry, Mrs. Wyatt's not in the office this afternoon.
- Anthony** Oh, can I leave a message, please?
- Receptionist** Yes, of course.
- Anthony** Can you tell her I called and that I'll call back tomorrow?
- Receptionist** Yes, certainly.
- 4**
- Customer** Do you have anything for a stomachache?
- Pharmacist** Yes, these work very well, but they're only for adults. They're \$4.99.
- Customer** That's fine – it's for me. How often should I take them?
- Pharmacist** Three times a day, with water. If you don't feel better in three days, you should see your doctor.
- 5**
- Man** I just heard something really great.
- Woman** Oh, that sounds interesting. What's up?
- Man** Well, you know my sister Mary was feeling a bit sick last time we saw her? Apparently, she's going to have a baby! Mom will be so thrilled!
- Woman** Really? That's fantastic! When?