

## FILE 1

### Listening 1

**Museum guide** So, the painting we're looking at now is called *Nighthawks* by the American artist Edward Hopper, who was born in 1882. Hopper finished the painting in 1942. *Nighthawks* came to Chicago a short time after that.

As you can see, the painting is a scene in an American café late at night. There are three customers. They're sitting at the bar. The customers look like strangers. They aren't looking at each other and they aren't talking. There's also a bartender. He's busy behind the bar and he isn't talking to his customers either. It's quite a lonely scene. The New York street outside the café is very dark. It's very bright inside the café. But it doesn't look warm and friendly in there at all.

The word "nighthawk" – like "night owl" – describes a person who stays up late. So the three people at the bar are like nighthawks. The two men are wearing dark suits and hats. One of the men is smoking. He's sitting next to a woman. She's wearing a red dress with short sleeves. She has lovely long, red hair. She looks pretty, but she isn't smiling. As you can see, the bartender is wearing a white jacket and a white hat. He's looking outside. Maybe he wants to go home.

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### Listening 2

1

**Anna** How often do you come and watch a movie here?  
**John** Every Saturday night.  
**Anna** Really? That's a lot. Well, I hope this movie's good.  
**John** Yes. Oh, everyone's going in now. Let's go in and find our seats.

2

**Kim** What are you looking for?  
**Jessie** A skirt and a jacket. I need some new clothes for work. Do you like this jacket?  
**Kim** Yes ... Oh, look. I love that blue dress ...  
**Jessie** Let's try them on quickly. The store's closing in ten minutes.

3

**Jane** So, what's your new girlfriend like?  
**Tom** Well, she's shy – until you get to know her. She's very hard-working, too.  
**Jane** She's just like you, then! Oh, sorry, this is my station. I have to get off here.  
**Tom** Oh, OK. See you on the train tomorrow morning. Bye.

4

**Eva** Where did you study English before?  
**Pedro** At a school in Barcelona. My teacher was really nice and I learned a lot.  
**Eva** Do you like our teacher here?  
**Pedro** Yes, he's really fun. Let's do this speaking exercise now ...  
**Eva** Yes, OK.

5

**Jo** What does your boyfriend look like?  
**Kay** Er, he's very tall and thin. He has beautiful blue eyes, short blond hair, ...  
**Jo** Mm, he sounds nice. Oh, here's my boss. I'm going to my desk. See you later.  
**Kay** OK. I have a meeting now anyway ...

## FILE 2

### Listening 1

**Annette** Last winter my boyfriend and I went on vacation to Kenya for two weeks. We rented a beach hut on a beautiful white sandy beach for the first week. And the second week, we decided to go on safari. We planned a perfect vacation. But it didn't begin well.

On the first day, we arrived at the beach hut. There were lots of young people in the other beach huts. Some of them invited us to a party on the first night. Soon after we got there, my boyfriend started flirting with one of the girls at the party. He didn't dance with me, but spent the evening talking to the girl. The atmosphere was romantic and magical, but not for me. I was angry. We argued about everything after that.

Although we weren't getting along well, I still wanted to go on the safari. When we got on the bus, I saw the girl from the party. That was the end. We were camping and we all ate together every night. It was terrible. I felt so sad and lonely, and my boyfriend looked so happy with the other girl.

We broke up when we got back to New York. My boyfriend went to Boston with his new girlfriend. I took lots of photos on vacation, but I can't look at them now. I'd love to go back to Kenya one day. But next time I'm going on my own.

## FILE 2

### Listening 2

**Nicole 1**

When I was 14, I went to Italy with my class at school. It was in winter, and we went skiing. We also went sightseeing in Trento. In this photo, we're standing downtown. We were all holding hands and smiling.

**2**

And in this one I was 15. My parents took my sisters and me on vacation to Spain. We went by plane and then we rented a car and drove to the village where we were staying. It was a fantastic vacation. We went swimming in the sea every day and the weather was perfect.

**3**

This is a photo of me in Australia when I was 24. I was working in a café in Sydney at that time. And I was living with two English girls in an apartment. We spent all our free time at the beach, surfing and swimming, and had a wonderful time.

**4**

And look at this photo ... my brother's laughing. He was happy because he was going abroad to work. And I was crying because he was leaving. I was 25 then.

**5**

This was last summer, when I was 28. I went shopping in Paris with my best friend. We stayed at a luxurious hotel, ate delicious food at expensive restaurants, and didn't want to come home!

## FILE 3

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- Interviewer** Excuse me ... Good morning, I'm from *Smart Travel* magazine. Can I ask you a few questions?
- Tammy** Er, yes, that's fine.
- Interviewer** Where are you from?
- Tammy** I'm from the US. New York, actually.
- Interviewer** And what are your plans in the UK?
- Tammy** Well, I'm on business. I'm a clothing designer. I come to the UK twice a year for London Fashion Week.
- Interviewer** And is that happening this week?
- Tammy** Yes, it is. I'm meeting some people this afternoon and I have a photo shoot tonight and ...
- Interviewer** You're going to be busy ...
- Tammy** Yes, I am. But I'm going to have fun, too.
- Interviewer** And how long are you staying in London?
- Tammy** Well, I'm in London for a week, then I'm going to fly to Ireland for a week's vacation.
- Interviewer** That sounds nice. What are you going to do there?
- Tammy** I'm going to visit my grandmother. She's ninety-five years old!
- Interviewer** Oh, that's nice. Enjoy your stay.
- Tammy** Thank you.

## FILE 3

### Listening 2

- 1**
- Molly** What time are you going to the airport?
- Bill** Well, my flight's at 10:30 so I'm leaving home at 6:00.
- Molly** And how are you getting there?
- Bill** By taxi. My company pays for it.
- 2**
- Andy** I'm going to be really busy next week.
- Cath** Oh? Why's that?
- Andy** I'm going to a conference in Turkey.
- Cath** Oh, that sounds exotic. What kind of conference?
- Andy** It's a conference for NGOs.
- 3**
- Sara** What are you going to do after college, John?
- John** I'm going to teach English in China.
- Sara** Oh, that's amazing. I'd love to go to China.
- John** Well, come and visit me next year!
- 4**
- Pete** What are we going to do today?
- Anna** I'd like to go biking in the woods. Do you want to come?
- Pete** Er, yes. That'll be fun. But I've got no sense of direction.
- Anna** Oh ... don't worry about it. I have my smartphone with me.
- 5**
- Lisa** Do you have any plans for the weekend?
- Harry** Yes, it's my girlfriend's birthday. I'm staying at home and cooking dinner for her.
- Lisa** What are you making?
- Harry** Oh, something easy. Pasta, I think.

## FILE 4

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- Mom** Hi, Jack. I'm home ... Did you have a good day at school?
- Jack** Not bad. Mom, there's nothing in the house to eat. I'm really hungry.
- Mom** I've just been shopping, Jack. Dinner is in half an hour ... By the way, have you cleaned your room yet?
- Jack** Mom, I've been at school all day and now I have a lot of homework. I've picked up my dirty clothes, though ...
- Mom** OK, thanks, Jack. Maybe you can clean your room later. Can you set the table for dinner now? And when you've finished doing that, can you take out the garbage for me?
- Jack** All right, all right. I'm going ...
- Mom** Jack, don't look so bored, please. There's a lot of housework to do, and I can't do it all.
- Jack** I realize that, Mom. I've got a lot of homework to finish, that's all.
- Mom** And I've got a lot of other things to do as well, Jack.
- Jack** Sorry, Mom. I know.
- Mom** OK, let's just do the boring things and then we can sit down and have a nice dinner.
- Jack** Yeah, OK. Sounds good.

## FILE 4

### Listening 2

- 1**
- Julie** Mark, have you ever been to a costume party?
- Mark** I have, actually. I went to one last Saturday night.
- Julie** Oh, so, did you wear anything fun?
- Mark** I went as Mickey Mouse. Nobody knew it was me!
- 2**
- Dad** Have you done your homework yet, Izzie?
- Izzie** Yeah, I've already done it, Dad.
- Dad** OK, that's good. What was it today?
- Izzie** I wrote something about celebrities and fashion. It was really interesting.
- 3**
- Tim** Have you ever bought something you've never worn?
- Alice** Yes, I have. I bought some beautiful designer boots last year. The problem was, they didn't really fit. I just wanted to buy them because they were fantastic boots. They're still under my bed.
- Tim** Oh, Alice ...
- Alice** Please don't tell anyone!
- 4**
- John** I'm looking for an interesting book to read. Have you read anything interesting recently?
- Emma** Well, I've just finished *The Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zafón. I really enjoyed it. Have you read it?
- John** No, I haven't. What's it like?
- Emma** It's a really good story. In fact, when I started reading it, I couldn't stop.
- 5**
- Dan** Tina, have you ever been shopping in a foreign city?
- Tina** Yes, I have. I went to Berlin last summer. I went shopping on the Ku'damm. It's like Fifth Avenue in New York.
- Dan** Were the stores good?
- Tina** Oh, yes, the Ku'damm has really good stores. And I love shopping somewhere new.

## FILE 5

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**Claire** What's the most beautiful city you've ever been to?  
**Bryan** The most beautiful? That's difficult to answer. I've been to a lot of beautiful places! Let me see ... My favorites are probably Havana in Cuba and Edinburgh in Scotland.

**Claire** Oh, really? Can you tell me about them?  
**Bryan** Well, both Edinburgh and Havana have really interesting architecture. But, for me, Edinburgh's architecture is more interesting. I studied architecture there, you see, so I prefer it. Edinburgh also has a lot of beautiful modern buildings, many more than in Havana. And Edinburgh on a sunny winter's day is probably the most romantic city I've ever been to. I met my girlfriend in Edinburgh, so I think it's more romantic than Havana! The nightlife in Edinburgh is good, but the nightlife in Havana is better. The music is fantastic and the bars are open very late. The people in Havana are the friendliest I've ever met. They like to have fun and go out. I think the people in Edinburgh are a bit less friendly, or maybe just quieter.

## FILE 5

### Listening 2

**1**  
**Interviewer** Today, we're doing a survey about what people think of their town ... Hello, Jim? What do you think of your town?  
**Jim** Well, when I first came here in 1990, it was very safe. But now, I feel anxious. There are just too many frustrated young people in the town. I think it's too dangerous now, especially for older people.

**Interviewer** Oh, that's not good, Jim. Thanks for your call.

**2**  
**Interviewer** Next, we have Sandra. Hi, Sandra. What do you think of your town?  
**Sandra** It's a beautiful town with a museum, an old church, and traditional stores. I know culture's important, but, for me, it isn't interesting. I think tourists enjoy these things more. So it's interesting for them, but too boring for me.

**Interviewer** Oh, I see. What about that lovely market I've heard about?  
**Sandra** The market? Oh, that's for tourists, too. It's so boring!

**Interviewer** OK ... Thank you, Sandra.

**3**  
**Interviewer** Now, we have Dave ... What's your town like, Dave?  
**Dave** Well, there are old buildings everywhere! I'd prefer to live in a big, modern city. I'm 18 and this town just isn't modern enough for me. And the people here don't change either. They're as traditional as their parents!

**Interviewer** Uh-huh, OK. Thanks for calling, Dave.

**4**  
**Interviewer** Hello, Jess ... What do you think of your town?  
**Jess** Well, it's pretty small. I think it has a population of about 350. And it's famous for ... nothing! It's a really quiet place, actually. Most people like living somewhere quiet, but this town isn't noisy enough for me! I'd like to live in a town where there's nightlife, or a shopping mall, you know, somewhere noisy to go!

**Interviewer** I see. OK, Jess, thank you for your call.

**5**  
**Interviewer** And now, it's Simon. Do you like your town, Simon?  
**Simon** No, I'm sorry to say I don't.  
**Interviewer** Oh, why is that?  
**Simon** Well, getting to work is a nightmare. On the roads in the morning, the average speed is about 30 mph. It's just too crowded. There aren't enough buses for all the people who are going to work. We have to use our cars, so we all spend more time sitting in traffic than driving.

**Interviewer** Yes, I understand, Simon. Well, thank you. And that's all we have time for today ...

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- Sally** Hi, Anne.
- Anne** Sally! Guess what? Robbie and I just got engaged!
- Sally** Oh, that's wonderful! When did he ask you?
- Anne** Last night. But it's a secret. We haven't told our families yet.
- Sally** OK, I won't tell anyone. I promise.
- Anne** Thanks. He's buying me a ring this afternoon. Then we're going out for a romantic dinner.
- Sally** When are you getting married?
- Anne** We'll wait until next summer. We'll probably go abroad, actually. It'll be more fun.
- Sally** Yes, I suppose so. But, if you're going abroad ... Will I ...? How much will ...?
- Anne** Oh, Sally! I'll pay for your ticket! You're definitely coming with us!
- Sally** Oh, Anne, thank you. I don't want to miss it. I'll pay you back by Christmas.
- Anne** It's OK, don't worry about that. Um, Sally, we'll probably move to New York after we get married ...
- Sally** Anne, listen, we'll always be friends. Here or New York, it doesn't matter.
- Anne** I know we will, Sally. Thanks. Look, I have to go now. I'll text you later.
- Sally** OK, Anne. Bye.

## FILE 6

### Listening 2

- 1**  
"I felt really anxious when I woke up this morning. In my dream, I was playing tennis, but I couldn't move my legs! So I couldn't hit the ball back. I've got a match this afternoon. I think my dream means I'm going to lose the match. Oh, I hope not. I'm not feeling very positive about it at all."
- 2**  
"I had an amazing dream last night. I play the piano, you see, and in my dream I was recording a blues album with all these talented musicians. I think it means I'll be a famous musician one day ... Well, I doubt it! But it's nice to dream."
- 3**  
"I had an interesting dream last week ... I don't have a boyfriend, but in the dream, I was going out with a wonderful guy, who bought me flowers. We could hear violin music and everything was perfect. I've never had this kind of dream before. I definitely think it means I'm going to meet someone and fall in love. I really hope so."
- 4**  
"My dreams are usually really nice. But the one I had last night was horrible! I was driving all night and it was freezing cold outside. I was really frightened because I couldn't stop the car. I'm taking my driving test next week. I think my dream means I'll probably fail it."
- 5**  
"I have a good job and I work hard. But in a dream last week, I lost my job. So I had no money to pay for food and everything. I was going up to complete strangers in the street and asking them for money. I felt afraid when I woke up. I think my dream means I'm going to be poor. I'll make sure that won't happen."

## FILE 7

### Listening 1

- Interviewer** Welcome to *Tips for Today*. In the studio today, we have Mr. Robert Wilkinson, who has been a language teacher for twenty-five years. He's going to give us some advice on learning a language successfully. So, Mr. Wilkinson, if I'm a complete beginner, where do I start?
- Mr. Wilkinson** Well, you probably need to take a class, for example, one evening a week. That will help you to start learning immediately. And you'll also meet other people who are motivated to learn.
- Interviewer** That's good advice because it can be really difficult to stay motivated on your own.
- Mr. Wilkinson** That's right.
- Interviewer** Now, what advice would you give to our listeners who can speak a little, but need to improve?
- Mr. Wilkinson** To improve your speaking, you really need to practice. Is it possible for you to find someone to practice with? If not, try reading out loud. That can really help your pronunciation, too. You must not be shy or nervous – just do it!
- Interviewer** OK, and what about listening? I think this is the most difficult thing to improve.
- Mr. Wilkinson** If you're learning a language abroad, it's definitely easier because you hear people talking all the time. In your own country, make sure you download podcasts or songs or news onto your phone. You can listen to these when you're going to work or school.
- Interviewer** Nice idea. And finally today, what about reading?
- Mr. Wilkinson** Well, you don't have to spend a lot of money on foreign newspapers or books. There's a huge variety of things to read on the internet, such as news websites and blogs. On Facebook and Twitter, you can practice not only your reading, but also your writing skills.
- Interviewer** That's a good tip! Thank you, Mr. Wilkinson. That's all we have time for on *Tips for Today* but ...

## FILE 7

### Listening 2

- 1**  
“Well, I have a very stressful job. So, as soon as I get home in the evening, I put on my favorite music. That's a great way to relax. I like listening to classical music best – Mozart or Chopin. When I relax, I'm happy.”
- 2**  
“I think it's important to work hard. I've always worked incredibly hard and I think that's why I'm successful at my job. Being successful makes me happy. I don't mind spending time with my family, but I prefer being at work.”
- 3**  
“What makes me happy? Oh, I've always really wanted to have a big family. So, spending time playing with my children is what I like best. It's magical. I'd like to get a job in the future. But, for now, I like being with the children.”
- 4**  
“I'm not very good at cooking and we never have a lot of food in the fridge. So when I cook something absolutely delicious from nothing, that makes me happy.”
- 5**  
“Happiness for me is singing! Being able to sing the high notes is very difficult. You have to practice a lot, and breathe correctly. I sing in a band and I just love it.”



## FILE 8

### Listening 1

- Diana** Hi, Pete. Are you OK?
- Pete** Hi, Diana. Uh, can I talk to you about something?
- Diana** Sure. What's the problem?
- Pete** It's about Maria. You know we've been together for two months now. And you know I, well, I'm deeply in love with her.
- Diana** Yes ...
- Pete** Well, I did something bad last night.
- Diana** Oh, no, Pete. What did you do?
- Pete** I danced with her best friend, maybe for a little too long. A really long time, actually. Maria wasn't very happy.
- Diana** Not a good idea, Pete.
- Pete** OK, some advice, please ...
- Diana** You should speak to her, Pete. If you say nothing, it'll make things worse than they are already.
- Pete** I know. Talking about it is more difficult than you think, though.
- Diana** Well, why don't you send her an email? Tell her you're sorry, and that you promise you won't do it again.
- Pete** She won't read an email from me at the moment. I'm sure of that.
- Diana** Well, then, I think you should leave the office early. She takes the early bus, so you'll see her at the bus station. Then you can speak to her. Tell her that you love her. She'll definitely change her mind. Girls love that kind of talk.
- Pete** You don't know Maria. If I tell her I love her too soon, she'll get frightened and leave me.
- Diana** OK, then. Make a reservation at a nice restaurant. Persuade her to go out for dinner with you. If you do that, I'm sure everything will be all right.
- Pete** Oh, I guess you're right. I'll leave work early and try to find her at the bus station.
- Diana** Good. And Pete, smile. Be happy. Make her laugh. She'll love that, too.
- Pete** Yeah. OK, Diana.

## FILE 8

### Listening 2

- 1**  
"I lent my friend some money last week and she hasn't given it back yet. It was quite a lot of money, so I can't forget about it. In fact, if I don't get the money back, I can't pay for my English classes this week. That's a problem because I have a test on Friday. What do you think I should do?"
- 2**  
"I've got a problem. My boss wants me to go to a business conference this weekend, but it's my daughter's birthday party. She's going to be five years old. All her school friends are coming to the party. My boss is a little difficult to get along with. I don't want to risk having an argument with him. Should I go to the conference or to the party?"
- 3**  
"I want to trust my boyfriend, but I think he is seeing someone else. He gets texts from another girl. I took his phone and I read the texts yesterday when he was playing basketball. Maybe she's just a friend, but I don't think he's being honest with me. What should I do?"
- 4**  
"We've had a good year at work, so I've made a reservation at a restaurant for all my colleagues to celebrate. I'm meeting them there in fifteen minutes. But I've just heard on the radio that there's a flood downtown. Last year there was a flood and it was terrible. What do you think I should do?"
- 5**  
"I can't seem to get to sleep at night. I have a lot of work to do, but I don't think I'm stressed. After dinner, I make some coffee and watch TV. That's really relaxing. But when I go to bed, I just can't sleep. I get hyperactive. In the morning, I'm really tired. What should I do?"



## FILE 9

### Listening 1

- Interviewer** On the show today, we're talking about phobias. My first guest is Kerry, who is on the line now. Good morning, Kerry.
- Kerry** Good morning.
- Interviewer** Now, Kerry, you have a fear of open or public spaces.
- Kerry** That's right, yes.
- Interviewer** So, how long have you suffered from agoraphobia?
- Kerry** Well, since I was a child, really. I've suffered this fear for about twenty years.
- Interviewer** Do you know what caused it?
- Kerry** No, I don't know what caused it, actually. I've always been scared of going to places where there are a lot of people. For example, I try not to go into shopping malls, or buses, or airplanes, or anywhere where there are crowds of people. I just start to sweat and feel panic when I go into these places.
- Interviewer** OK, Kerry. How does your phobia affect your life?
- Kerry** Not surprisingly, it has a severe effect on everything I do. I'm frightened of being alone, and I only feel safe at home. So, I can't go out to work. And I need to be with someone if I leave the house.
- Interviewer** I understand. But, you have recently completed a course in graphic design. Is that correct? How did you do that?
- Kerry** Yes, that's right. I've been a graphic designer for 6 months now. I studied the course online, and I do all my work from home. I don't have to leave the house at all, so it's the perfect job for me.
- Interviewer** That's great news. One last question, Kerry. Have you had any treatment for your agoraphobia?
- Kerry** Well, I have therapy once a week to help me overcome my phobia. And I'm now taking a new drug every day. I hope this drug will be more effective than the last one.
- Interviewer** OK, good luck with everything, Kerry. And thanks for talking to us this morning. Now, our next guest is James, and he ...

## FILE 9

### Listening 2

- 1**
- Ann** How long have you been a musician, Jeff?
- Jeff** Since I was 15 years old. My mom bought me my first guitar for my fifteenth birthday. We formed the band in 2005, when I was 20, and we've played together since then.
- Ann** Do you think you'll be famous one day?
- Jeff** If we were successful, I'd be really happy. But I don't know. We'll see!
- 2**
- Billy** I see you're in dental school in Philadelphia now, Hannah. How long have you been there?
- Hannah** For four years. This year is my last year there. And then I'm starting work as a dentist.
- Billy** Isn't your dad a dentist, too?
- Hannah** Yes, I'm following in his footsteps!
- 3**
- Kara** How long have you been afraid of spiders, Nick?
- Nick** I've been terrified of them since I was five years old, fifteen years ago.
- Kara** Well, what happened?
- Nick** I woke up with a huge spider on my face. It was horrible.
- 4**
- Don** Holly, have you been married long?
- Holly** Yes, we've been married for ten years.
- Don** Oh, I didn't know that.
- Holly** Well, I don't tell many people. We're getting divorced next year.
- Don** Oh, I see ...
- 5**
- Ella** How long have you been injured?
- Mike** Since last Friday. I injured my foot in the game.
- Ella** When will you be able to play again?
- Mike** I'm not sure. Maybe next Saturday.

## FILE 10 Listening 1

**Orla** Did you enjoy your school days, Finn?  
**Finn** Oh, yes and no. I went to an all-boys school, so there were no girls. That was a bad thing! But I used to get good grades on my report card every year.  
**Orla** Did you? I imagined that.  
**Finn** What about you? You never talk about school.  
**Orla** Oh, I absolutely hated it, that's why. The other kids gave me a nickname – Cry Baby – because I used to cry a lot at school. I used to be really unhappy there. I think I was just really emotional.  
**Finn** Oh, that's awful.  
**Orla** Yes, I know. But I was smart and I was good at most of my subjects.  
**Finn** What subjects did you take?  
**Orla** English, French, art, and history. I didn't take any science subjects.  
**Finn** Oh, really? I took all of them. But my favorite was biology. I used to love cutting up insects and sheep's eyes ...  
**Orla** Oh, stop it! Did you use to behave well at school?  
**Finn** Me? Um, well, I think I used to be late for school a lot. We used to walk there, and stop to throw stones in the river on the way, especially in the springtime. That made us late.  
**Orla** What else did you do that was bad?  
**Finn** Well, we had to wear a uniform, but I used to forget my tie all the time. And I remember I was always losing my chemistry books. The teacher used to get really angry with me. But, I think I behaved well most of the time.  
**Orla** Uh-huh ... I think I'll have to ask your mom next time I see her ...

## FILE 10 Listening 2

**1**  
**Abby** What are we going to do this evening, Paul? What about the movies?  
**Paul** But if we go to the movies, we might not have time to go out for dinner. It'll be too late then. We could try that new Thai restaurant in town ...  
**Abby** I'm not sure. I heard it wasn't very good. Let's just get a DVD and a pizza.  
**Paul** Yeah, that's fine with me.

**2**  
**May** I might buy a new dishwasher on the weekend.  
**Bob** Why? The one in the kitchen is working perfectly.  
**May** Well, I know but I saw this new one in a magazine. It's so much better than ours.  
**Bob** There are just so many options these days. Let's keep the one we have.  
**May** Oh, OK. I'd like a new washing machine though ...

**3**  
**Roy** We've been in this store for hours! You're so indecisive!  
**Donna** Well, it isn't me. It's the store! I want some good food for my dinner party, but there are too many choices! There are hundreds of products here. I'm just getting stressed.  
**Roy** OK, well, how about we go get a coffee and make a list?  
**Donna** Oh, I might not have the party now. Oh, I don't know. Let's go get a coffee ...

**4**  
**Evan** I can't decide which new game to buy.  
**Lisa** You already have about 50 of them. And you never stop gaming.  
**Evan** I know, but I might like this one here. Or look at this one ...  
**Lisa** Oh, turn your laptop off! If you don't buy anything, you won't know what you're missing.  
**Evan** You're right. OK ...

**5**  
**Sarah** You see teenagers these days, why are they all so dissatisfied with life?  
**Alfred** I think they have too many choices, you know, too many decisions to make.  
**Sarah** Yes, when I was young, there were fewer opportunities, but it was also simpler.  
**Alfred** That's true. I think they're confused. Life's too complicated now.

## FILE 11 Listening 1

- Interviewer** Hello, excuse me, can I just ask you a couple of questions?
- Woman 1** Sorry, I can't. I'm picking up the kids from school in five minutes ...
- Interviewer** No problem, ma'am. Uh, sir, excuse me, do you have time to answer one or two questions? We're taking a survey.
- Man 1** Yes, OK.
- Interviewer** So, are you a morning person, sir?
- Man 1** I think so. I always wake up at six, and I never set my alarm. I just get up and feel awake.
- Interviewer** And what's the first thing you do after you wake up?
- Man 1** Well, I'm a professional soccer player, so the first thing I do is put on a T-shirt and shorts and go running. And when I get back, I take a shower, turn on the music, and rest on the sofa. I'm often a little sleepy after my run.
- Interviewer** I can imagine. Thanks for your time. Um, excuse me, ma'am. We're taking a survey ...
- Woman 2** What's it about?
- Interviewer** Are you a morning person?
- Woman 2** Oh. It depends on the season. In the winter I often go back to sleep. But in the summer, I feel more energetic and get up earlier.
- Interviewer** And what's the first thing you do after you wake up?
- Woman 2** I do the same thing every day. I have an online store, so I find out how many things were ordered during the night.
- Interviewer** That sounds interesting. Thank you very much for talking to us. Now, ... Hello, sir. Can I ask you a couple of questions?
- Man 2** Is it a survey? OK.
- Interviewer** Are you a morning person, sir?
- Man 2** I am definitely not an early bird. If I didn't have an alarm clock, I wouldn't wake up.
- Interviewer** Really? And what's the first thing you do after you wake up?
- Man 2** I have a bowl of cereal. Doesn't everybody do that in the morning?

## FILE 11 Listening 2

- 1**
- Lara** How are things with your new girlfriend, Robert?
- Robert** Oh, we aren't getting along very well. I just think we have nothing in common.
- Lara** What do you mean?
- Robert** Well, she plays basketball four nights a week. That's her social life.
- Lara** And you like going out to clubs at night. If I were you, I'd look for someone else ...
- 2**
- Angus** Is anyone sitting here?
- Clare** No, please, sit down. I love watching the kids play volleyball.
- Angus** So do I. I'm a little late today, though. The game's going to be over soon.
- Clare** Yes, and it's game point. Come on, blues!
- 3**
- Jamie** Fran, I wanted to let you know, I'm not going out tonight with the class.
- Fran** Neither am I. I'm taking care of my neighbor's dogs. What are you doing?
- Jamie** I'm going to get up early tomorrow morning and go biking.
- Fran** That sounds energetic. I'll see you for lunch, then!
- 4**
- Louis** So, what do you do, Vicky?
- Vicky** I'm a security guard.
- Louis** What a coincidence! So am I. Isn't that a difficult job for a woman?
- Vicky** Not really. I do martial arts – that helps.
- Louis** So, if someone insults you, you can throw them over your shoulder ...
- Vicky** Not usually! I try not to, anyway.
- 5**
- Andy** Hi, Paula ... Great party ...
- Paula** Hi, Andy. I saw you earlier, but you didn't wave.
- Andy** That's because it wasn't me. I just got here. It was probably my twin brother, Stuart.
- Paula** Oh, I didn't know you had a twin. You look exactly the same!
- Andy** I know. Everyone says that.

## FILE 12 Listening 1

**Martha** I can't believe some of the stories you read on the internet ...

**Bob** What do you mean?

**Martha** Well, I read a story last night about a German mailman who got married to his cat!

**Bob** You're joking!

**Martha** No, I'm serious. The mailman bought the cat in 2000. He said that the cat had been his best friend since then. He wanted to marry the cat because the cat had become ill and was going to die. Officials had told the mailman that it wasn't possible for him to marry a cat, so the mailman paid an actress to marry them.

**Bob** That's a strange story, Martha.

**Martha** Well, it's true. And there's another one about an English mailman. He was bitten by a snake when he was taking the letters out of a mailbox.

**Bob** Oh, that's awful!

**Martha** The snake had decided to sleep in the mailbox. The mailman opened the box and the snake bit the mailman's hand. He sucked the poison out. Then he continued working.

**Bob** What happened to the snake?

**Martha** Oh, I don't know!

**Bob** Have you read any other strange stories about mailmen?

**Martha** No, but I read a horrible story about snakes. Four hundred snakes were found in a police station in Sierra Leone.

**Bob** What were the snakes doing in the police station?

**Martha** The snakes had made their home there. The police and soldiers had to use water to flood them out. And many of the snakes were killed. Ugh! That's frightening.

**Bob** OK, Martha, that's enough scary stories for one night. Let's watch something funny on TV.

**Martha** All right!

## FILE 12 Listening 2

**1**

**Nicki** Have you seen the photo of the little girl on the front page of the newspaper? It's amazing. Her face says so much.

**Mark** Let me see ... Oh, yes, it's really emotional.

**Nicki** Who said "A picture is worth a thousand words"?

**Mark** I don't know. Maybe Napoleon. Why?

**Nicki** Well, it's so true, looking at that picture.

**2**

**Grant** Which band do you think has made the most money?

**Sheena** It must be the Beatles.

**Grant** Yes, I think you're right. And which Beatles song is the most popular?

**Sheena** I read somewhere that it's *Hey Jude*.

**Grant** Oh, really? That's my favorite one, too.

**3**

**Jim** Ivy, who discovered that the world was round, not flat?

**Ivy** I think it was the Greeks, starting with Pythagoras.

**Jim** I thought it was Ferdinand Magellan.

**Ivy** Well, I suppose Magellan was the first person to test the idea. He sailed around the world and didn't fall off!

**4**

**Oliver** Dora, who painted that picture on your wall? I've seen it everywhere, but I can't remember the artist's name.

**Dora** It's *The Starry Night* by Vincent Van Gogh.

**Oliver** Of course, it's Van Gogh. Now I remember. So which painter cut part of his ear off, then?

**Dora** That was Van Gogh, too.

**5**

**Rich** Who directed the movie *One Day*?

**Sandy** It was Lone Scherfig. Have you heard of her? She's from Denmark, I think. The movie is actually adapted from a novel.

**Rich** Oh, I didn't know that. So, who wrote the novel, then?

**Sandy** David Nicholls. It was a bestseller.