

ANSWER KEY – My Family

Unit 1 – Tecwyn

1 Pre-Listening Comprehension

A. Schema building

1. True
2. False – The population of Canada is around 60 million.
3. True
4. False – The largest city in Canada is Vancouver.
5. True

C. Normalisation – Gap-fill

1. I was there for four summers and five winters.
2. It's a beautiful part of the world.
3. His wife, like mine, never worked.
4. Where is she at the moment?
5. There's an Australian company that operates this Russian icebreaker which is also a research ship and which carries about 100 to 125 paying passengers.
6. Her job is titled 'hotel manager'.

2 Listening Comprehension

A. True/False

1. T – He has a son aged 43, a daughter aged 41, and daughter aged 38 and a son aged 37.
2. T – 'her father was English, her mother was Irish'
3. F – 'She spent the war years in Ireland.'
4. T – 'We worked together in London.'
5. F – 'an Eastern exchange bank'
6. T – 'I'd done a tour out in er, the Far East with the army.'
7. F – 'I was there for about two or three days'
8. F – 'Did you have a choice?' 'No, no.'
9. T – 'I was there for three years... I was then transferred to Montreal.'
10. T – 'I was there for four summers and five winters.'
11. F – 'there was er, one winter there where the temperature didn't come above 25 degrees below zero for two weeks'
12. F – 'I was transferred to Vancouver'
13. T – 'Um, of all the places you've been to in Canada, do you prefer Vancouver?' 'Absolutely.'
14. F – 'The climate is very much as it is here in the UK.'
15. T – He mentions the mountains, forests and the seaside.
16. F – 'the low mainland'

B. Gap-fill

1. Tecwyn's two oldest children were born in Winnipeg.
2. Tecwyn's oldest son works for a pulp mill.
3. McKenzie is in northern British Columbia.
4. Tecwyn's oldest son also installs satellite dishes in that area.
5. His son is very good at technical things.
6. Before going to work in the pulp mill, Tecwyn's son worked for a telephone company.
7. Tecwyn says his son can turn his hand to anything.
8. This son's wife doesn't work.
9. This son has four boys aged 13, 12, 11 and 9.

C. Questions

1. She's a programme analyst.
2. She works for herself.
3. in the United States
4. about 2½ hours
5. 17, 4 and 2½
6. travelling
7. The Rocky Mountain Railroad
8. from April till October
9. She travels anywhere in the world.
10. very stupid, embarrassed, etc.
11. a Russian icebreaker
12. It's also a research ship.
13. about 100 to 125
14. hotel manager
15. He says she's 'a people person'.

D. Gap-fill

1. Tecwyn's youngest son isn't married.
2. He lives with a girl.
3. She is what is called a 'common law wife' in Canada.
4. They have a three-year-old son.
5. Tecwyn doesn't have any other family in Canada.
6. He has one sister who lives in Wales.
7. The interviewer has met her.
8. She's younger than Tecwyn.

4 Further Listening Practice

A. Contractions

1. a daughter who's 41
2. and it's a beautiful part of the world

3. we've got, you know, mountains, forests, seaside
4. we don't have those horrible winters
5. But that's two quite different things, isn't it?
6. she's a world traveller
7. She'll travel anywhere in the world.
8. What's she doing up there?
9. There's an Australian company that operates this Russian icebreaker
10. oh, they've been together about four years
11. you've met her
12. She's younger than I am.

B. Recognizing sentence stress

1. She spent the war years in Ireland.
2. we worked together in London
3. I applied to work for an Eastern Exchange Bank
4. I'd done a tour out in er, the Far East with the army
5. I was there for four summers and five winters.
6. Well, first of all it's the climate
7. And then generally, from November until the following April she'll travel anywhere in the world.
8. But er, this November she's, she has a job in Antarctica.
9. There's an Australian company that operates this Russian icebreaker which is also a research ship.
10. She's sort of a people person.

C. Assimilation

She has her own little company.

She lives in the United States.

and which carries about a hundred to a hundred and twenty-five paying passengers

D. Linking

1. her father was English, her mother was Irish
2. She spent the war years in Ireland.
3. How did I get into banking?
4. That's sort of a long story, I guess.
5. I flew into Toronto...
6. What's so nice about it?
7. he also gets involved in all sorts of other stuff as well
8. She lives in the United States.
9. she looks after those passengers
10. She's sort of a people person.

5 Further Language Development

A. Extension exercise

1. Have you got any children?
2. My grandfather was born in 1887.
3. Yesterday I spent three hours on the phone trying to book a holiday.
4. Let's try and meet up in the summer, when the weather's better.
5. You said you're a nurse. What does your husband do?
6. I always try not to get involved in my brother's arguments with his wife.
7. I'm not very technical – I just learned how to send text messages.
8. My sister can turn her hand to anything. You name it, she can do it.
9. You must be exhausted – you've been working on that report for hours.
10. On Thursdays my mother takes care of the children and my husband and I spend the evening together.
11. My brother is divorced, but he still sees his ex-wife.
12. I have just heard about some research that is being carried out into the effects of divorce on children.
13. Can you look after my cat while I'm on holiday?
14. The use of the voice is one of the similarities between teaching and acting.
15. I've applied for a new job, but I don't know if I'll get it.
16. Last night there was a pile-up on the motorway, so I ended up not getting home till midnight.
17. My brother used to work in New York, but he's just heard he's being transferred to Croydon, so he's not very happy.
18. There has been a significant rise in unemployment, according to reports.
19. Do you think you could you stop your bloody dog barking all night?

B. Prepositions and adverbs

1. We were supposed to meet up at 8, but my train was late so I didn't get there until quarter past.
2. I've applied for a job on a ferry.
3. It was my turn to cook last night, but I got home so late we ended up getting takeaway pizza.
4. I haven't played tennis in years.

5. Mike's just heard he's being transferred to his company's New York office. He says he'll be really sad to leave London.
6. Simon's just been telling us about your holiday. It sounds fantastic.
7. I go to the gym about three times a week on average.
8. Our firm's involved in takeover talks at the moment, so I can't really take any time off.
9. I've been at the same firm since 2001.
10. His parents were so proud of him going to university that they bought him a car.
11. Don't worry about Petra – she can take care of herself.
12. Can you look after my bag while I nip to the loo?

C. The present continuous, the present perfect simple and the simple past

1. Oh no! I only (buy) bought this milk on Tuesday and it's already gone off.
2. I (meet) have met her a couple of times over the past few months.
3. We (go) went out for dinner last night to celebrate my pay raise.
4. We (save) have saved \$1,000 deposit for a new apartment already.
5. We (see) saw Brad at the party and he was asking after you.
6. David (pass) passed his driving test last week, so now he (look) is looking for a cheap second-hand car.
7. Sorry for not getting in touch earlier, but I (lose) have lost my mobile phone so I (have) had to get your number from Andy.
8. I (get) got this DVD last week, but we (see) have seen it already.
9. I (feel) am feeling a bit tired. Can we go out tomorrow instead?

Unit 2 – Yasmin

1 Pre-Listening Comprehension

A. Schema building

1. False – The capital of Pakistan is Karachi.
2. True
3. True
4. False – The modern state of Pakistan was founded in 1947.

C. Normalisation

1. by Underground ('by Tube')
2. Leeds and Birmingham

D. Anticipating the next word – aural

1. I think my father was reading a novel.
2. when she was at school she was brilliant at maths
3. my dad might have been in his late 30s
4. I think they were so courageous in er, in um, making this huge change.
5. I can remember in the late 60s the winters used to be freezing.
6. there'd be several feet of snow
7. I've only ever been to Pakistan once in my life.

2 Listening Comprehension

A. Gap-fill

1. Yasmin's parents have five girls and one boy.
2. Nasreen is the eldest child and Shazia is the youngest.
3. Yasmin's mum finds English names really difficult to pronounce.
4. The second oldest daughter's name is P-e-r-v-e-e-n.
5. Yasmin's brother's name is S-a-r-f-r-a-z.
6. The youngest daughter's name comes from a novel.
7. Her name is S-h-a-z-i-a.

B. True/False

1. T – 'my parents brought me over when I was four'
2. F – 'a village'
3. F – 'my father had six brothers.... And he was the eldest.'
4. T – 'he'd worked on the land since he was 12'
5. F – 'his feeling was that everybody would get a share of the land'

C. Gap-fill

1. Yasmin says a lot of British and French people in the Middle Ages left their countries because they wanted 'to see the wealth and taste the fruit' of other parts of the world.
2. Yasmin's parents came to England to benefit from the economy and to find work.
3. Yasmin's mother didn't want to come to Britain at first.
4. She had been brilliant at maths when she was at school.
5. However, she was not allowed to leave the village to pursue an education.
6. This is why she was passionate about her daughters being educated.
7. She felt her daughters would have more of an opportunity in Britain.

D. True/False

1. F – 'Maybe my mum was in her mid-30s...my dad might have been in his late 30s'.
2. T – 'I think they were so courageous in making this huge change...'
3. F – She talks about cold winters in the 1960s, not her parents being in their 60s.
4. T – 'the winters used to be freezing'
5. F – a passer-by, not a neighbour

E. Questions

1. Yasmin's father
2. a slice
3. Yasmin's mother
4. a farm
5. about six years ago
6. in the farm's orchard
7. 'succulent' and 'fresh'

4 Further Listening Practice

A. Recognising sentence stress

1. I've got two older sisters, then myself, and my brother and then two younger sisters.
2. my mum finds English names difficult
3. they wanted to see the um, wealth and taste the fruit of other parts of the world
4. so her brothers could leave
5. Actually they were not so young...
6. Maybe my mum was in her mid-thirties. My, my dad might have been in his late thirties.
7. the winters used to be freezing
8. my father brought one mango

9. I've only ever been to Pakistan once in my life...
10. and I was thinking, you know, there people sort of have...it's nothing to have three or four mangoes in one day

C. Linking

1. I've got two older sisters...
2. I think it's all to do with familiarity.
3. my mum finds English names difficult
4. he'd worked on the land
5. and taste the fruit of other parts of the world
6. because of the morality there, I suppose, pertaining to girls and women
7. I'll have to really work this out.
8. there'd be several feet of snow

D. Recognising individual words in a stream of speech – Dictation

1. I mean, for instance, my mum finds English names difficult
2. I think my father was reading a novel
3. my parents brought me over when I was four
4. she was not allowed to leave the village to pursue her education
5. and I can remember in the late 60s the winters used to be freezing
6. I can remember when I was about eight or nine, my father brought one mango
7. we all had a slice each and my mum didn't have one because she wanted us all to have more
8. I've only ever been to Pakistan once in my life

5 Further Language Development

A. Gap-fill

Interviewer: How did you (1) get here today?

Yasmin: Oh, I came (2) by tube.

Interviewer: OK. Seven Sisters?

Yasmin: That's (3) right, yeah. So um, (*coughs*) Neil's ever so (4) considerate, so he (5) showed me the route from his home 'cos I'm not (6) familiar with the area. So (7) last night we (8) took a walk. 'Cos we'd been, I'd been (9) sitting in the car from, from Leeds and then to Birmingham, so (*coughs*) the idea was (10) we'd have a stretch and um, have a little walk and so he, he wanted to show me the route from his home. And I'm (11) notorious for getting (12)

lost (*laughs*) and getting (13) confused with my left and my (14) right!

Interviewer: Well, I'll take you (15) back to the tube so you know you're safe.

B. Extension exercise

1. How are you getting home? Would you like a lift?
2. My best friend Claus is very considerate. He always remembers my birthday.
3. What's the best route to your house from the motorway?
4. When you've been sitting in front of the computer for hours it's a good idea to stand up and have a stretch.
5. My father is notorious for forgetting things. He even forgot my birthday!
6. Sorry, but I'm a bit confused. Please explain that again.
7. I find it very difficult to make time to relax. I tend to work too hard.
8. Have you come across a novel by Nicholas Drayson called *Confessing a Murder*? It's one of the best books I've ever read.
9. I think you'll find the word 'kir' in French rhymes with 'fear', not 'fir'.
10. Can you bring the rest of the shopping in from the car for me?
11. Until the Industrial Revolution in England, people used to work on the land, but then they started moving to the towns and cities.
12. A lot of people from Eastern Europe come to live in Britain to benefit from the higher wages here.
13. She's a really good actress, but she lacks motivation so she doesn't try hard enough to get work.
14. Ben didn't want to come to the party but I persuaded him by telling him there'd be lots of food!
15. My neighbour's son is brilliant at squash. He won the national under-15s championship last year.
16. When I was young we weren't allowed to have dessert until we'd eaten all our vegetables.
17. I can't work out how old Kim is. Is she 11 or 12?
18. When we were kids, we used to play terrible games like ringing people's doorbells and running away.
19. My key broke in the lock last night so I had to break a window to get in. Now I've got to find a locksmith who won't charge the earth.

20. I was struggling up the road with five bags of shopping yesterday afternoon when my neighbour stopped their car and offered me a lift. Wasn't that considerate?
21. The climate in New Zealand is similar to that of the UK, except the seasons are reversed.
22. Would you like another slice of cake?
23. Have you ever been to Seville? We're going there next week for a mini-break.
24. We've got masses of tomatoes growing in the garden. Would you like to take some home?

Unit 3 – Scott

1 Pre-Listening Comprehension

A. Schema building

1. True
2. False – The capital of Australia is Sydney.
3. False – Australia is the third-biggest country in the world.

C. Normalisation

1. I'm the middle child.
2. I've got an older brother and a younger sister.
3. He has travelled a little bit.
4. Also my sister, obviously the youngest, but the first to get married.
5. And they had their first overseas trip last year.

2 Listening Comprehension

A. Questions

1. She's 21. ('about two years in-between each child')
2. He's a travel agent.
3. Yes. ('and bought his own house')
4. about 1½ kilometres (Scott's brother lives half a kilometre from his parents and Scott's sister lives about a kilometre the other way from his parents.)
5. She got married. ('the first to get married')
6. 59 ('both sort of um, approaching 60 now')
7. They had never been overseas. ('they had their first overseas trip last year')
8. his mother ('I try to get on the phone to mum as often as I can')

B. True/False

1. F – 'her dad was from, was from a Scottish background, so his name was Fergus McAlpin. It doesn't get much more Scottish than that.'
2. F – 'certainly both my mother's parents were born in Australia.'
3. T – 'my dad's father was actually born in England. He moved to Australia when he was about 15.'
4. T – 'And I'm lucky that my grandparent was born in England...' singular, not plural
5. F – 'I'm lucky that my grandparent was born in England 'cos that, that's allowed me to get the ancestral visa to stay here.'
6. F – 'they were typical grandparents... spoiling their grandchildren and taking them to McDonald's at any opportunity.'

7. T – 'I guess they had their children reasonably late for their generation...'
8. F – 'And they all passed away within about four or five years of each other...'
9. T – 'And they all passed away within about four or five years of each other which um, in a way was, was really good 'cos you can see that um, when one's left for a long time they can tend to get quite lonely, so it wasn't such a bad thing to see them um, all go off very happy and after a good life.'

4 Further Listening Practice

A. Recognising sentence stress

1. I come from a family of five...
2. so three children and I'm the middle child
3. so I've got an older brother and a younger sister
4. and a mother and a father who are still both alive
5. Also my sister, obviously the youngest, but the first to get married.
6. And my parents are both sort of um, approaching 60 now.
7. and I'm lucky that my grandparent was born in England
8. I guess they had their children reasonably late for their um, generation
9. my parents certainly had us quite late for their generation

B. Recognising individual words in a stream of speech – Dictation

1. and a mother and a father who are still both alive
2. back home, where he was born and grew up
3. Also my sister, obviously the youngest, but the first to get married.
4. I try to get on the phone to mum as often as I can because I know she appreciates it and does miss me

C. Rising and falling intonation

1. I come from a family of five[up]...
2. and a younger sister[down]
3. and my parents are both sort of um, approaching 60 now[up]
4. And they had their first overseas trip last year[down].
5. all my grandparents are now deceased[down]
6. certainly as a child I had four grandparents[up]

5 Further Language Development

A. Extension exercise

1. I don't like it when my brother and his wife argue because I always get caught in the middle.
2. You have to put in a lot of effort to learn a language.
3. One of the perks of being a travel agent is that you get a discount on flights and package trips.
4. I was born in Ankara, but I grew up in Istanbul.
5. We ended up not getting home till gone midnight.
6. Mia is leaving work in September because she's expecting a baby.
7. We're really grateful to you for letting us stay with you and it was great to see you both again.
8. I'm sorry, she's on the phone. Can she call you back?
9. My grandfather really appreciates you doing his shopping now he can't drive any more.
10. I love living in New York, but I do miss my family and friends back in Britain.
11. I'm usually really lucky at cards.
12. I think you need a visa to work in the USA.
13. My grandfather on my mother's side unfortunately passed away before I was born.
14. London can be a very lonely place, even though you're always surrounded by loads of people.

B. The present simple and continuous, the simple past and the present perfect simple

1. Have you got any aspirin? I think I (get) am getting a headache.
2. This is the third time I (have) have had French fries this week!
3. I always (sing) sing when I'm in the shower.
4. Paul (stay) stayed at our place last night.
5. Robert (walk) is walking from Land's End to John O'Groats this coming summer to raise money for charity.
6. Generally I (read) read when I'm on the train, but I was so tired last time I (take) took one that I (fall) fell asleep even before the train had left the station.
7. I (get) am getting really fed up with work. I (think) think it's time I (got) get another job.
8. We (not see) have not seen Simon since he (go) went to work in Spain. Is he still there, do you know?

9. Paul (give up) has given up smoking at last. I'm really proud of him. I never (think) thought he'd do it.
10. We (have) are having a party next Saturday. Can you make it? It (be) has been ages since we last (meet) met.

C. Transformations

1. Don't forget – I shall be following your progress closely. (close)
2. He's not a difficult child, but he is very lively. I don't know where he gets his energy! (alive)
3. A lot of younger people in Britain think marriage is a bit old-fashioned these days. (married)
4. The 19th century saw the growth of the middle classes in Europe. (grew)
5. I don't like travelling. I prefer to stay at home. (travelled)
6. Can't you work it out? The answer's obvious. (obviously)
7. This road's so bumpy. I wish they'd fill in all the potholes. (bump)
8. I love this time of year when the leaves start turning red and yellow. (turns)
9. We're trying to eat more healthily these days, so we have lots of salads and fresh fruit and vegetables. (health)
10. My brother's studying photography at art school. (photos)
11. My grandmother always took great pride in her appearance. (proudly)
12. Missing you already! (miss)
13. In Germany universities students show their appreciation of a good lecture by banging the tables with their knuckles. (appreciates)
14. Thank you very much for all your support over the past few weeks. (supporting)
15. This is the actual spot where I tripped. You can see how uneven the sidewalk is. (actually)
16. James was very spoiled as a child because he was the only boy with four elder sisters. (spoiling)
17. What is the meaning of the Latin saying 'Carpe diem'? (mean)
18. We guessed you'd be hungry when you got home so we ordered a pizza. (guess)
19. The asking price is £250,000, but that's quite reasonable for a house in this area. (reasonably)
20. Wishing you good health and happiness in the coming year. (happy)

Unit 4 – Carol

1 Pre-Listening Comprehension

A. Schema building

1. False – The currency of the Republic of Ireland is the Irish pound, or punt.
2. True
3. False – The patron saint of the Republic of Ireland is St. Paul.

2 Listening Comprehension

A. True/False

1. T – She has a sister and a brother here and two sisters at home and a brother at home.
2. T – Interviewer: ‘So you still call Ireland home?’ Carol: ‘Oh yeah. Always will be.’
3. F – She grew up ‘just outside the city centre, but it was Dublin’.
4. F – They lived in a two-bedroomed house.
5. T – ‘We slept in a drawer.’
6. T – She says her older sister is 54, 10 years older than her.
7. F – The interviewer asks if Carol gets on well with her sister over here and Carol replies ‘No! No, not at all. She then says she sees her ‘as little as possible’.
8. F – Carol says she goes back to Ireland ‘probably twice a year’.

B. Questions

1. Thomas and James
2. her police training
3. She likes the people she works with.
4. bored
5. Yes (‘Better than what she was paid in her last job.’)
6. in the law courts
7. Kim’s brother James
8. his teeth
9. He’s a pub manager.

4 Further Language Development

A. Extension exercise

1. I grew up in Southampton, but I moved to London when I was 18.
2. We live five minutes from the station, so it’s very handy for getting to work.
3. It’s impossible to drive into the city centre on Saturdays because the traffic’s so bad.
4. I’m lucky because I get on well with everyone I work with.
5. What time did you get home on Friday?

6. I was paid £8 an hour in my last job, but I get £10 an hour here.
7. Pavel is very laid back. He never gets stressed about anything.
8. I can’t open this drawer. It seems to be stuck.
9. My cousin is training to become a journalist.
10. I’m still at work. I’ll call you when I’m leaving.
11. We used to go fishing here when I was a kid.
12. Tell me about your holiday. Anders said you’d been to Seville. I bet it was fantastic, wasn’t it?
13. I’m so bored. Can’t we go out or something?
14. I find Pierre very moody. Sometimes he’s really friendly and you can have a nice chat and then the next day he won’t even say hello.

B. Prepositions and adverbs

1. What’s your book about?
2. Have you heard what happened to Tim on holiday?
3. I’m going to stay in tonight. I’m too tired to go out.
4. Sorry, I left my homework at home.
5. There’s a fantastic Thai restaurant in the city centre, so we could go there if you like.
6. Why don’t you come over here and sit with us?
7. I’m very lucky because I get on well with my wife’s parents.
8. How long did you spend in Sweden?
9. I don’t often go out during the week because I have to get up early to go to work.
10. What does your girlfriend work as?
11. I haven’t seen Paul since he started going out with Susanna.
12. I’m getting bored with work. I think it’s time I looked for another job.
13. The Government is trying to encourage students to stay in school until they’re 18.
14. I’m not used to going so fast. Could you slow down a bit, please?
15. Doesn’t Sarah look like her mother?
16. David’s mum is the manager of the gym I used to go to.

Unit 5 – Barbara

1 Pre-Listening Comprehension

A. Schema building

1. True
2. False – Germany shares borders with four other European countries.
3. True
4. False – Germany does not have any beaches.

2 Listening Comprehension

A. Questions

1. Isenberg
2. Linnebornweg
3. 33100
4. 05251 55229

B. Gap-Fill

1. Barbara's husband comes from Chile.
2. Barbara's two sons are 14 and 17 years old.
3. Barbara says her sons are very lively.
4. They love playing with computers.
5. Barbara's husband works in computing which is why they have five computers at home.
6. She has never played games on a computer.

C. True/False

1. T – 'he came over on a scholarship to study electrical engineering' [sic – electrical engineering]
2. T – Barbara says it's almost their silver wedding as they've been married for 23 years.
3. F – They live in a flat.
4. F – 'He's working as an organist in church.'
5. F – 'he's specialising in writing books on organs all over the world' i.e., He writes non-fiction books, not novels.

4 Further Language Development

A. Extension exercise

1. My husband comes from Pakistan.
2. I've got quite a lot of cake left. Would you like to take some home?
3. We are celebrating our silver wedding anniversary next year. Honestly, after 25 years with James I think I deserve a medal!
4. My wife works in banking and I'm self-employed.

5. The reason I want to quit my job, to be honest, is that I know I could get much more money working somewhere else.
6. My father retired last year and now he spends all his time gardening.
7. We have been married for six years, but we've actually known each other for nearly 10 years.
8. My husband's very romantic. He buys me flowers every Friday because that's the day we met.
9. Her children are very lively. They never stop bouncing around. I'd love to know where they get their energy from!
10. Who's Petra going out with at the moment?
11. I saw Kim in the market today, by chance.
12. How do you spell your surname? Is it with one T or two Ts?
13. Sam's really good with figures, so we're both hoping he'll be an accountant when he grows up and look after us in our old age.
14. We've just got a studio flat at the moment so we're looking for somewhere bigger now that I'm pregnant.
15. My cousin's eldest boy is a professional footballer down in London.
16. I knew Victoria Beckham before she was famous.

B. Transformations

1. These aren't wrinkles – they're laughter lines! (line)
2. Stop playing computer games and go out and get some fresh air! (play)
3. I honestly think you shouldn't wear brown. It doesn't suit your colouring. (honest)
4. I've been working so hard for the last few weeks that last night I stayed in and indulged myself with a hot bath and a tub of ice cream. (indulge)
5. The atmosphere was electric. (electronical)
6. Is Julian going to be at the meeting? (met)
7. They say the art of romance is dead, but I don't believe that for a minute! (romantic)
8. Do you have an account with us, madam? (accountant)
9. One of the best things about taking early retirement is that you're still fit enough to do all those things you wanted to do but never had time for when you were working. (retired)
10. Both my sister's children are very musical, but my two are both tone deaf. (musician)
11. I still think teaching is a good profession for a young woman. (professional)

12. He went to seek his fame and fortune in Hong Kong when he was a young man.
(famous)
13. Have you invited Petra to the party?
(invitations)
14. What's the difference between Cheddar cheese and Monterey Jack? (different)
15. My cousin works in a hospital in Chicago.
He's a specialist in mental health.
(specialises)

ANSWER KEY – A Typical Day

Unit 6 – Andrew

1 Pre-Listening Comprehension

A. Schema building

1. True
2. False – The world's first metro system – the London Underground – was created in 1883 and it is still expanding
3. False – The population of London is around 12 million
4. True

C. Normalisation

1. The interview probably takes place on a weekday evening.
2. It takes Andrew about 30 minutes to get ready to leave for work in the morning.
3. He takes the train to Finsbury Park.
4. He usually has to wait about 20 minutes for the train from Finsbury Park.
5. He works in Welwyn Garden City.

2 Listening Comprehension

A. Questions

1. He says he gets to work at 20 to 8-ish, but logically he means 20 to 9-ish.
2. He has breakfast.
3. Because it's been very busy (at work).
4. No. He goes to Greggs (a famous chain of bakeries) or a sandwich place and has a baguette or something (i.e. something similar to a baguette).
5. from 2 to 5.30 / for 3½ hours
6. Yes. ('sometimes I've had to stay late')
7. at 10 to 6 / at 5.50
8. 6.20 (If he misses the first one [the 5.50] he says the next one is half an hour later.)
9. It's a five-minute walk.
10. at about 6.30
11. No. ('once I get in usually my dinner's ready')
12. friends

B. Gap-fill

1. Because Andrew is on a placement year, he has some assignments to do.
2. The university likes him to keep a logbook which he has to update regularly.
3. He has also got to write an essay.
4. If Andrew doesn't go out or study, he'll watch a film at home.
5. He has a laptop in his bedroom with a games console.

6. He normally goes out on a Saturday and sees his friends.
7. Sometimes he goes to the park with his friends.
8. If he doesn't go out on a Saturday, that means he must be ill.

C. Questions

Interviewer: OK. You said you've got um, you've got three groups (**1 different groups**) of friends. What, what are they – friends from college (**2 school**) or friends from university, or...?

Andrew: There's... well, the friends from university are in Ferringham (**3 Birmingham**), but I do go up (**4 pop up**) and see them every now and then, like, like this year, 'cos I'm not in Birmingham this month (**5 this year**), obviously. Um, but I've got people from college, got guys (**6 people**) I met er... I used to go to scouts and there's people that I still sort of speak to (**7 talk to**) from that and er, other people I've met along the way, that I sort of hang out with.

Interviewer: Right. You talked about hanging out in the past (**8 the park**). Do you, do you go out dancing (**9 clubbing**) or?

Andrew: Oh, um, yeah, we go to the bar (**10 the pub**) quite a lot er, sort of. By the park I meant like er, we'll go down the Marshes. Sorry, I should have elaborated on that. We'll go down the Marshes and we might play Frisbee or something. Might just sit around and talk. Er, to keep ourselves busy (**11 occupied**), really. Just have fun.

Interviewer: Not getting into trouble.

Andrew: Not getting into trouble, no! Too good (**12 Too old**) for that.

4 Further Listening Practice

A. Recognising individual words in a stream of speech – Dictation

1. But the past few days I haven't been having lunch
2. the one after that's half an hour later
3. once I get in usually my dinner's ready
4. they want me to keep a logbook of what I'm doing
5. I'm pretty much always out on a Saturday

B. Features of an East London accent

1. Not pronouncing the initial letter **h-** of words

That give me exactly 'alf an hour to get ready...

*I don't usually 'ave breakfast then
I take the whole hour if I do 'ave lunch
a separate essay that I 'ave to do*

2. The glottal stop

I get up at seven o'clock every day.

Welwyn Garden City where I work

relax for a bit

the one after that's half an hour later

once I get in

I'm pretty much always out on a Saturday.

5 Further Language Development

A. Extension exercise

1. I've just made a pot of coffee. Would you like a cup?
2. Aren't you ready to go yet? We said we'd leave 10 minutes ago.
3. How do you get to work? Bus or Tube?
4. What would you like me to bring to the party? I don't want to turn up empty-handed.
5. I find the best way to relax is to read in the bath.
6. I'm a bit cold. Can you put the heating on?
7. It's really busy at work at the moment because so many people are off with 'flu.
8. She's got a two-hour gap between appointments on Tuesday, so we could have the meeting then.
9. We need to update our computer system. We're still using Windows 98.
10. I don't go out now as much as I used to when I was a student.
11. I don't like staying in on a Friday night – do you?
12. I need to pop out to the shop for some bread, but I'll be back soon.
13. She met Pierre when she was on holiday in Paris.
14. Usually on a Saturday night I just hang out with friends and have a laugh.
15. Sorry, I should have told you I'm a vegetarian. I'll be fine with just the salad.
16. We didn't go out in the end. We just sat around and talked.

B. The present perfect simple and the present perfect continuous

1. You (wear) have been wearing that shirt since Monday. I think it needs washing.
2. Jill (lose) has lost 10 kilos since she went on that diet.

3. (see) Have you seen the new Toy Story film yet?
4. I (try) have been trying to write this report since last week and I still (not finish) haven't finished it.
5. We (not have) haven't had a holiday since 2008.
6. Paul (take) has been taking a lot of time off work lately. I think I'd better have a word with him.
7. I (have) have had five interviews this month.
8. We (wait) have been waiting for hours!
9. Our neighbours (not speak) haven't spoken to us since we complained about their dog barking.
10. I know this will come as a shock, Dad, but I (decide) have decided to quit work and go back to university.
11. Sorry for not getting in touch, but I (feel) have been feeling a bit low lately.
12. You can go out when you (finish) have finished the washing up.

C. Transformations

1. I don't think your cunning plan is (work) working!
2. Have you (get) got some spare change, please?
3. Oh no! A filling's just fallen out of my (teeth) tooth!
4. Is it (usually) usual to have Yorkshire pudding with roast lamb?
5. Chris is (train) training for the New York marathon at the moment.
6. This is the (early) earliest meeting I've ever had.
7. Have you (bring) brought your swimming trunks?
8. You should try yoga. It's very (relax) relaxing.
9. These figures need (update) updating when you've got a moment.
10. My parents (separate) separated when I was 10.
11. Have you (work) worked out the answer yet?
12. I haven't (feeling) felt this tired in ages.

Unit 7 – Tammy

1 Pre-Listening Comprehension

A. Schema building

1. True
2. False – The population of Canada is around 60 million.
3. True
4. False – The largest city in Canada is Vancouver.
5. True

C. Normalisation

1. at about quarter to seven
2. at least two dogs
3. She has a shower.
4. her dogs

2 Listening Comprehension

A. True/False

1. F – ‘sometimes have breakfast, sometimes don’t, depends on how I feel’
2. F – ‘I sit and watch the morning news’
3. T – ‘I go to work about quarter to eight, ten to eight’
4. F – ‘once I get to work I find out what we’re doing’
5. T – ‘Don’t tend to have a break in the morning ’cos it tends to be non-stop or there’s always problems to sort out.’

B. Gap-Fill

Typically get about 10, 15 minutes for lunch and then get back, back to it and send early if I can and try to get patients through as quickly and as efficiently as possible. Try to have a bit of a laugh with them ’cos they usually come up they’re quite scared. Er, once the last patient’s out, I make sure everything’s OK in Recovery, get changed, go home, take the dogs out for a walk.

C. Questions

1. tired/exhausted
2. hockey and rugby
3. 12/midnight
4. four hours
5. a couple of hours

4 Further Listening Practice

A. ‘cos instead of because in fast, informal spoken English

give the dogs a bit of milk ‘cos that’s what they’re waiting for

Don’t tend to have a break in the morning ‘cos it tends to be non-stop or there’s always problems to sort out

Tammy: I’ll be lucky if I get four hours’ sleep!

Interviewer: Why?

Tammy: ‘Cos I just don’t sleep very well.

B. Two classic intonation patterns

1. Intonation for lists

‘We’d like three coffees[up], two teas[up] and a Coke[down], please.’

‘I know Germany quite well. I’ve been to Berlin[up], Hamburg[up], Dresden[up] and Leipzig[down].’

2. Intonation for statements

1. I get up about quarter to seven[up]
2. might go to rugby, depending on how I’m feeling[down]
3. I get up and have a shower and then I get dressed[up]
4. and then go to bed
5. give the dogs a bit of milk ’cos that’s what they’re waiting for[up]
6. sit and watch the morning news[up]
7. I’ll be lucky if I get four hours’ sleep[down]
8. once I get to work I find out what we’re doing[up]

C. Features of a Canadian accent: *en* instead of *and*

I get up and have a shower

then get back, back to it and send early if I can and try to get patients through as quickly and as efficiently as possible

D. Features of a Canadian accent 2: leaving off the final -g of words ending in -ing

OK. I get up about quarter to seven in the mornin’. The dogs don’t wake me up. They don’t get out of bed till I make coffee.

I sit and watch the mornin’ news...

E. Features of a Canadian accent 3: ‘em instead of them in fast speech

Depending on how knackered I am, I’ll take ‘em for a long walk or a short walk.

F. Features of a Canadian accent 4: *couple of and coffee*

It's just I only need a coupla [couple of] hours usually...

they don't get out of bed till I make coffee

G. Recognising individual words in a stream of speech – Dictation

1. The dogs don't wake me up.
2. They don't get out of bed till I make coffee.
3. find out what's going on
4. once I get to work I find out what we're doing
5. send for the first patient as soon as it's ready
6. there's always problems to sort out
7. try to have a bit of a laugh with them

H. Recognising sentence stress

1. I get up about quarter to seven in the morning.
2. I get up and have a shower.
3. give the dogs a bit of milk
4. there's always problems to sort out
5. typically get about 10, 15 minutes for lunch
6. try to have a bit of a laugh with them
7. I'll be lucky if I get four hours' sleep.

5 Further Language Development

A. Extension exercise

1. I want to hear all about your holiday from start to finish.
2. Please don't wake me up before 10 o'clock.
3. I only get out of bed when my husband's finished in the shower.
4. On a Sunday I don't get dressed after my shower. I just put on my dressing gown.
5. I don't go out every Friday – it depends on what kind of day I've had.
6. Why are the police here? What's going on?
7. I tend to get home at about 6 o'clock most days.
8. Simone has a few problems she needs to sort out. She'll be joining us later.
9. How long do you get for lunch at your place?
10. Please be as quiet as you can. I don't want the kids to wake up.
11. I know Rob seems a bit scary at first, but you can really have a laugh with him when you get to know him. He's really funny.

12. My sister is so scared of going to the dentist that she tends to put off going for ages, even if she's in pain.
13. Once I've finished doing the ironing I'm going out in the garden.
14. Why do I need to get changed? It's only a barbecue.
15. Depending on how I feel when I get up, I either walk or drive to work.
16. I'm not coming out tonight – I'm too knackered.
17. We went for a walk in the forest on Sunday. It was too hot to run.
18. I've been having problems reading small print. I think I need to get glasses.
19. I can manage a couple of nights without much sleep, but then it catches up with me.

B. Transformations

1. Have the kids (wake) woken up yet?
2. The weather forecast said we'd have sunny spells and (shower) showers today.
3. I used to love (dress) dressing up in my mother's clothes when I was a girl.
4. Do you want to have my coffee instead? It's too (milk) milky for me.
5. Have you (find) found out where it is yet?
6. I spent the weekend (sort) sorting out my clothes for the holiday.
7. Can you walk a bit (quickly) quicker? I said we'd be there by 8.
8. Stop (laugh) laughing at me!
9. What's the (scared) scariest film you've ever seen?
10. Where's the (change) changing room, please?
11. I left my keys at work yesterday, but (lucky) luckily Sam was in when I got home.
12. I had a great holiday, but Dominic (catches) caught a cold, so he was a bit miserable.
13. Have you got any aspirin? I think I am (get) getting a headache.

C. The first conditional

1. If I (see) see another dress like it I (get) will get (I'll get) it for your birthday.
2. I (bring) will bring (I'll bring) the salad if you (get) get the meat.
3. If you (want) want to go home I (give) will give (I'll give) you a lift.
4. I'm sure it (be) will be (it'll be) cheaper if we (go) go by car.
5. If you (get) get to the station before 9.30, they (not let) will not let (won't let) you use your travelcard.

6. I (bring) will bring (I'll bring) your book back next week if I (remember) remember.
7. If I (see) see Siri I (tell) will tell (I'll tell) her you were asking after her.
8. I (give) will give (I'll give) you \$100 if you (pass) pass your driving test.
9. If the tickets (cost) cost more than £20 I (not go) will not go (I won't go).
10. If you (stay) stay in the sun much longer you (get) you will get (you'll get) sunstroke.

D. Phrasal verbs

1. I need to get up early tomorrow because I've got a doctor's appointment at 8.15.
2. Wake up! You're snoring!
3. Can you wait for me? I've just got to make a quick phone call.
4. I need to stay in tonight because I've got to catch up on some work.
5. Did you find out what time the train leaves?
6. I really need to sort out this drawer. I can't find anything.

Unit 8 – Caroline and Martin

1 Pre-Listening Comprehension

B. Normalisation

1. at 9am
2. at 8am
3. six
4. 49

2 Listening Comprehension

A. True/False

1. F – The interviewer says ‘and you’re sharing a house together?’ Caroline and Martin both reply ‘Yeah’.
2. F – ‘in the West End’
3. T – Caroline says ‘I work there as well doing the lighting...’
4. F – ‘No, much shorter.’
5. T – ‘Some days I have to go in for 10 o’clock in the morning...’
6. T – ‘I still do a six-day week...’
7. F – ‘If I’m at the Opera House sometimes I start at 7.30 in the morning and finish at 10.30 at night.’
8. F – ‘Er, no. I can, I could sleep. I could sleep for a very long time.’
9. F – The interviewer says ‘And you have to get the Tube into work?’ Caroline replies ‘Yeah’.
10. T – ‘Sometimes, if I’ve worked later the night before, um, and I don’t need to be in ’till much later, then I’ll leave it until about midday or one o’clock.’
11. F – ‘So you don’t have breakfast together.’ ‘No’ ‘No’

B. Gap-Fill

1. If Caroline’s working at the Royal Opera House she has an hour’s break from 2.30pm and sometimes Martin’s available at the same time.
2. They often meet on a Friday because Martin finishes his maintenance work by 5.30pm and Caroline is free between 6 and 7pm.
3. They have dinner in the Royal Opera House canteen because they get served quickly, it’s nice and relaxing and there is a great view.
4. From the Royal Opera House canteen you can see the London Eye and Big Ben.
5. It normally takes Martin about five minutes to walk to the Royal Opera House from his theatre.
6. On a Saturday it takes him longer because the streets are so crowded.

7. After they finish work, they travel home by Tube.
8. They get to back to Walthamstow at about 11pm.
9. Every night when they get home they watch a programme called Family Guy.
10. The last thing they do before they go to bed is feed their cats.
11. Martin had to work at weekends, but Caroline normally has Sunday(s) off.
12. Sometimes Caroline has to work overnight.

C. Note-taking

Caroline: ...last Saturday it was fun. I started at 10 o’clock in the morning – Saturday morning. Um, and then I worked through till half-past two.

Interviewer: Right.

Caroline: Um. Then I had a three-hour break um, and then I went down into the studio theatre at the Opera House, started there at 5pm, finished the show at half-past 10 and then we had to take the set down and put it in a um, in a lorry er, and we didn’t get out of there...didn’t get home until 7 o’clock in the morning. So I couldn’t sleep because you’re buzzing at the end of a night like that.

Interviewer: So you worked 20 hours, or more.

Caroline: Yeah.

Interviewer: Gosh!

Caroline: I wasn’t awake for all 20 hours! I did fall asleep between shifts. (*laughs*)

Interviewer: OK.

Caroline: Grab sleep where you can. (*laughs*)

4 Further Listening Practice

A. Features of spoken English: elision and the glottal stop stress

1. you’ve recently moved back to London, I think
2. Sometimes I won’t be in till half-six in the evening.
3. It depends on, on what I’m supposed to be doing.
4. I get up er, oh, well, I tend to get up about 8...
5. There’s a lot of days at the moment where I’m starting work at 9 or 10 in the morning.
6. Sometimes, if I’ve worked later the night before, um, and I don’t need to be in till much later, then I’ll leave it until about midday or one o’clock.

7. the cut-off time is about 2.30, so I get an hour's break then
8. so we've got about an hour to spend with each other
9. We get served there quickly.
10. And then I worked through till half-past two
11. and then I went down into the studio theatre at the Opera House
12. and then we had to take the set down and put it in a um, in a lorry
13. and we didn't get out of there... didn't get home until 7 o'clock in the morning
14. So I couldn't sleep because you're buzzing at the end of a night like that.

B. Contractions

1. Now um, you two, you've recently moved back to London, I think, from Leicester...
2. We didn't live too far away so it wasn't too bad, was it?
3. No, I'd be in for 9 o'clock on a normal day, so I'd wake up at about half-seven?
4. The working day normally won't start until about 2 o'clock.
5. but generally without fail we'll finish at about half-ten at night
6. a lot of it's 9 o'clock in the morning till 10 o'clock at night
7. If I'm at the Opera House sometimes I start at 7.30 in the morning...
8. it just depends on what job I'm doing
9. Sometimes, if I've worked later the night before, um, and I don't need to be in till much later, then I'll leave it until about midday or one o'clock.
10. So you don't have breakfast together.
11. so we've got about an hour to spend with each other
12. Oh, that's your favourite programme?
13. I'm normally free on a Sunday. That's normally my day off.
14. I wasn't awake for all 20 hours.

C. Recognising individual words in a stream of speech 1 – Dictation

1. we could work up to 49 hours every week
2. I work there as well doing the lighting.
3. so sometimes we meet up between shows
4. There's a lot of days at the moment where I'm starting work at 9 or 10 in the morning.
5. depends on what job I'm doing
6. And it's nice and relaxing and it has a lovely view.

7. I'm normally free on a Sunday. That's normally my day off.
8. Or recovering from doing an overnight shift.
9. I wasn't awake for all 20 hours! I did fall asleep between shifts.

D. Recognising individual words in a stream of speech 2 – Simplification

1. I also work at the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden...
2. but generally without fail we'll finish at about half-ten at night...
3. that's a hassle, especially at that time in the morning
4. It depends on, on what I'm supposed to be doing.
5. ...but not...obviously not on a Thursday

E. Recognising individual words in a stream of speech 3 – Weak forms

1. for

1. I'd be in for 9 o'clock on a normal day...
2. Did you get overtime for that?
3. some days I have to go in for 10 o'clock in the morning
4. in time for me to have dinner
5. we normally make it back to Walthamstow for about 11 o'clock

2. and

1. And I do... I work there as well doing the lighting and I also work at the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden doing the lighting on the main stage and in their studio theatre as well.
2. Anywhere between 9 and 10...
3. And it's nice and relaxing and it has a lovely view.
4. and then we had to take the set down and put it in a um, in a lorry

3. to

1. Leave at about half-past eight to be in and ready to start work at 9.
2. Well, I tend to get up about 8...
3. where you come over to the Opera House and he comes up to the canteen
4. We go to the Opera House canteen...
5. How long does it take you to walk to Caroline's...to the Royal Opera House?

4. from

1. Now um, you two, you've recently moved back to London, I think, from Leicester
2. Or ridiculously long days, from 9 in the morning till 10 at night.

3. Um, you can see Battersea Power Station **from** there.

5 Further Language Development

A. Extension exercise

1. I've been putting on a lot of weight **recently** so I need to go on a diet.
2. We **have** to **get up** early tomorrow morning to catch our flight to Moscow.
3. It's **too bad** you can't make it to the party.
4. Are you **ready** to leave yet?
5. If we do **overtime** on a Saturday we get paid double.
6. According to my **contract** I should work a maximum of 35 hours a week, but my boss seems to have forgotten that.
7. Because I'm not used to getting a **salary** every month, I generally run out of money by the third week.
8. We're driving down together and **sharing** the cost of the petrol.
9. Aren't you **supposed** to be at work today?
10. We **tend** to spend Christmas with my parents and New Year's with Andre's parents.
11. It's a bit of a **hassle** getting to my dentist because he lives the other side of London so you **have** to take the Tube and then two buses to get there.
12. What do you get if you **add** £11.50 to £16.25?
13. I'm **supposed** to finish work at 5, but I often work later to avoid travelling home during the **rush** hour.
14. Our cat is so **lazy**! He just sleeps all day, apart from when he's eating.
15. Why don't you have a **break**? You've been working on that report for hours.

B. Transformations

1. Would you mind (move) **moving** your feet so I can sit down?
2. The surgeon who (performances) **performed** the operation used to work with my father.
3. I think it's (ridiculously) **ridiculous** that the Tubes in London stop running so early at night.
4. (Live) **Life** would be very boring without the Internet.
5. We are (contract) **contracted** to work a 35-hour week.
6. We weren't very hungry so we just (share) **shared** a pizza.
7. What (varies) **variety** is your dog?

8. I very (rare) **rarely** go out during the week because I'm always too tired.
9. We're not sure if we can get tickets for that day. We need to check the (available) **availability**.
10. The (served) **service** was appalling! We had to wait nearly an hour for our starters.
11. Sam seems much more (relaxing) **relaxed** now that he's changed jobs, don't you think?
12. I prefer watching football on telly rather than going to matches because I don't like (crowded) **crowds**.
13. As I was (steps) **stepping** off the sidewalk my shoe came off and then a car ran over it!
14. We normally do our (feed) **food** shopping in the local supermarket.
15. It was supposed to be a comedy, but I didn't find it very (fun) **funny**.

C. Colloquial English

1. We're thinking **of** going to Spain **for** our next holiday.
2. Why don't you give me a call **in** the morning when you know what's happening?
3. I normally go shopping **on** a Thursday.
4. Yesterday I worked **until** 10pm.
5. I start work at 8 and then I work **through** to lunchtime without a break.
6. I'm only **on** a temporary contract **at** the moment so I've started to apply **for** other jobs.
7. What does your boyfriend work **as**?
8. I'm working **on** a new project at work which is very exciting.
9. We're having dinner **with** friends tomorrow, but we're free **on** Saturday.
10. I normally get **to** work **by** 9 **at** the latest.
11. Would you like to go **out with** me?
12. Why don't you come **over** to our place tonight?
13. Make sure you get back **in** time **for** dinner!
14. Our friends have got a cottage **in** the middle of the village **of** Romsey, so we often go and visit them.
15. The hotel was wonderful. We could see the sea **from** our window!
16. Anneke's just got **back** from Chile. I can't wait to hear all **about** her trip.
17. I normally have one day **off** a month.
18. Don't be sad! It's not the end **of** the world!
19. Can you put your suitcase **in** the car? It's nearly time to go.
20. I was sitting **between** Jack and Bernie so there wasn't a lot **of** room.

Unit 9 – Anne

1 Pre-Listening Comprehension

A. Schema building

1. True
2. False – Crete is the largest island in the Mediterranean.
3. True
4. False – The traditional Greek specialty, feta cheese, is white and sweet.

C. Normalisation

1. in the morning
2. three
3. about an hour

2 Listening Comprehension

A. Gap-fill

1. Basically you're there if anybody needs you or wants you.
2. There may be some complaints that you have to deal with.
3. Sometimes people just want to chat.
4. They want to tell Anne what they've been doing.
5. Anne also liaises with the hotel owners.
6. Anne has a break in the middle of the day before returning in the evening and doing the same thing.
7. Sometimes Anne takes bookings for excursions and deals with any problems people have with their rooms, etc.
8. For example sometimes people are situated over a bar and they want to move.

B. Sentence completion

1. Next Anne talks about airport duty days.
2. She's told where she will be picked up.
3. She turns up and collects the coach.
4. She then takes people to the airport.
5. She makes sure they're checked in OK.
6. She then waits for the flight she's been given to bring back.
7. She makes sure people are dropped off at the right places.
8. On a Friday Anne begins work at midnight.
9. She then finishes at about eight o'clock in the morning.

C. True/False

1. T – 'So sometimes you're working all through the night, then.' 'Yeah'
2. F – 'the next day is welcome meeting day'

3. T – 'if I worked through the night on a Friday, I'd visit my...do my duties, visit the hotels in the morning, but then as soon as I've finished at lunchtime, I have the afternoon and evening off'
4. F – 'so that's when I would go to bed, visit the beach, that sort of thing...'
5. F – 'I usually schedule welcome meetings um, to start around lunchtime'

4 Further Language Development

A. Extension exercise

1. Aren't you ready yet? It's nearly half-past and I said we'd be there at eight.
2. You're spending a lot of time in the library these days. What's up? Are you in love with the librarian or something?
3. After we dropped Marco off at his place, we drove back to my place and had a coffee.
4. The customer services manager is responsible for dealing with complaints from customers.
5. I think there should be a special tax for dog owners to pay for pavement cleaning.
6. Why don't you go to bed? You look exhausted.
7. Julie's the richest person I know. She owns properties all over London. She buys places that need a lot of work, gets the work done and then sells them on at a huge profit.
8. I think you should have a break now. You've been sitting at that computer for hours.
9. She said she needed to see me urgently, but then it turned out she just wanted to chat about her new boyfriend.
10. My job is to liaise between the customers and the suppliers, so I spend most of my time on the phone.
11. When we went to Malaga we went on excursions every other day; otherwise it just gets too boring, lying on the beach all day.
12. What have you been doing since we last met?
13. Stefan picked me up in his car at 7 and then we drove to Lansdowne Park and met the others there.
14. Do you know your flight number? Once we've got that we can find out where you need to check in.
15. Are you sure you've got the right number? This is 020 8523 6592.
16. Are you doing anything special next Friday? It's just I've got the day off and I thought it'd be nice if we could do something together.

B. Transformations

1. I don't (normal) normally go out on Friday evening. I just have a quiet night in.
2. We (spending) spent most of our holiday decorating our spare bedroom, so I was exhausted when I went back to work.
3. Do stop (complaints) complaining!
4. Have you (telling) told your mother what happened at school today?
5. My grandparents (owners) owned a sweetshop when we were little, so that was perfect.
6. I've (bookings) booked tickets for that new musical for Yuko's birthday.
7. What's the (situated) situation with Markus and Helga? Are they back together again?
8. She gave me very (details) detailed instructions on how to get there, but we still got lost.
9. We often go out (picked) picking mushrooms in the woods in the autumn.
10. What time do we need to (checked) check in?
11. What's the (different) difference between a Kiwi fruit and a Chinese gooseberry?
12. What's your estimated time of (arrive) arrival?
13. When we used to live in London we always got a lot of (visit) visitors.
14. We'll be there soon! We're just (finished) finishing dinner.
15. Have you two (meetings) met yet?

C. Phrasal verbs

1. Can you look after my handbag while I go the restroom?
2. We'll pick you up at 7, if that's OK.
3. I have to deal with a lot of angry people in my line of work because I'm a complaints manager.
4. We've invited about 50 people, but we only expect about 30 of them to turn up.
5. You normally have to check in at least an hour before your flight.
6. Is it OK if I drop you off here as the traffic's so bad? It'll probably be quicker for you to walk.

Unit 10 – Fernand

1 Pre-Listening Comprehension

A. Schema building

1. True
2. False – Brussels is the headquarters of both NATO and the United Nations.
3. False – Antwerp is the gold capital of the world.
4. True

C. Normalisation

1. at about 5 or 5.30
2. Green Park
3. at 8 o'clock
4. scrambled eggs

2 Listening Comprehension

A. Questions

1. the members
2. newspapers and magazines
3. wine

B. Multiple choice

- c. eats the same food as the members.

C. Gap-Fill

1. If Fernand does an early shift, he finishes work at 3 pm.
2. If he does a late session, he gets a free dinner with the rest of the staff.
3. A late shift ends at 9 pm.
4. Fernand used to be a wine waiter.
5. When he's doing a late shift, Fernand gets up at 8 o'clock at the latest.
6. He makes his own breakfast at home.
7. On a late shift he starts work at around 12 to 12.30.

D. True/False

1. T – 'I'm near to Green Park...'
2. F – 'I go to visit a friend. I finish around 3 o'clock, I arrive at her place around quarter to 4, 4 o'clock...'
3. T – 'she's disabled for life'
4. F – 'She lives in er, in temporary accommodation.'
5. T – 'Nine o'clock I come straight to here.'
6. F – 'Yeah, and go to bed after reading a few books, or rather a few pages in a book and all that, I go to bed.'
7. F – 'I go to er, to the local pubs, one of them being the, the Old Vic.'

8. T – 'And er, sometimes er, if I feel like it, I might go out to a Turkish er, kebab shop or some pleasant Chinese...'

4 Further Language Development

A. Extension exercise

1. Generally, depending on the weather, I either take the tram or walk to work.
2. What time would you like me to get to your place?
3. We normally do our food shopping on a Monday evening, because the supermarket is really quiet then.
4. Do you feel like going out tonight? Or shall we have a quiet night in?
5. I was making scrambled eggs for breakfast, but then the phone rang and I left the saucepan on, so now I need a new one.
6. We had a wonderful Sunday lunch – roast beef with all the trimmings.
7. The most difficult thing about living here is finding cheap accommodation.
8. It was dark when I got dressed this morning and it was only when I got to work that I saw I was wearing one blue sock and one black one.
9. I'm on the late shift this week so I don't start work till 3.
10. My neighbour is disabled so I give him a hand with his garden sometimes.
11. After work I usually come straight home, except on a Wednesday when I go to the gym.
12. It's just typical of Kurt to be late.
13. The boss is in a really good mood today, for a change.
14. I'm not very hungry, so we could just share a starter if you like.
15. I usually wake up at about 7, even at the weekend.

B. Transformations

1. The (early) earlier you get there, the better.
2. I can only write on (line) lined paper.
3. I do like Jan, but he can be a bit (mood) moody at times.
4. When you're cooking a big dinner, the (prepared) preparation is very important.
5. Which motoring (organise) organisation does she work for? Is it the AA?
6. The best person to ask is Claire. She's always very (help) helpful.
7. My partner is a (profession) professional artist.

8. We weren't very hungry so we just (share) shared a pizza.
9. I've been feeling a bit tired (late) lately. Perhaps I should go to the doctor.
10. We're very short-(staff) staffed at the moment because so many people are off work with 'flu.
11. What's the (heavy) heaviest metal? It's lead, isn't it?
12. Can you children play a bit more (quiet) quietly? I can't hear myself think!
13. Which is the (near) nearest Tube station to where you work? Is it Marble Arch or Bond Street?
14. Hospital patients are normally only allowed two (visit) visitors at a time.
15. Tanya's new boyfriend isn't very (friend) friendly, is he?
16. Have you (speak) spoken to your parents yet about us going on holiday together?
17. How are you (feel) feeling?
18. Please take a (seating) seat.
19. Patients are generally very well (information) informed when they come in for an operation.
20. Can you ask the (waiting) waiter to come over?

ANSWER KEY – A Place I Know Well

Unit 11 – Scott

1 Pre-Listening Comprehension

A. Schema building

1. sixth
2. 70
3. one half
4. Canberra

C. Normalisation

1. Maida Vale is not far from Regent's Park.
2. Scott moved to Maida Vale just over a year ago.
3. He says Maida Vale is actually a really nice part of London.
4. It's very quiet.
5. The streets are very wide.
6. Everyone lives in mansionettes.
7. When you walk down the street, every house looks exactly the same.
8. Mansionettes are something the French are keen on, according to Scott.
9. A mansionette is basically a block of two or three-bedroom apartments.
10. Scott's address is 96 Elgin Mansions and there is another block next door called Biddulph Mansions.

2 Listening Comprehension

A. Questions

1. red bricks
2. three or two-bedroom apartments
3. four
4. a couple, Scott and another single guy
5. There is one double bedroom and two single rooms. ('there's a couple in the main room [i.e. the double bedroom] and then there's me and another um, single guy in the other single room')
6. the living room, kitchen and bathroom
7. Because the rent in London is quite expensive.

B. Gap-fill

1. Scott says he's quite lucky because he and his flatmates get on well.
2. They live like a family.
3. They share the cooking.
4. When Scott first got to London he wanted to live somewhere a bit cheaper.
5. At one time he was sharing with up to 10 people.

C. Questions

1. Australia, New Zealand and Germany ('Aussies, Kiwis, Germans')
2. Shepherd's Bush

D. Gap-fill

1. Scott says it was great fun sharing with lots of people, but it got a bit much after a while.
2. Scott says where he lives now is luxury compared to his first flatshare.
3. He isn't planning to move any time soon.
4. Scott says he certainly couldn't afford to buy a house in Maida Vale.
5. Another word for rich is 'affluent'.
6. Maida Vale is quite near St. John's Wood, which is walking distance to Lords cricket ground.
7. Scott is a cricket fan.

E. Questions

1. Little Venice
2. canals
3. in summer
4. Hammersmith
5. rowing
6. along the river/along the (River) Thames

F. Gap-fill

1. The interviewer asks if Scott is slowing down as he gets older.
2. She points out that before moving to Maida Vale, Scott used to go jogging along the river.
3. Now he spends his free time walking along the canal bank and watching cricket.
4. Scott admits he is doing less exercise than he was two years ago.

4 Further Listening Practice

A. Recognising sentence stress

1. It's certainly a term I wasn't familiar with until I came to London
2. so my address is 96 Elgin Mansions
3. Maida Vale is full of three or four-bed... three or two-bedroom apartments, basically.
4. I live in a three-bedroom one.
5. there's a couple in the main room
6. we share the living room and we share kitchen and we share bathroom
7. But er, when I first got to London obviously I was looking for something a bit cheaper, even then.
8. I certainly couldn't afford to buy a house there.
9. So yeah, it is quite a, quite an affluent area.
10. I'm certainly doing less exercise than I was two years ago.

B. Linking

1. I live in Maida Vale, which is not far from here at Regent's Park and the Academy...
2. It's basically a block of um, apartments, two or three-bedroom apartments, stacked on top of each other.
3. And they're often referred to as 'mansions'.
4. So your address is 96 Elgin Mansions...
5. And it's also close to an area called 'Little Venice'

C. Features of spoken English: elision and the glottal stop

1. I moved there about a year... a bit over a year ago.
2. it's actually a really nice part of London
3. And they're often referred to as 'mansions'.
4. so I don't know exactly what the definition of a mansionette is
5. most people renting in London – certainly people of my age – if they're renting tend to be sharing with someone
6. just because the, the, the rent in London is quite expensive
7. we get on well
8. I was looking for something a bit cheaper even then
9. which was great fun
10. so I think what I've got now is luxury compared to that
11. by sharing a house with a few others we can afford to rent there
12. it's also close to an area called Little Venice
13. so I tried to make the most of the river by taking up rowing and going for runs along the river
14. Regent's Park and Lords are the sort of highlights of that area.
15. I'll probably get back into running er, when the weather picks up a bit

5 Further Language Development

A. Extension exercise

1. I specifically asked for a single room, not a double.
2. I know you're not very happy being away from your family, but you've got to try to make the most of your time here.
3. Do you get on well with your mother? I always argue with mine.
4. I won't have any cake, thanks. I'm not very keen on sweet things.
5. It was a wonderful flat, but the rent was too much for me on my own, so now I'm trying to find somewhere cheaper.
6. Do you know the meaning of the Latin term 'tempus fugit'?
7. It's a beautiful day. Would you like to go for a walk?

8. You can share my umbrella if you like. It's big enough for two.
9. In which part of Paris do you live? Perhaps I know it.
10. When we go away we always get the people next door to feed our cat.
11. At my last job there were nearly 20 of us crammed into one small office the size of my living room.
12. Our flat is walking distance from the tube, so we hardly use the car during the week.

B. Phrasal verbs

1. My parents took up golf when they retired.
2. Do you get on well with your brother?
3. I didn't open a book all summer, so it's going to be hard to get back into studying again.
4. As soon as the weather picks up I'm going to start cycling to work.
5. At last! I've been looking for that sock for ages.

C. Colloquial English

1. I can't really afford that much. Have you got anything a bit cheaper?
2. We're very lucky because our flat is walking distance from where we work.
3. You look exactly the same as when we were students! You haven't changed a bit.
4. I left home a bit over a year ago, but I still miss my family.
5. I don't really like living out in the suburbs, but it's all I can afford, so I'm trying to make the most of it.
6. The party was great fun, but I had to leave early to get the last bus home.
7. The snow looked beautiful at first, but it got a bit much after a while.
8. I'm a bit busy at the moment. Can I call you back?
9. I don't see the problem! Most people my age stay out late on Friday nights. Why should I be any different?
10. At one stage I was thinking of giving up university and getting a job, but I'm glad I didn't.

Unit 12 – Ingse

1 Pre-Listening Comprehension

A. Schema building

1. False – Norway became independent from Sweden in 1905.
2. True
3. True
4. False – Norway is the world's third largest oil exporter after Russia and Saudi Arabia.

C. Normalisation

1. Bergen is the second biggest city in Norway.
2. Bergen is surrounded by seven mountains.
3. In 1916 a fire destroyed a lot of buildings in the old town.
4. Bergen used to be famous for its fishing/fish industry.

D. Anticipating the next word

1. 'all the cities in Norway are small compared to England'
2. 'In 1916 we had a big fire so all the old houses, they burnt/burned'
3. 'Now for us in England, salmon is the most expensive fish'
4. 'A marvellous view, yeah, especially in the winter when the leaves, leaves are off the trees'
5. 'Do you go to the seaside at all in the summer?'
6. 'We tend to spend more time at home or inviting friends for a meal or for a drink'

2 Listening Comprehension

A. Questions

1. salmon
2. wild
3. It's an island.
4. England, Denmark and Iceland
5. cruise liners and cabin cruisers

B. True/False

1. T (Interviewer: Do you live in the centre of the town? Ingse: No, I live outside.)
2. F (She took the funicular – a type of cable car.)
3. F (She lives on the second floor – the very top of the building.)
4. T (She says the view in winter is marvellous when the leaves are off the trees because she can see further.)
5. F (She says 'We get spells of snow. Like for a week.')
6. T ('It's a rainy city.' 'Famous for its raining, yeah.')

C. Gap-fill

1. It takes Ingse 45 minutes to drive to the nearest ski resort.
2. At the ski resort you can do downhill or cross-country skiing.
3. Ingse says it is not expensive to go skiing in Norway.
4. Ingse says cross-country skiing is like walking, but with skis on your feet.
5. The interviewer asks if it's warm enough to go to the seaside in the summer in Norway.
6. Ingse says a fjord looks like a lake, but the water is salty.
7. This is because a fjord occurs when the ocean makes its way into the countryside.
8. Cruise liners from England and the Mediterranean often enter the fjords because the water is very deep.
9. In summer the mountains near Bergen don't have any snow.
10. Bergen is unique in having a glacier so close to the coast.
11. In June and July it's possible to go skiing on the glacier in the morning and then swimming/swim in the fjord in the evening.

D. True/False

1. F Ingse says 'I haven't been here (i.e. to England) for a while now'.)
2. F ('the beer is what is er, the worst thing for tourists, of course')
3. T
4. F ('a takeaway pizza')
5. T (Ingse says 'a few years back we could go to England... and buy really cheap stuff. But I think the prices are levelling out.')
6. T ('What we do, we meet at each other [sic – other's] places rather than going out.')
7. F ('It's lively in town. I don't mean it's dead because it's expensive.')

4 Further Listening Practice

A. Recognising individual words in a stream of speech

1. All the cities in Norway are small compared to England.
2. And actually one of the mountains is an island.
3. nowadays we also get the small cabin cruisers
4. but we don't get as much snow as up in the mountains
5. the water is not as salty as out in the ocean
6. How much would that be in England?
7. a few years back we could go to England or other places and buy really cheap stuff.

B. Intonation practice

1. And er, nowadays we also get the small cabin cruisers. [down]
2. we don't get as much snow as up in the mountains [down]
3. Do they still do fishing now in Bergen? [up]
4. It's a rainy city. [down]
5. You can go where you like. [down]
6. Are there any islands out at sea? [up]
7. Do you have good views? [up]
8. Can you go skiing in Bergen? [up]
9. How much is a pound, now? [down]
10. What about er, something like a pizza? [down]

C. Contractions

1. They're starting off with cod now, but it's mostly salmon, yes.
2. we don't get as much snow as up in the mountains
3. But it's salty water.
4. Because they're very, very deep.
5. I haven't been here for a while, now.
6. And a pint, which isn't a pint any more...
7. It's a long time since I've done that...
8. And then one evening, we're at my house...

5 Further Language Development Practice

A. Extension exercise

1. Bonn is quite a small city compared to Hamburg.
2. I find Mumbai very stressful because you're surrounded by people all the time.
3. Do you still go rock climbing these days, or have you stopped?
4. We don't eat much beef because it's so expensive, but sometimes we'll get a small fillet steak for a treat.
5. The blue tit is now the most common bird in England. You can see them in nearly every garden.
6. I think Swiss chocolate tastes much better than American chocolate.
7. Yesterday we went for a walk down to the harbour and booked a fishing trip for this coming Sunday.
8. We used to live on the 10th floor of a block of flats in Camden Town, but then we bought this house when we decided to start a family.
9. The view from this window is wonderful in autumn when all the leaves on the trees in that wood over there change colour.
10. You can tell Valentina's got loads of money. She always goes on expensive holidays and you never see her in the same outfit twice.
11. Do you think it will be warm enough just to wear a T-shirt, or should I wear a jumper over it?

12. Before you dive into a swimming pool, it's a good idea to check first how deep the water is.
13. On Friday evenings we prefer to stay in rather than going out because everywhere's so crowded.
14. I'd love to come to Italy, but I really can't afford it at the moment. I've just heard I've got to pay out nearly £5,000 to get the roof repaired.

B. Prepositions

1. She's got a beautiful house in the country surrounded by fields.
2. London is very expensive compared to/with Berlin.
3. In the centre of the ring there was a tiny diamond.
4. We live on the ninth floor, which is fine so long as the elevator is working.
5. How much did you pay for your train ticket?
6. Please make yourself feel at home.
7. Shall we go out for dinner? I'm too tired to cook.
8. Sam lives in a block of flats overlooking a canal.
9. What about Sean? Would he like to come with us, do you think?
10. They put the wind farm miles out at sea, so it wouldn't spoil the view from the beach.

C. Transformations

1. I can smell (burnt) burning! Have you left something under the grill again?
2. I can remember this (build) building going up!
3. Police are investigating the (disappear) disappearance of two hitchhikers.
4. This used to be a really (industry) industrial area when I was growing up.
5. The one disadvantage of living in Bath is that it's very (hills) hilly.
6. This soup is really (tastes) tasty. How did you make it?
7. Her dissertation is on population (grew) growth in southern Europe.
8. It seems that in Eastern Europe (farmed) farming is becoming less and less popular with younger people.
9. It was only when the Queen (stand) stood up that I realised she's even shorter than I am!

Unit 13 – Anne

1 Pre-Listening Comprehension

A. Schema building

1. the Olympic Games
2. 1400
3. Minoan
4. Heraklion

C. Normalisation

Interviewer: Um, you, you said when we met that um, you came to Sissi last 1) year and you fell in 2) love with it

Anne: Mmm.

Interviewer: and you decided to 3) stay, so how, how did that actually happen?

Anne: Um, it, it wasn't so much Sissi. I fell, I fell in love with 4) Greece a long time 5) ago – my 6) husband and I did. And we came on lots and lots of 7) holidays and we always said that we would 8) retire to Greece, we always 9) planned to do that.

2 Listening Comprehension

A. True/False

1. T ('The people are so beautiful here um, and that just made us decide we were going to make a go of it.')
2. F ('I don't live in Sissi now, but I live not too far away...')
3. T ('I can knock off in the... at lunchtime')
4. F ('I can knock off in the... at lunchtime and go to the beach')
5. F (He does a jeep safari, some guiding work and a couple of pub quizzes.)
6. T ('It's a seven... six, seven-month period um, that you get paid.')
7. F (She says a lot of the reps that come out from the UK, go back [i.e. to the UK] and take temp jobs in offices and things like that over the winter.)
8. F (She says they go back to the UK and work in offices.)

B. Gap-fill

1. The interviewer says it must be quite hard for Anne to make the money from the seven months she works last through the winter months.
2. Anne says she and her husband live like the villagers during the winter.
3. They pick olives with their friends in the winter.
4. The people in the kafeneion don't pay them, but they do feed them.
5. When they're picking olives, Anne and her husband go to the kafeneion to eat every night.
6. They eat with the family.

C. Questions

1. prices
2. around the harbour
3. nine euros
4. sandwiches
5. in Newcastle
6. for nine years
7. a big river
8. in the Bass Museum

4 Further Listening Practice

A. Recognising individual words in a stream of speech

1. and we always said that we would retire to Greece
2. it's still got that fishing village feel
3. I thought I would get on with the people that holidayed here
4. I live in a traditional village up the road...
5. and it's just such a lovely lifestyle
6. I still have time to socialise and enjoy the sun and the life...
7. he works in the tourist industry as well
8. We pick olives in the winter with our friends...
9. our cost of living is minimal in the winter
10. I used to work in the museum...

B. Recognising sentence stress

1. we came on lots and lots of holidays
2. I've got no regrets.
3. I live in a traditional village up the road.
4. and he works in the tourist industry as well
5. I'll go right through to the end of October
6. We pick olives in the winter with our friends, and they don't actually pay us, but they own the kafeneion, so they feed us.
7. every night we're expected to go down to the Café Neon and we eat with the family
8. So our, our cost of living is minimal in the winter...

C. Weak forms: 'to', 'for' and 'of'

1. So you've got to make enough money, basically, in the summer to, to get you through the winter...
2. a lot of the reps that um, that come out from the UK, they will go back
3. if they want to come back, which a lot of them do...
4. we're expected to go down to the kafeneion and we eat with the family
5. we don't have to make a massive amount
6. we can eat there, even when we pay, um, for sort of nine euros
7. Anne: my husband and I lived in Burton-on-Trent.....
Interviewer: Oh. Right.
Anne: for, for nine years

D. Linking

1. I live not too far away
2. I wanted to work here
3. but it's so lovely
4. and things like that
5. It sounds strange...
6. if you're on the coastline

E. Some features of a Midlands accent

a) The glottal stop

1. I don't live in Sissi now, but I live not too far away
2. Love it.
3. so I can get away from the holiday resort bit
4. It is just a, a short-term contract.
5. if they want to come back, which a lot of them do
6. we get food when we're out picking anyway
7. and we eat with the family

b) an' instead of and

1. we came an' holidayed on, in Sissi an' just loved it...
2. We were going to try and do it now an' not when we retired.
3. Um, an' it's just such a lovely lifestyle.
4. I still have time to socialise an' enjoy the sun an' the life...
5. nine euros with drinks an' food an' meze

c) Pronunciation – cup /ʌ / and put /ʊ /

and just loved it
I live in a traditional village up the road
at lunchtime
it's just such a lovely lifestyle
enjoy the sun
that come out from the UK
we're very much village people
they have bumped the prices up a little bit
all my family live up, up north

5 Further Language Development Practice

A. Extension exercise

1. I fell in love with Christophe the first time I saw him.
2. I've got another 12 years until I retire. I could stop sooner, but then I'd get a smaller pension.
3. When I was a kid, I begged my parents to let me have a kitten, but we couldn't 'cos my mum was allergic to cat fur.
4. You're getting very wet. Would you like to share my umbrella?
5. We get on really well with our neighbours. We always stop and have a chat when we see each other out in the garden or in the street.

6. Roast beef and Yorkshire pudding is a traditional Sunday lunch in Britain.
7. I run my own business so I can choose my own hours. I nearly always begin work at 8 and then knock off at around 4.
8. I think you're working too hard – you look exhausted!
9. The tourist season in Greece lasts from May to October.
10. I got paid £200 a week when I started work in 1995.
11. According to the contract I only get four weeks' holiday a year, but they definitely said I'd get five weeks during the interview.
12. My best friend's sister is going to France this summer to pick grapes on a vineyard.
13. My Spanish is minimal so I'm going to have some lessons before we go back there on holiday.
14. Kim's parents live in a massive house in the centre of Seoul. It's got five bedrooms and four bathrooms.
15. I was both in Athens, but my family moved to Kefalonia when I was a toddler and so I was brought up there.

B. get and got

1. I'm sorry, I can't come out tonight. I've still got lots of revision to do.
2. When I was younger I never used to get on with my parents, but I do now.
3. I got called in to see the manager yesterday.
4. I just don't know how I'm going to get through all this work.
5. It was tough changing careers in my 30s, but I've got no regrets.
6. Let's go out! I've just got paid for that project I did last month.
7. We try to get away to our country cottage every other weekend.
8. It was a really tough interview, but I got the job.

C. Colloquial English

1. Barnet is just another suburb of London now, but it's still got that village feel.
2. It was the most expensive holiday we've ever had, but it was worth it.
3. There's a nice cafe just up the road if you fancy a cup of tea.
4. Here's your pocket money. Remember you've got to make it last all week!
5. We don't really like doing the tourist bit. We prefer to get off the beaten track.
6. Don't work too hard!
7. There's a cinema not too far from where we live, so we go there at least once a month.
8. I've just treated myself to new boots, gloves and a woolly hat, so I'm really geared up for winter now.

Unit 14 – Jill

1 Pre-Listening Comprehension

A. Schema building

1. Golden State
2. gold
3. west
4. Mexico

C. Normalisation

1. London
2. Iranian
3. the Iranian gentleman's childhood nanny
4. She walked.
5. the Albert Bridge
6. 'beautiful'
7. California
8. American
9. a year

2 Listening Comprehension

A. Gap-fill

1. Bonsall is in northern San Diego County.
2. The ranch Jill lived on had a swimming pool.
3. When she got there, Jill's boss was planting fruit trees and mulberry bushes.
4. He was trying to recreate a garden from his homeland.
5. The ranch was out in the country, so Jill had to learn to drive.
6. The ranch was about 10 miles from the coast.
7. The nearest seaside town was called Oceanside.
8. It has miles of sandy beaches.

B. True/False

1. T ('I'd have one day off a week')
2. F ('he would give me a lift into Oceanside' i.e. Her boss used to take her in the car.)
3. F ('and er, spent all day on the beach, in the sea...')
4. F ('it's quite chilly')
5. T ('It's [i.e. San Diego is] about 45 minutes further south.')

C. Gap-fill

1. San Diego is a big city, but it has a nice downtown area with a lot of shops and restaurants.
2. Balboa Park is where you can find all the museums and art galleries.
3. Jill says you could spend days going around Balboa Park.
4. She used to take a book, lie on the grass for a while and then go in and have a bit of culture.

5. Sometimes she'd take a picnic or go for a walk and look at all the sights.

D. Questions

1. She lost a lot of weight.
2. shorts, vests and T-shirts
3. jeans and jumpers

4 Further Language Development Practice

A. Extension exercise

1. These trousers are a bit loose, so I'm just going to fetch a belt. I don't want them falling down in the middle of my speech.
2. The stream's too deep to wade across, but there's a little bridge a bit further on, so we can cross there.
3. We had a wonderful holiday, but the beach was a bit disappointing. They said it was sandy, but when we got there it was really stony because they'd had a storm and all the sand had washed away.
4. I love my brother dearly, but sometimes he drives me mad!
5. Can you look after the children while I pop out to the shops?
6. His parents both worked so he had a nanny when he was a little boy.
7. It's quite refreshing to run cold water over your wrists on a hot summer's day.
8. We've got a flat in London and a little cottage in the country, about 10 miles from the sea.
9. I've got the opportunity to go and work in Russia for a year, but I'm not sure I want to go.
10. I really like this jacket, but it doesn't fit me very well. The shoulders are a bit too wide and the sleeves are too short.
11. When I was a boy a group of us used to play football in that park every Saturday morning.
12. They say you need to spend days going round the Hermitage Museum in St Petersburg, but we've only got an afternoon free, unfortunately.
13. Sarfraz is in the middle of planting potatoes in the garden. Shall I get him to call you back?
14. That's a gorgeous coat! Where did you get it from?
15. You look fantastic! Have you lost weight?
16. I was an accountant by profession, but then I began painting 20 years ago and now I make a living doing that.

B. Colloquial English

1. They've got a beautiful house in the country, right by a river.
2. You don't have to go yet. In fact why don't you stay the night? We've got a spare bedroom.
3. Are you allowed to eat pork in your culture?
4. Let's go and see the sights first, and then we can go and have lunch somewhere.
5. My grandmother loved dancing, even in her old age.
6. Why don't we try that new Sri Lankan restaurant for a bit of a change?
7. Why don't we stop here? It's a lovely spot for a picnic.
8. It's a bit chilly. Shall I put the fire on?
9. Basically he chose the wrong career path when he was 18 and he's never been happy since.
10. Why don't I give you a lift as it's raining?
11. He used to be an accountant by profession, but then he retrained as an osteopath in his 40s.

C. Transformations

1. I decided on a career in (nurse) nursing when I was about 17.
2. She's very (thought) thoughtful — she never forgets anyone's birthday.
3. Economic (grow) growth has been slowing in recent months.
4. The wind's coming from a (south) southerly direction, apparently.
5. Normally they serve (refreshing) refreshments at half-time.
6. How much do you (weight) weigh now?
7. My cousin became a (profession) professional tennis player at 17.
8. Hurry up! You need to make a (decided) decision.
9. We haven't moved yet, (actual) actually.
10. Have you (planting) planted those tulip bulbs yet?

Unit 15 – Barbara

1 Pre-Listening Comprehension

A. Schema building

1. False – They reunited in 1990.
2. True
3. False – Germany has a population of 82.5 million and the UK has a population of 61 million.
4. True

C. Questions (Normalisation)

1. 'nice' and 'quiet'
2. 120,000
3. Catholic
4. the church

2 Listening Comprehension

A. Gap-fill

1. Paderborn has had a university since 1970.
2. There are quite a lot of computer firms in Paderborn.
3. Nixdorf used to be the biggest computer company in Germany.
4. Paderborn has the world's largest computer museum.
5. Recently a palace belonging to King Charles I was excavated near the cathedral, which is in the city centre.
6. A market is held regularly around the cathedral.
7. There has been a market there since the Middle Ages.
8. The market takes place every Wednesday and Saturday.
9. You can buy vegetables and fruit at the market, as well as other things.

B. True/False

1. F ('everything you get from the, the region')
2. T ('the region, it's really very much countryside')
3. F ('countryside – very flat')
4. F ('a lot of farmers living around')
5. F ('lot of farmers living around and, and they all bring their products [sic – produce] to the market')
6. T ('I love to do that.' 'it's great fun to be there')
7. F ('you won't save money')
8. F ('After that you have... well, a coffee at the café.')

4 Further Language Development Practice

A. Extension exercise

1. We have a saying in English: 'The early bird catches the worm.' What do you think it means?
2. Moscow is now said to be the most expensive city in the world.
3. I think the euro symbol looks too much like the dollar sign.
4. This inn has been here since the Middle Ages.
5. You must have been shattered when you finished last in the Marathon.
6. My grandmother is very open-minded – you can talk to her about anything.
7. Considering he's got so much money, you'd think he'd have a more impressive house.
8. This region of France is very famous for its cheese and its wine.

B. Colloquial English

1. I'll just have a little bit of cake, please, 'cos I'm supposed to be on a diet.
2. I live in Walthamstow which is quite famous for its William Morris Gallery.
3. I'm trying to save money this month 'cos I owe a lot of money on my credit card.
4. It's a very built-up area, but there are quite a lot of trees around, which is nice.
5. Munich is my favourite city in the world.
6. I'll just have a sandwich, thanks. I'm not very hungry to be honest.