

LANGMaster Audio en Inglés - Escuchar & Aprender

Principantes

Pista 1: Escuche el diálogo.

Hello, my name is Fiona.
Hello, my name is Thomas.
Nice to meet you.
Nice to meet you, too.

Pista 2: Escuche el diálogo.

Hello, Thomas. How are you?
Fine, thanks. And you Fiona?
Fine, thanks.
Fiona, this is Nicole. Nicole, this is Fiona.
Nice to meet you, Nicole.
Nice to meet you, too.

Pista 3: Escuche el diálogo.

Where are you from, Nicole?
I'm from Toronto.
Oh, Toronto is a beautiful city.
And where are you from, Fiona?
I'm from Dublin.
Oh, how interesting.

Pista 4: Escuche la canción infantil.

One wave,
Two waves,
Three waves,
Four,
Five waves,
Six waves,
Seven waves,
More,
Eight waves,
Nine waves,
Ten waves and more,
Make the mighty ocean roar.

Pista 5: Escuche el diálogo.

Hello, Richard. How are you?
Fine, thanks. And you, Barbara?
Fine, thanks.
Barbara, this is Paul. Paul, this is Barbara.
Nice to meet you, Paul.

Nice to meet you, too. Where are you from, Barbara?
I'm from Berlin. And where are you from, Paul?
I'm from Paris.
Oh, how interesting. Paris is a beautiful city.

Pista 6: Escuche la conversación breve.

What's your phone number?
It's 709853.
Thank you.

Pista 7: Escuche las oraciones y trate de entender los números.

1. Call Sam's Pizzeria at 74598.
2. City Hotel? The number is 43 09 13.
3. This is Dr. Garner's office at 701 2267.
4. Collins International? The number is 600 1527.
5. Call ABC Drugstore at 897 6172.

Pista 8: Escuche el diálogo.

Excuse me, are you Ellen Baker?
Yes.
My name's Jack Garner.
Oh, hello. Nice to meet you, Jack.
Nice to meet you, too.
Here's my card.
Thank you. And here's my card.
Thank you. Let's go to the meeting.
OK. Let's go.

Pista 9: Escuche el diálogo.

Fiona, what's Connie's phone number?
Um, let me see. Catherine, Claudia, Claus. Here it is. Connie. 78495.
79495.
No, 78495.
Ah. Thank you.

Pista 10: Escuche las preguntas y trate de responderlas durante la pausa.

1. How are you?
2. Here's my card.
3. Where are you from?
4. Nice to meet you.
5. What's your phone number?

Pista 11: Escuche el alfabeto.

a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z

Pista 12: Escuche las abreviaturas.

TV
OK
USA
CD
PC

Pista 13: Escuche la canción.

Happy birthday to you,
Happy birthday to you,
Happy birthday, dear Linda,
Happy birthday to you.

Pista 14: Escuche la conversación telefónica.

Hello.
Is that you, Linda? This is Fiona.
Oh, hello, Fiona. How are you?
I'm fine. And how are you?
I'm fine, too.
Thank you for the invitation.
Can you come? The party is on Saturday at 4 o'clock.
Oh, yes. Saturday's fine.
That's great! See you on Saturday.
See you. Bye-bye.
Bye.

Pista 15: Escuche el diálogo.

Hello Fiona. Nice to see you. How are you?
Fine. And you?
Fine, thanks. Come in.
Thank you.
Fiona, this is my husband Franz. Franz, this is Fiona.
Nice to meet you.
Nice to meet you, too.
Happy birthday, Linda.
Thank you.

Pista 16: Escuche el diálogo.

Would you like a cup of coffee, Fiona?
Yes, please.
With milk or sugar?
Sugar, please.
Here you are. And here's the sugar.
Thank you.
And would you like a piece of cake?
Yes, please.
Here you are.
Thank you.

Pista 17: Escuche el diálogo.

Would you like a cup of tea?
Yes, please.
Here you are.
Thank you.
And would you like a piece of cake?
Yes, please.
Here you are.
Thank you.

Pista 18: Escuche la canción infantil.

Ten days of rain
Eleven days of snow
Twelve days of sunshine
Who could ask for more?

Pista 19: Escuche los números.

ten
eleven
twelve
thirteen
fourteen
fifteen
sixteen
seventeen
eighteen
nineteen
twenty

Pista 20: Escuche el diálogo.

Excuse me, what time is it?
It's three o'clock.
Thank you.
You're welcome.

Pista 21: Escuche las conversaciones breves.

1.
Excuse me, what time is it?
It's twelve o'clock.
2.
When's the basketball game?
It's at two o'clock.
3.
When's the English class?
It's at seven o'clock.
4.
Excuse me, what's the time?
It's four o'clock.
Thank you.
You're welcome.

Pista 22: Escuche las preguntas y respuestas.

1. Is the game at eight o'clock? - No, it is at nine o'clock.
2. Is it on Friday? - Yes, it's on Friday.
3. Is the game in the evening? - No, it's not in the evening.
4. Is the game in the morning? - No, it's in the afternoon.

Pista 23: Escuche las preguntas y trate de responderlas durante la pausa.

1. How are you?
2. Nice to meet you.
3. Where are you from?
4. What's your telephone number?
5. Would you like a glass of wine?
6. Would you like a piece of cake?
7. Thank you.
8. What time is it?
9. When's the party?

Pista 24: Escuche el diálogo.

Hello.
Is that you, Albert? This is Sandra.
Oh, hello, Sandra. How are you?
I'm fine. And you?
I'm fine, too. My birthday party is on Friday. Can you come?
When's your party?
It's at seven o'clock on Friday. Is that OK?
Oh, yes. Friday's fine.
That's great! See you on Friday.
See you on Friday. Bye-bye.
Bye-bye.

Pista 25: Escuche el diálogo.

Would you like another glass of wine, Fiona?
No, thank you, I'm fine.
And you, Thomas? Would you like another glass of wine?
Yes, please.
White wine or red wine?
White wine, please.
Here you are.
Thank you.

Pista 26: Escuche el diálogo.

Thank you for a lovely evening, Linda.
My pleasure. Thank you for coming.
Thank you. And goodbye.
Goodbye. Bye-bye.
Good night.

Pista 27: Escuche la canción.

The more we are together,
Together, together,
The more we are together,
The happier we'll be.
For your friends are my friends
And my friends are your friends.
The more we are together,
The happier we'll be.

Pista 28: Escuche el diálogo.

Here are my friends at my birthday party.
Oh, how interesting.
Here's a picture of Fiona. She's an English teacher. She's very nice. She's from Dublin.
And who's the man next to Fiona?
That's Thomas. He's in Fiona's English class. He's from Munich. And here is Connie with her boyfriend Richard. She's a computer programmer and he's an artist.
Really. And who's that?
That's Jana. She's from Prague. She's a cat lover. She has three cats.
Three cats - ugh!

Pista 29: Escuche el diálogo.

And here's a picture of my husband, Franz.
Oh yes. And is that your dog?
Yes, his name is Snoopy.
He's cute.
Franz or Snoopy?
Both!
And here's our daughter Sandra with her boyfriend Klaus.
How old is your daughter?
She's twenty-one. And here are our two sons, Markus and Toni. - Yes, that's my family. We have three children, two boys and a girl. And one dog. And, by the way, we also have three cats!
Oh.

Pista 30: Escuche la canción infantil.

The Rainbow
Rain and sunshine together
Make the colours of the rainbow.
The sky is blue
And I see too
Red, yellow and blue,
Green and violet too.
The colours of the rainbow.

Pista 31: Escuche los números.

one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty, twenty-one, twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-four, twenty-five, twenty-six, twenty-seven, twenty-eight, twenty-nine, thirty

Pista 32: Escuche las conversaciones breves.

1.
Excuse me, what time is it?
It's quarter past twelve.
Thank you.
You're welcome.
2.
Excuse me, what time is it?
It's half past nine.
Thank you.
You're welcome.
3.
Excuse me, what time is it?
It's quarter to five.
Thank you.
You're welcome.
4.
Excuse me, what's the time?
It's 8 o'clock.
Thank you.
You're welcome.

Pista 33: Escuche las conversaciones breves.

1.
Excuse me, what's the time?
It's quarter to nine.
Thanks.
2.
What time is the party?
It's at half past eight.
OK.
3.
Excuse me, do you have the time?
Yes. It's quarter past four.
Thank you.
You're welcome.
4.
What time is your English class?
It's at seven o'clock.
5.
Excuse me, what time is it?
It's half past three.
Thank you very much.
You're welcome.

Pista 34: Escuche el diálogo.

Ellen, this is Susan Miller. Susan, this is Ellen Baker.
Nice to meet you, Susan.
Nice to meet you, Ellen.
Welcome to our company.
Thank you.
Would you like a cup of coffee?
Oh yes, please.

Here you are.
Thank you.

Pista 35: Escuche las palabras y concéntrese en el acento.

Sunday
Hello
goodbye
twenty
divorced
children
Friday

Pista 36: Escuche el texto.

Let me see. I have my passport. I have American money and I have my credit card. I have the laptop and I have my address book. OK. Oh, yes, and I have my time-planner. Oh, where's my plane ticket? Ah, here it is. Now I have everything.

Pista 37: Escuche el diálogo.

Do you have everything, Nicole?
Let me see. I have my passport, my plane ticket and my credit card. The three most important things!
And I have American money. Oh, yes, and my time-planner and the laptop. OK.
And what about a walkman? Do you have a walkman?
No, I don't. I don't have a walkman.
And your address book?
Yes, yes.
And a camera? What about a camera? Do you have a camera?
No, I don't. Monika has a camera.
And do you have a map of Chicago?
No, I don't. We can buy a map of Chicago in Chicago!
OK, OK. Well, have a good trip!
Thank you.
And send me a postcard!
OK.
And don't forget to call.
Bye-bye, Thomas.

Pista 38: Escuche las preguntas y respuestas.

1.
Do you have a dog?
Yes, I do.
2.
Do you have an address book?
No, I don't.
3.
Do you have a laptop?
No, I don't.
4.
Do you have a pen?
Yes, I do

5.
Do you have a briefcase?
Yes, I do.
6.
Do you have your credit card?
No, I don't
7.
Do you have your plane ticket?
Yes, I do.
8.
Do you have your coursebook?
Yes, I do.

Pista 39: Escuche las conversaciones breves.

1.
Excuse me, what's the time?
It's ten to ten.
Thank you.
You're welcome.
2.
Do you have the time, please?
Yes, it's twenty past seven.
Thank you.
You're welcome.
3.
What time is your English class?
At 7 o'clock?
In the morning?
No, in the evening.
Oh.
4.
What time is it, please?
Five past five.
5.
Excuse me, what time is it, please?
It's twenty-five past nine.
Oh, I'm late!
6.
Let me see.
What time is it?
Oh, it's quarter past twelve.
7.
What's the time?
Sorry, I don't know.

Pista 40: Escuche las oraciones y trate de entender los números.

1. It's my father's birthday today. He's 79.
2. This is bus number 28 to State Street.
3. There are 12 people in our English class.
4. We have 95 women in our company.
5. Thomas has 2 computers.
6. It's my son's birthday today. He's 13.

Pista 41: Escuche el diálogo.

Excuse me, sir. This is the VIP lounge.

Well, excuse me. I am a VIP, a very important person. That's me, all right. I'm a VIP. Listen. I have a big company. It's a very big company. Very big and very important. I'm in all the newspapers. And I have computers and laptops, of course. I have a big house. A very big house. In fact, I have 2 big houses. One in California and one in New York. And I have two cars. A Mercedes and a Rolls Royce. And I have credit cards. Look. Here are my credit cards. Look. And, of course, I have a mobile phone. So you see, I'm a VIP. A very important person.

Do you have a VIP card, sir?

A VIP card? A VIP card? No, I don't.

I'm sorry, sir.

Pista 42: Escuche la conversación telefónica.

Hello.

Is that you, Sarah? This is David.

Oh hello, David. How are you?

Oh, I'm fine and you?

I'm fine too. Thank you for your fax.

Would you like to come to dinner on Friday evening?

On Friday? I'd love to. At what time?

Is 7 o'clock OK?

Yes, that's fine.

I can cook a nice meal for just the two of us.

Oh, that would be very nice.

Do you like Chinese food? Chop suey and rice?

Well, no, I don't. I don't like Chinese food.

Oh, well, do you like English food? Fish and chips?

No, I'm sorry, but I don't like English food.

OK, no problem. Do you like Italian food? Pizza or pasta?

Not really.

Well, what do you like? Do you like fast food?

Oh, yes I do!

OK, then let's go to McDonalds.

Great!

Pista 43: Escuche el diálogo.

Would you like to go to an Italian restaurant? Do you like pizza?

No, I don't like pizza but I like pasta very much.

Oh really? I like pizza very much, I don't like pasta.

What about Chinese food? I like chop suey.

I also like chop suey. Let's go to a Chinese restaurant.

Pista 44: Escuche las conversaciones breves.

1.

What a beautiful day!

Yes, but it's really hot.

Yes, it is.

2.

What a cold rainy day!

Yes, it's a terrible day.

3.

What a fine sunny day!

Oh, yes, it's a perfect day.

Pista 45: Escuche el diálogo.

Hi, Paula. Nice to see you.

Oh, hi, Stan. Nice to see you, too. How are you?

I'm fine. And you?

Fine.

What a beautiful day!

Yes, it is. It's a perfect day.

Pista 46: Escuche el texto.

Where's my mobile phone? Let me see. Is it here on my desk? No, it isn't. Is it next to the PC? No.

Oh, I know. It's between the printer and the monitor. No. And it isn't in my bag. Ah, here it is. It's

under my chair. Hello, ...

Pista 47: Escuche la canción.

You are my sunshine,

My only sunshine.

You make me happy

when skies are grey.

You'll never know, dear,

How much I love you,

Please don't take

my sunshine away.

Pista 48: Escuche la entrevista telefónica.

Hello.

This is Jane Bridges from AB and C Marketing. Can I ask you two or three questions about what kind of food you like?

Who, me?

Yes, for a new restaurant. It's only one minute of your time.

Well, OK.

Do you like Chinese food?

Oh, yes, I do.

OK. And do you like English food?

Well, yes, of course I do. I'm English and I love English food. Roast beef and Yorkshire pudding.

That's great food.

I see. Well, and what about Italian food?

Oh, I love Italian food!

And do you like wine with your dinner?

Oh, yes, I do. Red wine. I love red wine! And white wine's nice, too!

And do you like American food?

Yes, of course. It's great. A nice big steak. But I don't like fast food. That's not for me. Hey, I'm hungry now. Would you like to go to dinner with me? We can always talk about food.

Well, I don't know.

Sure, come on. Let's go to ...

Pista 49: Escuche el diálogo.

Hi, Jack. How are things?
Fine. And how are things with you?
Oh, just fine, but I'm very busy.
By the way, do you like the new computer programme?
No, I don't. It's so difficult.
You're right. It's not easy.
Well, see you on Monday. Have a nice weekend.
Thanks. Have a nice weekend, too.

Pista 50: Escuche la entrevista.

Thomas, can I interview you?
Yes, of course. Go ahead.
Do you like doing sports in your free time?
Yes, I do.
Do you like playing tennis?
No, I don't. I like playing football.
And do you like learning English in your free time?
Oh, yes, of course. I like learning English very much.
That's good!
And what about you, Fiona? Do you like learning English?
Learning English? I like teaching English. But I like learning German in my evening class.
And do you like doing sports, Fiona?
Yes, I do. I like playing tennis.
And do you like reading?
Yes, I do, but I don't always have time to read.
Thank you very much.
You're welcome.

Pista 51: Escuche la entrevista.

Excuse me, what do you like doing in your free time?
When it's nice I like going for a walk with my dog. In summer I like playing tennis with my colleagues.
What about evenings? Do you like watching TV?
No, I don't. That's boring. In the evenings I like listening to operas or meeting friends.
Thank you very much.
You're welcome.
Excuse me, do you have a moment? What do you like doing in your free time?
Well, I like riding my bike or playing football with my children.
What about evenings and weekends?
In the evening my wife and I sometimes like watching a film on TV. On weekends we like going for a walk.
Thank you very much.
You're welcome.

Pista 52: Escuche la canción infantil.

30 days have September
April, June and November.
All the rest have 31.
And February has 28 days, clear,
And 29 in each leap year.

Pista 53: Escuche las canciones infantiles.

I have snow
And icy lakes, too.
But sometimes sunshine
And skies of blue.
I'm winter.
I'm everyone's darling.
Pink, yellow, red flowers,
Blue skies and white clouds.
But sometimes rain, rain, rain.
I'm spring.
I have red trees, yellow trees
And golden trees, too.
But a cold wind blows
And skies are grey.
I'm autumn.
I'm the hot one.
I have sunshine galore,
Green trees and green grass.
But also lightning and storms.
I'm summer.

Pista 54: Escuche la conversación telefónica.

Hello.
Is that you, Ellen? This is Jack.
Oh, hello, Jack. How are you?
Terrible. I have a bad cold. I can't come to the meeting tomorrow.
I'm sorry to hear that. I hope you feel better soon.
Thank you.
See you next week.
See you next week. Bye-bye.
Bye.

Pista 55: Escuche las palabras y concéntrese en el acento.

forty
fourteen
artist
April
perfect
ninety
hotel
August
goodbye
nineteen

Pista 56: Escuche el diálogo.

Where do you live, Connie?
I live in Munich. I live with my boyfriend, Richard, in a beautiful flat on the 4th floor. We don't have a garden, but we have a very big balcony.
Do your parents live near you?
No, they live in a village near Dresden. Their house is small, but it's very nice. It has a lovely garden.

Do you have any brothers and sisters?

Yes, I have a brother. He lives in a town near Dresden. He lives in a flat. And he doesn't have a garden or a balcony.

Pista 57: Escuche la conversación telefónica.

Hello.

Hello Connie, this is Colin.

Hi, Colin, how are you?

I'm fine. Listen, can you come to my housewarming party?

A housewarming party. Great! Do you have a new flat?

No, a house.

A house! That's wonderful. Where is it? In Stuttgart?

No, in the country. It's a house with a big garden.

That's great! When's the party?

Next Friday, at 7 o'clock. By the way, do you have Jessica's number?

Yes, I do. She has a new flat in Stuttgart and a new telephone number.

Oh, that's interesting. So she doesn't live with her parents anymore. Does she like her flat?

Yes, and it's not far from her company. It's in a quiet part of the city, not very big, but it has a small balcony.

Well, that's nice. So can you and Richard come on Friday?

Yes, I'm looking forward to the party.

OK. See you on Friday.

See you. Bye.

Bye.

Pista 58: Escuche el diálogo.

And where do you live, Fiona?

In a small town near Munich.

Do you live in a house or a flat?

In a house.

And do you have a garden?

Yes. It's small, but it's nice.

Pista 59: Escuche la descripción.

When you come into the house there's a small hall. And then on the left there's the kitchen. It's an old kitchen but I like it. It's nice and big. On the right there's the living room. This is where we watch TV. Upstairs, there are two bedrooms and a bathroom. Oh, yes, there's also a small bathroom downstairs. What I really like is my office upstairs. It's a beautiful room with a view. Sometimes you can see the mountains.

Pista 60: Escuche la canción.

Little Boxes

Little boxes on the hillside, little boxes made of ticky tacky,

Little boxes, little boxes, little boxes all the same.

There's a green one, then a pink one and a blue one and a yellow one

And they're all made out of ticky tacky and they all look just the same.

And the people in the houses all go to the university

And they all get put in boxes, little boxes, all the same.

And there's doctors and there's lawyers and business executives

And they're all made out of ticky tacky and they all look just the same.

And they all play on the golf-course and drink their Martini dry
And they all have pretty children and the children go to school.
And the children go to summer camp and then to the university
And they all get put in boxes and they all come out the same.
And the boys go into business and marry and raise a family
And they all get put in boxes, little boxes, all the same.
There's a green one, and a pink one and a blue one and a yellow one
And they're all made out of ticky tacky and they all look just the same.

Pista 61: Escuche la conversación telefónica.

Hello.

Is that you, Jack? This is Ellen.

Oh, hello Ellen.

Jack, I hope you feel better.

Yes, I'm much better. Thank you.

How's the hotel, Jack?

Well, I'm not very happy. My room's next to the bar and it's very loud. My bed is very soft and there's only a very small bathroom.

Oh dear, Jack. What about the restaurant?

The food is terrible.

Oh dear, I'm sorry to hear that. Would you like us to find another hotel room for you?

Yes, that would be a good idea.

Well, Jack, let's talk about it at the office tomorrow. By the way, there's a presentation tomorrow.

Yes, I know. I'm looking forward to that.

OK. See you tomorrow. Bye.

Bye. See you.

Pista 62: Escuche el diálogo.

Thomas, when do you usually get up?

At 7 o'clock. I leave home at 7.30.

And when do you have breakfast?

I never have breakfast. I have a cup of coffee at work.

When is that?

At 8 o'clock.

And when do you finish work?

At 5.30.

Pista 63: Escuche el diálogo.

Do you sometimes listen to the radio, Connie?

Yes, I usually listen to the radio in the morning when I get up, and in the evening when I get home.

When do you go shopping?

Usually, after work.

Do you sometimes go to the cinema?

Yes, I love going to the cinema. I sometimes go after work and sometimes at weekends.

Do you watch TV?

No, never. We don't have a TV.

Really? What do you do in the evenings?

I do my English homework, of course!

Pista 64: Escuche la conversación telefónica.

Hello.

Is that you Fiona? This is Linda.

Oh, hi Linda. How are you?

I'm fine, thank you. Listen, I have a programme from a new sports centre in town.

Oh, what do they have in their programme?

They have lots of interesting things to do: tennis, swimming, aerobics, badminton, golf ... - What would you like to do?

I'd like to play badminton.

Good idea, let's play badminton. Is Wednesday OK?

That's fine. Let's talk about it next week.

OK.

Bye-bye.

Bye.

Pista 65: Escuche el diálogo.

Let's sit here!

Sure, that's fine. Do you always have lunch in the cafeteria, Ellen?

No, I usually go to the company sports center in my break.

Do all companies in the States have sports centers?

No, only the very big companies.

What sports do you do?

I go jogging, play tennis, do aerobics, go horseback-riding, go skiing and ...

What? - All in your lunch break?

No, in my lunch break I usually do aerobics. What about you Jack? What sports do you do?

I play cards.

Is that a sport in England?

Well, ...

Pista 66: Escuche la conversación telefónica.

Colosseum Sports Center. Can I help you?

Hi, I'd like to know a bit more about your programme. When are your opening hours?

Tuesday to Friday from 10am to 10pm, on Saturdays we are open from 1pm to 7pm.

And Saturday mornings?

I'm sorry, we're not open in the morning. We're open from 1pm to 7pm.

What sports do you have?

We have tennis, badminton, squash.

I'd like to play golf.

I'm sorry, we don't have indoor golf.

Oh! That's too bad. I don't play tennis or squash, I don't have a partner.

Well, we also have a fitness room and a sauna. It's open Tuesday to Friday from 10am to 10pm and on Saturday afternoon from 1 to 7.

OK. That sounds good. And what about aerobics? My wife would like to do aerobics.

We have aerobics classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 to 11 in the morning.

That's great! Thank you.

You're welcome.

Pista 67: Escuche la historia.

Connie, look at the list on page 80 in the coursebook. What did you do yesterday?

Well, let me think. I got up at 9 o'clock. I had a nice, big breakfast and I listened to the news on the radio. Then I went to church. After church Richard and I went for a walk and from 4 to 5 we played tennis. In the evening we visited friends. When I think about it, I had a very nice day, yesterday.

Pista 68: Escuche las palabras y concéntrese en su pronunciación.

started
lived
listened
worked
played
watched
cooked
visited

Pista 69: Escuche la conversación telefónica.

Hello Marjorie, how was your week?

Oh hello Mum. Last week was very busy.

Did you visit aunt Mable last Sunday?

Yes, of course, I did.

Did you go to the doctor on Monday?

Yes, I did.

And did you feel better and go to work on Tuesday?

No, I didn't and I didn't go to work on Tuesday.

Oh, I'm sorry. I hope you feel better now.

Yes, I do. Thank you.

Did you watch that interesting film with Kevin Costner on Wednesday evening?

Of course, I did.

And what did you do on Thursday? Did you have your friends over for dinner?

Yes, I did. It was a lovely evening and Tom always ...

Marjorie, I hope you played tennis on Friday. It is so important that you go to your tennis classes.

Of course, I played tennis.

And today? Did you go shopping?

No, Mum, I didn't. By the way, what did you do today?

Well, Marjorie, first thing in the morning I went to ...

Pista 70: Escuche el diálogo.

And how did you get to class, Connie?

Oh, it's a beautiful evening, so I walked.

What about you Thomas?

Normally I get to class by car, but today I got to class by bus and tram.

And you, Fiona? How did you get to class?

I always get here by train.

Pista 71: Escuche la entrevista breve.

How often do you go by car, Louise?

I always go to work by car. On weekends I sometimes go to the theater by taxi.

Mark, how often do you go by car?

I never go by car. I usually go by bike. Sometimes I go by underground.
And you, Cora? How often do you go by car?
Sometimes I go by car to visit my friends. They live in the country. In town I usually go by bus.

Pista 72: Escuche el diálogo.

What can I get you?
I'd like a Viennese coffee with hot milk, please.
A cake, perhaps?
OK, then, I'll have a piece of cheese cake, please.
And what about you, sir?
I'll have a Viennese iced coffee, a piece of apple strudel and a piece of Sacher chocolate cake.
Would you like whipped cream on the apple strudel and Sacher cake?
No, thank you. I'm on a diet.
OK then, apple strudel and Sacher cake.

Pista 73: Escuche la conversación telefónica.

Hello, Jack Garner speaking.
Hello Jack. It's Ellen.
Hi, Ellen. How are you?
I'm fine. And you?
Very well, thanks.
How was your trip to Head Office in Washington?
Very interesting. I had some very productive meetings.
Did you meet Sam Waters?
Yes, he's the Marketing Director.
And did you meet the President?
What? The President of the United States?
No, the President of the company, Roger Mathews.
Yes, but he was very busy.
Well, Jack, see you at the meeting at 2 o'clock.
OK, see you, I'll tell you all about the trip to Washington then.
Yes, I'm looking forward to that. Bye.

Pista 74: Escuche el diálogo.

Hi, Chris. How are you today?
Fine, thanks. And you, Tony?
I'm OK. A little tired, I think. I had a very busy weekend. I was on a business trip to Basel and came back late on Saturday evening. And on Sunday my wife and I went to Pforzheim with our two boys. Family business, you know - my father's birthday. And how was your weekend, Chris?
Well, it was OK. It was cold and rainy on Saturday, but on Sunday the sun came out and Ralf and I played golf at the Country Club. It was fun. In the evening we went to O'Reilly's, the new Irish pub in town. We played darts together and had a good time.
Oh, already ten past! I think I'd better get back to work. I have a meeting with our sales manager at 10.30.
See you at lunch!

Pista 75: Escuche las conversaciones breves.

1.
What do you do?
I'm a doctor.

Where do you work?
In a hospital in Budapest.
2.
What do you do?
I'm a waiter.
Where do you work?
In a French restaurant in the city.
3.
What do you do?
I'm a housewife.
Where do you work?
At home, of course.
4.
What do you do?
I work in an office.
5.
What do you do?
I work for IBM.

Pista 76: Escuche el diálogo.

What does Fiona do?
She's an English teacher.
Where does she work?
In a language school.

Pista 77: Escuche la entrevista.

Good morning, Susan. I'm very happy to have you here in the morning talkshow of Niles Family TV.
Can you tell us something about yourself and your family?
Well, I work in a small children's hospital here in Niles.
Oh, so you are a doctor?
No, I'm a nurse. I really like my job.
And Fred, your husband?
Fred drives the school bus.
Is that here in Niles too?
Yes, he also works here in Niles.
Does he like his job?
Yes, he does. He likes children very much.
And how many children do you have, Susan?
Three, Carol, Brad and Daniel.
Do they go to school?
No, they all have jobs. Carol's a secretary, she works in a small company, but she doesn't like it very much. She thinks, her work is boring and the money isn't very good.
Oh, that's too bad. What about the other two?
Well, Brad's a pilot. He works for Air Michigan, a small airline in South Bend. He really likes flying, but I don't like it at all.
And Daniel, your other son?
Daniel always was good at sports. He worked at the Country Club for some time. But now he works at the sports center downtown. He's a shop assistant. I think he likes it. He likes working with people.
I see our time is over. Thank you for coming, Susan.

Pista 78: Escuche el texto.

When I get to work in the morning I open the post and I make all the important phone calls. I then write letters and work on my PC.
Sometimes it's very busy. I also answer the phone and greet visitors who come to see my boss.

Pista 79: Escuche el diálogo.

Paul, when did you come to Germany?

Last year, in September.

What do you do?

I'm a waiter at the "Luitpoldhof".

Oh, that's the new hotel in the centre. How did you get the job?

That was difficult. I phoned many hotels. But then I met a young German and he works there as a waiter. I had an interview with his boss and got the job.

Do you like your job?

It's OK. Sometimes I get tired and I don't like working at weekends, but sometimes I get good tips.

When do you start work?

I usually start at 6pm and work until about 12 or sometimes 1 o'clock at night.

Are you single or do you live with your family?

I'm not single, but my girlfriend lives in Belfast. I hope she can visit me this summer.

What do you do in your free time?

Well, I have a new mountainbike, and I often ride my bike. I also like swimming and playing darts.

I also like playing darts. Would you like to play?

That's a good idea. Let's go ...

Pista 80: Escuche el diálogo.

What do you do, Richard?

I'm an artist.

That's interesting. And where do you work?

At home. I have a studio there. The flat is very big so I can work at home.

Do you have a fixed routine? How many hours do you work?

Well, before an art show I work 14 hours or more, but sometimes just mornings or afternoons.

And do you like being an artist?

Yes, of course, I do.

Pista 81: Escuche la conversación telefónica.

PC International. Good morning.

Hello, could I speak to Ellen, please?

Who's calling, please?

This is Jack.

I'm sorry Jack, but she's not in the office today. Can I give her a message?

Yes, could you ask her to call me tomorrow, please.

Yes, certainly.

Thank you. Goodbye.

Goodbye.

Pista 82: Escuche el diálogo.

Connie, I know Richard and you like going on holiday to Turkey. Did you go to Turkey on your last holiday?

No, we went to Greece.

And where in Greece?

To Lesbos. It's a beautiful island near Turkey.

What did you do there?

We relaxed. We went swimming, we lay in the sun and we read. In the evenings we went to tavernas and had really good Greek food and retsina, of course.

Did you go for walks?

No, it was too hot. But we hired a car and went to Mytellini, the biggest town on Lesbos. There we went sightseeing and shopping.

Did you go wind-surfing?

No, but Richard went water-skiing once. He was in the water most of the time, though.

Pista 83: Escuche el diálogo.

Hi folks, how are you doing? Are you interested in a sightseeing tour of Manhattan? You can go on the "New York double-decker-tour", the bus stops right here. It's a double-decker bus, you can sit on top and see everything.

What do you think, Peter?

That's not a bad idea. We can see all the important sights. I don't like to go by taxi or walk all the time.

Does the bus go to the Empire State Building or the World Trade Center?

Well, there's an uptown tour and a downtown tour of Manhattan. The uptown and downtown together are \$34 per person.

What!? \$34,- that's \$68 for two!

Yes, sir, but you get to see all the important sights of the city. The ticket is good for two days. You can ride the bus today and tomorrow, you can get on and off at every stop.

Oh, I see, we can ride the bus for two days. Where does the bus stop?

There are many stops. The "New York double-decker downtown tour" stops at Times Square, Washington Square, Soho, Empire State Building, Wall Street, Battery Park, at the UN Building and ...

That's good. But \$68 for two, that's too much, I think.

Just go on the downtown tour then. That's a good tour. And it's only \$19 per person.

What do you think, Bonny, that's \$38 for the two of us?

That's OK. Downtown's fine.

But the bus doesn't go to Central Park and the Metropolitan Museum.

That's OK. We can go by taxi.

What days do you want to go?

Well, the weather is nice, I'd like to go today.

So, that's two tickets for today and tomorrow. \$38, please. Have a good time on the "New York double-decker".

Thank you.

You're welcome.

Pista 84: Escuche el diálogo.

You went to Europe last year, Lisa. Where did you go?

Where didn't I go! I flew to London and then went up to Scotland by train. From Hull I took a ship to Holland and then a train to Germany. From Germany I went to the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary by coach. In Budapest I hired a car and drove to Vienna. From Vienna I took a train to Brindisi in Italy and took a ship to Patras in Greece. I then took a bus to Athens. From Athens I flew back to the States.

And how long did you stay in Europe, Lisa?

Not very long. For 2 weeks.

And where are you going this year?

To India.

For 2 weeks?

No! For a week. Would you like to come?

Pista 85: Escuche el diálogo.

The 6 months went so fast.

Yes, tomorrow is my last day in the States.

Are you happy that you are going home?

Yes and no. I'm looking forward to sleeping in my own bed again, but I liked working here. It was really interesting.

What time is your flight?

At 9 in the morning.

I'll take you to the airport, Jack. I'll pick you up from your hotel at 6.30.

Are you sure? That would be great. Thanks.

No problem, Jack. See you at 6.30 tomorrow.

Pista 86: Escuche el diálogo.

Where are you going on holiday, Thomas?

To Italy. I'm going with Nicole. I love Italian wine and Nicole loves the sun.

And where are you going on holiday, Connie?

I'm staying at home.

Have a nice holiday!

And where are you going on holiday, Richard?

I'm going to England. And you, Fiona?

I'm going to Ireland to see my family.

Have a wonderful time!

Pista 87: Escuche el diálogo.

Goodbye, Connie. Have a good holiday.

Bye, Fiona. The same to you.

See you in September.

Yes, I'm looking forward to that.

Principantes falsos

Pista 1: Escuche la conversación breve.

Hello, Thomas, nice to see you.

Hello, Fiona, nice to see you, too.

Pista 2: Escuche la conversación breve.

Hello, Connie. How are you?

Fine, thank you, Fiona. And how are you?

I'm fine, thanks, Connie.

Pista 3: Escuche la conversación breve.

Hello, my name's Fiona.

My name's Werner.

Nice to meet you, Werner. Have a seat.

Thank you.

Pista 4: Escuche el diálogo.

Can I help you?
Is this the English class with Mrs Schneider?
Yes, I'm Fiona Schneider. Please come in. What's your name?
My name's Sonja Neumann.
Nice to meet you, Sonja.
Nice to meet you, Fiona.

Pista 5: Escuche el diálogo.

Hello, my name's Sonja.
Hello, Sonja. My name's Werner.
Nice to meet you, Werner.
Nice to meet you, too, Sonja.

Pista 6: Escuche el diálogo.

Hello, Connie, nice to see you.
Hello, Thomas. How are you?
I'm fine, thanks. And how are you?
Fine, thank you.

Pista 7: Escuche el alfabeto.

A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z

Pista 8: Escuche el diálogo.

Good evening. Iris Bailey from BCS has booked a room for me.
Good evening, sir. What's your name, please?
Maier.
Can you spell it, please?
M A I E R.
Thank you, Mr Maier. And your first name?
Franz. F R A N Z.
Right, Mr Maier. Room 312. Here's your key.
Thank you.
Have a nice stay.
Thanks. I hope so.

Pista 9: Escuche la conversación telefónica.

75263.
Hello, is that Fiona?
Yes, Fiona Schneider speaking.
Hello, Fiona. This is Sonja.
Oh, hello, Sonja. How are you?
Not so good. Sorry, I can't come to the English class this evening. I have a bad cold.
Oh, sorry to hear that, Sonja. I hope you'll soon be better.
I hope so, too. Goodbye, Fiona.
Bye, Sonja.

Pista 10: Escuche la conversación telefónica.

75263.

Hello, Fiona. This is Linda.

Oh, hello, Linda. How are you?

Fine, thanks. I have something to tell you. Can we meet tomorrow?

Yes, I think so. What time?

Is 2 o'clock OK?

Yes, that's fine. Where?

At Fabian's coffee shop?

OK. Fine. See you tomorrow, then. Two o'clock.

OK, Fiona. See you tomorrow.

Pista 11: Escuche el diálogo.

Good evening. My name's Laura Berger. I'm new in the class.

Hello, Laura. Nice to meet you. I'm your teacher, Fiona Schneider.

Schneider? Are you German?

No, I'm not. I'm Irish. My husband's German.

Oh, I see. Is Fiona an Irish name?

No, not really. It's Scottish. My mother comes from Scotland. And what about you, Laura? Are you German?

No, I'm Italian, but I live in Germany.

That's interesting. You're the first Italian in the class, Laura. Have a seat next to Dania. She's from Russia.

Thank you.

Pista 12: Escuche la historia de varias personas.

Hi, my name's Andy, or Andrés, or Andrew. I was born in Peru, in Lima. My father comes from Peru, but my mother's British. So I'm bilingual. I can speak Spanish and English.

Hello, I'm Fiona Schneider. Yes, I know, Schneider sounds German. But I'm not German, I'm Irish. I'm from Dublin. That's in the Republic of Ireland.

Franz Maier is my name. M-A-I-E-R. No, I'm not Austrian. I'm from southern Germany, from Bavaria.

My name's Sonja, Sonja Neumann. I was born in Darmstadt. Yes, I'm German.

I'm Jenny. I know I sometimes sound a bit American. You see, I worked in California for a year as an au-pair. But I actually come from Brighton. That's on the south coast of England.

Pista 13: Escuche la conversación telefónica.

Hello, Linda, it's me, Franz.

Oh, hello, love. How are you? How was the flight?

Mm, not so bad. A bit bumpy. But OK.

Where are you now?

At the hotel.

What's it like?

Very nice. It's near St. Stephen's Green. That's a park right in the middle of Dublin. I can see it from my window.

Sounds lovely. What's your room like?

Quite big. There's a large bed, and it's got a good mattress. There's a desk and a chair by the window, a TV, of course, and a comfortable armchair. Oh, yes, and there's a hospitality tray.

A what?

A hospitality tray.

What's that?

You know. A tray with things to make tea and coffee: a small kettle, a cup and saucer, teabags, little packets of coffee, sugar and milk; oh, and some biscuits.
Oh, right. Yes, I know what you mean. Sounds nice. - What time's the meeting?
Three o'clock. Then we're going out for a meal. I'll phone you again later this evening.
OK. Hope all goes well. Have a nice meal.
Thanks. Love to the children. Everything OK?
Yes, everything's OK. Take care.
You, too. Bye.
Bye.

Pista 14: Escuche las conversaciones breves.

1.
Have you got a car, Fiona?
Yes, I have.
Is it a big car or a small car?
A small car. I've got problems parking.

2.
Connie, have you got a car?
Yes, I have.
What colour is it?
Red. That's my favourite colour.

3.
Have you got a car, Andy?
No, I haven't.

4.
Leo, have you got a car?
Yes, I have. I've got an old, French car.

5.
Have you got a car, Franz?
Yes, I have.
Is it a big car or a small car?
A big car. There are five of us, - and the dog, of course, - and sometimes we've got the bikes with us.
What colour is it?
White. It's a big, white car.

Pista 15: Escuche el diálogo.

Fiona, here I am. Over here.
Hi, Linda. Sorry I'm late. There was a meeting at school.
That's OK. What would you like?
Just a coffee, thanks. Well, what's your news? I can't wait to hear.
Well, we've got a new flat.
Where?
In the next street. So the boys can stay at their old school.
What's it like?
Well, it's older than the other flat, but it's bigger. There's a living-room and a separate dining-room, four bedrooms and a study...
It sounds wonderful.
Yes, it's nice to have more rooms. The kitchen isn't very modern, but it's nice and roomy. And there are two bathrooms. Well, one's a full bathroom and the other one has a shower, a toilet and wash-basin.
What about a garden? Has it got a garden?
Yes, it has. It's a bit smaller than our old garden, but it's big enough.
And do Franz and the children like it?
Oh, yes, they love it. Look, here are some photos. This is the...

Pista 16: Escuche las palabras y concéntrese en su pronunciación.

1. crown, down, gown, ground, how, round, town
2. day, eight, game, they, tray, way
3. go, hope, know, old, phone, slow

Pista 17: Escuche las palabras y encuentre cuál de ellas no pertenece al grupo.

1. which, is, right, silken
2. that, walk, taxi, back
3. take, way, walk, say
4. song, slow, on, of
5. left, end, evening, get
6. I, British, His, in
7. know, slow, old, crown
8. golden, go, gown, know
9. key, evening, me, second
10. king, ride, right, I

Pista 18: Escuche el diálogo.

Excuse me, can you tell me the way to the National Gallery?

The National Gallery? Yes, just a minute. Right, we're in East Street. Go to the end of the street and turn right.

To the end of the street and turn right?

Yes. That's North Street. Walk down North Street for about 50 metres and then turn left.

Turn left?

Yes, turn left. That takes you into West Street. Just walk to the bottom of the street, and the National Gallery is on the left.

So first turn right into North Street and then turn left into West Street?

That's correct.

Thanks very much.

You're welcome. Bye.

Bye.

Pista 19: Escuche el diálogo.

Excuse me, can you tell me the way to the post office?

Sorry, I'm a stranger here.

Excuse me, can you tell me the way to the post office?

Yes, of course, it's not far from here. Just turn left at the coffee shop. Then walk to the end of the street, and the post office is on the right.

OK. Turn left at the coffee shop.

Yes.

then walk to the end of the street.

Correct.

and the post office is on the right.

That's it.

Great. Thanks for your help.

No problem. Cheers.

Bye.

Pista 20: Escuche la descripción.

Go to the end of New Street and turn left into Main Street. Walk down Main Street and High Street and then turn right into St. Anne's Road. Go down St. Anne's Road and turn left into Lewis Road. Walk down Lewis Road for about fifty metres, and the sports ground is on the left.

Pista 21: Escuche los números.

eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen;
twenty, thirty, forty, fifty, sixty, seventy, eighty, ninety, a hundred;
twenty-one, thirty-two, forty-three, fifty-four, sixty-five, seventy-six, eighty-seven, ninety-eight, a hundred and nine

Pista 22: Escuche las preguntas y respuestas.

1. How many people are there in your office? 11
2. How old are you? 22
3. What's your lucky number? 13
4. How many rooms are there in your flat? 4
5. What's your address? 55 West Street.
6. What's your address? 66 Bank Street.
7. What age can you drive in Britain? 17
8. What age can you drive in Germany? 18
9. What's your lucky number? 99

Pista 23: Escuche las oraciones y trate de entender los números.

1. This is my second English class.
2. Mrs Martin's office? Oh, it's on the fifth floor.
3. Take the first street on the left.
4. Our house is the third house on the right.
5. Our hotel room is on the twelfth floor.
6. This is my sixth cup of tea today.

Pista 24: Escuche las palabras y concéntrese en su pronunciación.

back, taxi, that
take, say, way
British, his, in, king, is, silken, which
I, ride, right
end, get, left, second
evening, key, me
of, on, song
walk
go, golden, know, old, slow
crown, down

Pista 25: Escuche el diálogo.

Good afternoon, sir. Can I help you?
Yes, my name's Maier, Franz Maier. I have an appointment with Jim Fitzgerald at three o'clock.
Yes, of course, Mr Maier. Mr Fitzgerald is expecting you.
Which floor is his office on?

The fourth floor, Mr Maier, but you can take the lift. It's just over there.
Thank you, but I think I'll take the stairs. I don't like lifts very much.
I'll just let Mr Fitzgerald know you're on the way.
That's very kind of you. Thank you.
You're welcome.

Pista 26: Escuche el diálogo.

Hello, Franz. Nice to see you again. How are you? How was the flight? The hotel OK?
Hello, Jim. Yes, everything's fine, thanks. Dublin is a wonderful city. And I must say this is a very nice building you've got here.
Glad you like it. Now come on in. The others are waiting. Right, here we are. Hello, everyone. This is Franz Maier. I think some of you know him already. Franz, this is Billy Dick from Finance ...
Hello, Billy, nice to see you again.
and Kevin McKnight from Customer Support Services.
Hello, Kevin, pleased to meet you.
and Shona Harris from Systems Development ...
Good afternoon, Shona, pleased to meet you.
and this is Mark

Pista 27: Escuche las palabras y concéntrese en su pronunciación.

after
answer
are
armchair
car
father
bumpy
but
bus
under
us

Pista 28: Escuche lo que varias personas están diciendo.

1.
I'm an electrician. The people I work with are very nice. I have very nice colleagues.
2.
I work at an airport. I work 38 hours a week. It's a full-time job.
3.
I work in a shop two days a week. It's a part-time job.
4.
I have three small children and I'm a homemaker. I work 60 to 70 hours a week. A homemaker with kids always works overtime.
5.
I'm a nurse. Sometimes I work at night and sometimes I start work in the morning. I work shifts.
6.
I work in a n office. I like the flexi time. I can start working at 7 o'clock, or if I want to, I can start work at 8 o'clock.
7.
I'm a pilot. I like flying and I like the money. My salary is very good.

Pista 29: Escuche las entrevistas telefónicas.

Hi everybody. This is Jerry Roberts at Radio WBKB. Welcome to "Radio Talk". Our topic today is your job! What do you like about your job? What don't you like about your job? Phone us now at 439-5899.

Hello, Jerry Roberts here at "Radio Talk".

Hi Jerry, this is Cathy Jones.

Hi, Cathy. What do you do?

I'm a nurse in a children's hospital.

And do you like your job?

I like my job very much. I like helping people.

And what don't you like about your job, Cathy?

I don't like working shifts. Well, and my salary isn't very good. But all in all, I like my job very much.

Well, thank you Cathy. And now we have another caller. Hello, Jerry Roberts here at "Radio Talk".

Hello, this is Marion Jones.

And what do you do, Marion?

I'm an electrician.

An electrician. Oh, that's great. And what do you like about your job?

Well, it's a very interesting job. I'm interested in technical things and my salary's good. But I don't like working overtime very much.

Thank you very much, Marion. And here's our next caller. Hello, this is "Radio Talk".

Hi, this is Frank Wells. I work in an office and I don't like my job. It's not interesting and my salary isn't very good.

Oh, that's too bad. Do you work flexitime?

Oh, yes, I do. I like the flexitime. And I like my colleagues. But the job. No, thanks.

Well, thanks for calling. And here's our last caller. Hello, here's Jerry at "Radio Talk".

Hi, Jerry. This is Margaret Scott.

And what do you do, Margaret?

I'm a homemaker. I have four small children, a house and a garden.

And what do you like about the life of a homemaker?

Well, Jerry, I like the flexitime!

Flexitime?

Well, I have flexitime. I can plan my day and I'm my own boss. But it is a full-time job. I have no free time! And my salary. Well, I don't want to talk about my salary! And the overtime. I work 60 to 70 hours a week with no salary, no vacation, no colleagues. But Jerry, I like my job.

OK, thank you, Margaret. That's it for today. This is Jerry Roberts at WBKB.

Pista 30: Escuche el diálogo.

Jerry, I really like your radio show on WBKB.

Well, thank you. That's nice to hear.

How long have you worked at WBKB?

Let me think – "Radio Talk" is a new show, but I've worked for WBKB much longer, for about 6 years.

And do you like your job?

Oh, yes, I love it. I like talking to interesting people about interesting things.

And what about you? Are you married?

Yes, I have a wife and 2 children.

How old are they?

Our daughter Tina is fourteen years old and Brad, our son, is twelve.

Thank you for the interview, Mr Roberts, it was nice talking to you.

And it was nice talking to you, too. And thank you for listening to my radio show.

Pista 31: Escuche el diálogo.

Richard, how long have you lived in Munich?

Oh, I've lived here in Munich for 5 years.

And you, Connie? How long have you lived in Munich?

Also five years.

Linda, what about you? How long have you lived in Germany?

A long time! 22 years! And what about you, Fiona? How long have you lived in Germany?

I've lived in Germany for 2 years.

Pista 32: Escuche la conversación telefónica.

BCS International. Good morning.

Good morning. Could I speak to Franz Maier, please?

Who's calling, please?

This is his wife, Linda Maier.

Oh, hello Mrs. Maier. Hold the line, please. I'll see if he's available.

Thank you.

One moment, please, I'll put you through.

Thank you.

Hello.

Hello love, it's Linda here ...

Pista 33: Escuche las canciones infantiles.

I work days,

Sometimes nights

Salary have I not.

But who's my boss?

I'm my boss

In this full-time job!

I'm a homemaker.

Power, power, power

And light, light, light.

Because of me,

You can watch TV

And read a book at night.

I'm an electrician.

I fly you here

And fly you there.

I spend my 'office hours'

In the air.

I take you up

And bring you down

All safe and sound.

I'm a pilot.

My clothes are white or

Sometimes green.

In my job everything

Is very clean.

When you are sick

You need my help.

I'm a nurse.

I bring you food,

I bring you wine,

I bring you beer

And all that's fine

To eat and drink.

I'm a waiter.

Pista 34: Escuche el diálogo.

And what about you? Have you also got children?
Yes, I have. I have three boys, Mark, Steve and James.
Oh, three boys. And what do they do?
Mark has a good job. He works in New York in a big hotel. He likes his job. He likes meeting people and he meets a lot of interesting people. Many famous people come to this hotel, Mick Jagger, Boris Becker, Janet Jackson and I don't know who all!
But of course he sometimes works at night. He doesn't like that.
And Steve. What does he do?
Steve? Oh, he has just the right job. He's interested in money and he works at a bank. He has a full-time job and a good salary.
And James. What does he do?
Oh, he's only 16. He goes to school.
And what's he interested in?
Girls, music, cars. He wants to be a rock star!
Ah, yes. I see.

Pista 35: Escuche las conversaciones breves.

1.
When's your English class?
Monday evening at seven o'clock.
2.
Would you like to go to a musical on Wednesday night?
Oh, yes. I'd love to! What musical is it?
3.
I want to relax on Sunday.
Good idea!
4.
What day is it today?
It's Thursday.
Oh, of course.
5.
I play tennis every Tuesday.
Do you?
6.
When's the basketball game?
Friday at 7.45.
7.
I want to see 'Star Wars'.
When do you want to go?
How about Saturday?
OK.

Pista 36: Escuche el diálogo.

Connie what about you? What would you like to drink?
I'd like a glass of wine, please.
Red or white wine?
White wine, please.
Here you are.
Thank you.
And what about you Richard? Would you like a glass of wine?
Oh, no thank you.
Are you sure?
Well, have you got red wine?

Yes, of course. Would you like a glass of red wine?
Yes, please.
Here you are.
Thank you.
Cheers.

Pista 37: Escuche la historia.

This is Mike Johnson at WBKB with "What's in a name?"
Do you know why a 'Mercedes' is called 'Mercedes'? Here's the story of the name behind the name.
Mercedes Jellinek was born in Vienna, Austria, in 1889. She was a beautiful little girl and was her father's favourite child. In 1899 her father ordered a racing car from Gottfried Daimler. He named the car 'Mercedes' and the car won the race.
And what about Mercedes? She married for the first time in 1909. Her daughter Elfriede was born in 1912 and her son Hans-Peter in 1916. In 1923 she started a new life and married for the second time. Her husband was an artist. Mercedes Jellinek-Weigl died in 1929.
And that's "What's in a name" for today.
Listen tomorrow when "What's in a name" is about the name 'America'.

Pista 38: Escuche la conversación telefónica.

Jane, is that you. This is Mary. How's everything with you.... Good. That's good. ... Oh, I'm fine. I'm having a wonderful time. I'm here in Munich visiting my nephew Richard and his girlfriend Connie. Yesterday we went to a Bavarian restaurant. It was so interesting. I ordered wine. You know I don't like beer. I know Bavaria is famous for its beer. But I just don't like beer. So I had wine. I sent you a post card last week from London. Did you get it? London is also a very interesting city. I went to the Tower of London. So interesting....Oh, you know. You were in London last year. Oh, yes, it's a wonderful city. But so expensive!... No, I didn't go to the British Museum. I didn't have time. But I want to go to the German Museum in Munich. You know I'm very interested in technical things. Well, it was nice to talk to you, Jane. Take care. See you in two weeks. Bye.

Pista 39: Escuche las conversaciones breves.

1.
What's the time, please?
It's 10.25.
Thank you.
You're welcome.
2.
When were you born?
I was born in 1965.
3.
When's your birthday?
The 13th of July.
4.
What did your son do last year?
He worked in Dublin.
5.
What do you do?
I work part-time in an office.
6.
Welcome to our firm.
Thank you. It's nice to be here.
7.
Thank you.

You're welcome.

8.

Nice to see you. How are you?

Oh, I'm fine, thank you.

Pista 40: Escuche los diálogos.

1.

Where did you buy those shoes?

In London. Do you like them?

Yes, they look very comfortable.

Mm, they are.

Were they very expensive?

No, not really.

2.

Where did you get that hat?

In Paris. Do you like it?

Yes, it looks lovely!

Thank you.

Um, was it very expensive?

Well, yes, it was.

Pista 41: Escuche la entrevista.

Excuse me, sir. We're doing a survey on shopping habits. Can I ask you some questions?

Sure.

Right. Thank you. Now, where do you buy your CDs?

My CDs? Well, I normally buy them at a music shop in town.

Music shop. Right. And what about your fruit and veg? Where do you buy that?

Oh, I don't buy the fruit and veg. My wife always gets that, but I'm not sure where.

OK. Now, where do you buy your plane tickets?

Plane tickets? No, I never buy plane tickets. We always stay in England and go camping on holiday.

Right, sir, and now one last question. Where do you buy your newspaper?

Oh, that's easy. At the kiosk at the railway station every morning before I get the train.

Right, sir. Thank you very much for your help.

Oh, no problem.

Pista 42: Escuche la entrevista.

Excuse me, madam. Can I ask you some questions? We're doing a survey on shopping habits.

Yes, well, all right, if it doesn't take too long.

Thank you, madam. Now, where do you buy your CDs?

CDs? I don't buy CDs. I don't have a CD player. I listen to records.

I see. Now, madam, where do you buy your fruit and veg?

Oh, always at the market. It's nice and fresh there.

At the market. Thank you. Now what about your plane tickets? Where do you buy them?

I don't. My husband always buys them.

I see. Thank you. And just one last question, madam. Where do you buy your newspaper?

From the newsagent. The paper boy brings it every morning.

From the newsagent. Thank you very much indeed, madam. Have a nice day.

Thank you. Goodbye.

Pista 43: Escuche la entrevista.

Excuse me, sir. Have you got a moment?. We're doing a survey on shopping habits, and I'd like to ask you some questions.

A survey on shopping habits? Yeah, why not. OK, what do you want to ask?

Right. First of all, where do you buy your CDs?

On the Internet, of course. No problem.

On the Internet. OK. Now, what about your fruit and veg? Where do you get that?

At the supermarket, where I get all my other food. It's quicker. Get it all in the one place.

Right. Now, plane tickets. Where do you get them?

On the Internet, like my CDs. It's really easy.

Internet. Mm. Now what about your newspaper? Where do you buy that?

Newspaper? I never buy a newspaper. I read it on the ...

... on the Internet.

Yeah, that's right. How did you guess?

I just did. Right, thank you very much.

No problem. Cheers.

Pista 44: Escuche el diálogo.

Hello Kate. How was your trip to Boston?

Hi, Martin. Not bad, thanks. But it was very short. We had a lot of meetings, and then there were the meals in the evenings. I'm really tired. And I had a very bumpy flight on the way back.

Did you meet Tim Walsh?

Yes, I did. He was very interested in our report.

Oh, great. What did he say?

Well, he really liked the ideas about the Customer Support Services.

Mm, not bad. And what did he say about the Systems Development?

Actually, he was very busy, but he wanted to study it again and then send you a fax.

OK, that's fine. Right now, what about the ...

Pista 45: Escuche las palabras y encuentre cuál de ellas no pertenece al grupo.

1. by, boy, buy, bye
2. free, easy, each, shelf
3. those, show, shoe, close
4. bring, light, price, time
5. shirt, nice, quick, pick
6. show, how, blouse, out
7. boot, fruit, buy, shoe
8. love, lunch, put, but

Pista 46: Escuche la conversación telefónica.

BCS International. How can I help you?

Could I speak to Margaret Marshall, please?

Speaking.

Oh, it's you, Margaret. Sorry. This is Irene calling. Listen, I've got a problem. Do you think you could help me out?

What is it?

Well, you see, Andrew's got a very bad cold, and I can't take him to the childminder's. He's really not very well - I think it's his teeth - and Billy's away on business until tomorrow. I know you usually go to your father's in the morning. But do you think you could stand in for me tomorrow morning? Kevin wants to go over those figures for the presentation tomorrow afternoon.

What about your mother? Can't she come round?

No, I'm afraid not. My parents have gone away for a few days. That's why I thought I would ask you.
Well, all right. I'll take some lunch round to my father's before I go to work tomorrow morning.
Oh, thanks a million, Margaret. That's great. Will you tell Kevin for me?
Yes, OK. I'll send him an e-mail.
OK, Margaret, thanks again. I'll speak to you next week. Bye for now.
Bye.

Pista 47: Escuche el diálogo.

Hello there, Alice. How was your weekend?
Oh, hi, Bob. Too short. I was so busy.
So what did you do?
Well, on Friday I worked late, as you know, so when I got home, all I did was have a hot bath and then watch an old film on TV. What did you do on Friday evening, then? You left the office before me, didn't you?
Yeah, that's right. I went down to the pub and had a couple of drinks with Callum and Tony from Finance - you know them, don't you? - and then we went to this new Japanese restaurant in Walton Street. Have you been there? You should try it. It's really great.
Mm, that sounds good. Maybe next weekend. You know, we've got this new flat, and there's a lot to do in it before we can move. We worked in the kitchen all day Saturday and all day Sunday. I bet you had a better time than that.
Yeah, it wasn't too bad, actually. I went to a great party on Saturday evening and met this super girl ...
Oh, Bob, not again!
What do you mean? Not again.
Well, you know, you meet someone new, and then after a couple of weeks ...
Yes, well, this time it's different. You'll see.
Yes, I'm sure I will. Come on, what about a cup of coffee, and you can tell me all about her ...

Pista 48: Escuche la entrevista.

Good evening and welcome to this week's edition of "Look at life". Today's programme is called "Life changes".
With me in the studio this evening are Mary, a young teacher, Jock, a retired worker, and Colette, a working mother. Thank you all very much for coming this evening.
Now, first of all, Mary, how has life changed for you?
Well, I started my first real job as a teacher last year. Before that when I was still a student, of course, I had different holiday jobs. I worked in a shop, in an office, in a café. You know, the kind of holiday jobs students do.
But those jobs were only for a few weeks, and then it was back to student life again. Now I've got my first real job with a regular monthly income.
So has life improved for you, Mary?
Well, it has, and it hasn't. I get up much earlier, of course, and I'm in school all day. I usually do the shopping after school, and in the evening I have to prepare my lessons for the next day. So there's not much time for friends now, except at weekends. But, on the other hand, I know I'm now a part of the real life, and I enjoy my job - well, most of the time, anyway. And last week I got my first Visa card. I never had one as a student. Mm, life certainly has changed.
Well, thank you very much, Mary, and I'm sure all our listeners wish you the very best for your teaching career.
Thank you. Thank you very much.

Pista 49: Escuche la entrevista.

Now, our next guest is Jock, who has just retired from work after 45 years. Jock, that must be a big change for you.

Yes, you're right. For 45 years I got up every morning at seven o'clock, made a cup of tea for the wife, got washed and dressed, had my breakfast of porridge and tea and then left for work. I took sandwiches with me for lunch and a flask of tea because I was away all day, you see. I came home about half past five and then I had my dinner. After that I usually read the paper and watched television and then we went to bed. And that was my daily routine.

What about the weekends, Jock?

Well, on a Friday after dinner I usually went to the pub with some of the lads. Saturday afternoon we usually went into town and had a look around the shops. Sunday was always a quiet day, church in the morning for the wife, a late lunch, the Sunday newspapers and a walk maybe. That was about it. And how has life changed for you?

Well, I still get up at the same time and make a cup of tea, and then I take it back to bed for the wife and me. I read the paper at breakfast now, and then we think about what to do for the rest of the day. I help the wife with the shopping, and I have tried to do a bit of cooking, but I'm not very good at that, I'm afraid. I still meet the lads for a drink on a Friday night. I think it's important not to lose contact. Oh, and the wife and I have just started a German course. We're going there on holiday this year. Yes, I'm looking forward to that. And we all hope you have a wonderful holiday! Thank you, Jock, for coming along this evening.

Pista 50: Escuche la entrevista.

And now to our third guest. Colette is married, has three children and a full-time job. Colette, welcome to the programme. How has life changed for you?

Well, we went out to Germany in 1995 for three years. My husband's company had a contract with a European organization near Frankfurt. The contract was completed in June, and then we all came back home to Dublin again.

That sounds really interesting, living in another country for three years.

Well, yes, it was. It was an adventure really. And there were so many places to visit. You know, at the weekend you just got into the car and went down to Austria or Switzerland. You can't do that when you live in Dublin.

Yes, I'm sure that must be a big advantage. But what about everyday life, Colette?

Well, for me personally the biggest change was that I didn't work when we were in Germany. And that made daily life easier for me. You see, where we lived - in a small town - the boys walked or cycled to school. In Dublin I take them to school by car before I go to work, and then I collect them again after work.

What about the school day? Doesn't school start earlier in Germany?

Yes, it does. But that wasn't a problem because in Dublin I get up early anyway to organize the day, put the washing machine on before I go to work and things like that. And it was nice for the children to have no school in the afternoon, especially in the warmer weather when they could go to the open-air swimming-pool.

So was it a good idea to spend three years in another country?

Oh yes, absolutely. It was a wonderful experience for all of us to learn another language and to experience another way of life.

Just one last question, Colette. Are you sorry to be back?

No, not really. As I said, it was a wonderful experience, but Dublin is a great town to live in.

Right, Colette. Well, all the best for you and the family, and thank you very much, thank you all very much, for taking part in this week's episode "Life changes".

And to the listeners thank you for listening in. We hope you enjoyed it. Next week's episode ...

Pista 51: Escuche el diálogo.

Hi, Lucy, it's me, Carol. How are you?

Oh, hello there. I'm fine, thanks. How are you?

Oh, not so bad. Listen, what are you doing at the weekend?

I'm going dancing.

Really? Oh, I've always wanted to do that, but I've never had a partner.

Yes, but with line dancing you don't need a partner, and it's great fun. Why don't you come along?

I don't know. Do you think I should?
Oh, come on, of course you should. You'll really like it.
OK, then. What time will I meet you?
Well, about ...

Pista 52: Escuche el diálogo.

What a day that was! I think I need another drink. What about you, Roger? Another one for you?
No, thanks, Mike. I'm going to my Spanish class.
Spanish? Why are you learning Spanish?
Oh, well, you know, for holidays and that.
Yeah, I've always wanted to learn a foreign language. I've just never had the time.
Why not come along with me? It's only the second evening.
No, no thanks. I really haven't got the time. I'll see you tomorrow at the office.
OK, see you tomorrow.
Yeah, cheers, Rog.

Pista 53: Escuche el diálogo.

Right, that's the Thompson report finished. Thank goodness for that! What about you, Ann? Nearly finished?
Yes, just one more graph to print out, and that's me finished. Whew, I'm glad it's Friday. I'm really looking forward to the weekend.
Yes, so am I. What are you doing?
I'm going bungee-jumping with some friends.
Bungee-jumping? You're brave! I've always wanted to try something exciting like that, you know, bungee-jumping or abseiling, but I'm afraid I've never had the courage.
You should try it. It's great fun! And you forget all about the office, and work, and the boss, ...
Yes, well, I'm sure you do. But I don't think it's for me. Anyway, have a good time and take care.
Thanks, I will. See you Monday, Graham. Bye.
Bye.

Pista 54: Escuche el diálogo.

Let's go out for lunch. Here. Let's look in the newspaper. Here we are. How about this one? Lobster, seafood, steak.
But I can't smoke there.
Oh, right. Let's see. English breakfast or English tea. No, we want to have lunch. And this one here?
We can't have lunch there.
You're right. They only serve dinner. They don't open until 5.30. And this one here? This looks nice but they only have ice cream and sundaes.
What about this one? They're open for lunch.
Right and we only want something small. Let's go there.
OK.

Pista 55: Escuche el diálogo.

How many in your party?
Two.
Smoking or non-smoking?
Smoking, please.
This way, please. Is this table all right?
Is this OK, Connie? Yes, this is fine.
Hi, my name's Tom and I'm your waiter today. Will that be separate checks or together?

Together, please.
Here you are.
Thank you. Let's have a look at the menu. I'm not very hungry. I think I'll just have a BLT.
OK, one BLT.
A BLT. What's that?
A BLT. Don't you know what a BLT is, Connie? It's a sandwich, with bacon, lettuce and tomato. And fries on the side.
Fries on the side.
Fries on the side?
You know, an extra order of French fries. And an OJ.
One OJ.
An OJ?
You know, an orange juice.
Oh, ...
And what would you like?
I'd like a fried egg with toast.
How do you want your egg? Sunny-side up or over easy?
Sunny-side up?
You know, a regular fried egg. Eggs over easy are fried on both sides.
OK, then, sunny-side up and an OJ.
One BLT with fries on the side, one egg sunny-side up and two OJs coming up.
How's your egg?
Oh, well, it isn't very good. It's cold. And your BLT?
It's OK. But the bacon is burned and the toast is hard.
Is everything all right?
Oh, yes, everything is just fine.

Pista 56: Escuche los diálogos.

1.
Let's go out to eat.
OK. Where do you want to go?
Oh, how about something exclusive. Here, let's go to this restaurant.
We can't go there. We aren't members.
No, no. We can go there now. But we must make reservations. What's the phone number?
It's ...
2.
I'm so hungry. Let's go out to eat.
But it's 3 o'clock in the morning.
No problem. We can go to this restaurant. Here. Look.
3.
I have a good idea! Let's go out to eat.
It's such a beautiful day. I don't want to sit in a restaurant.
Well, let's go to this place. We can eat outdoors.
4.
Let's go out to eat.
Good idea! I'm so hungry.
How about this restaurant? It's not far from Union Street.
No, it's not. And I love European food!
5.
Let's go out for lunch.
OK. Let's see. How about this restaurant? I love Japanese food.
But we can't go there. Today is Sunday.
Oh, that's too bad.
6.
Let's go out to eat.
How about Italian food? I love Italian food.

OK. Let's go to this restaurant.
Good idea. Oh, look. We can't go there. It doesn't open until the end of May.

Pista 57: Escuche el diálogo.

What time are you leaving tomorrow?
The taxi's picking me up at 5 o'clock.
What? Five in the morning!
No, no, in the afternoon. It's a night flight.
Oh, of course. And what time do you arrive in Munich?
At 9.30. Richard is picking me up.
Here's a little present for you.
Ah, let's see. Oh, it's a Valentine's card. "Happy Valentine's Day to a dear niece." How nice. And a Teddy Bear with an American flag. Thank you, Aunt Mary.
Well, have a good flight. And give my love to Richard.
Yes, of course. I'll do that.

Pista 58: Escuche el diálogo.

Well, I'm very busy.
And what about tomorrow?
Tomorrow? Look at my time-planner! I'm seeing Jack Jones tomorrow at 10 o'clock. In the afternoon I'm giving a presentation for a new product.
And the day after tomorrow?
Let me see ... In the morning I'm working on my reports with Sarah and in the afternoon I'm going to a presentation. In the evening I'm meeting friends.
Busy week.
I have an idea! Come and join us tomorrow evening.
Well, ...
Sure, come on. At Harry's Bar at 8.30.
OK, see you tomorrow evening.

Pista 59: Escuche la conversación telefónica.

Western Isles Travel Office. Can I help you?
Yes, I'd like to book a room, please.
And where would you like to book the room?
I'd like a room in a Bed&Breakfast on the Isle of Eigg.
Oh, yes, it's very beautiful there. For when would you like to make a reservation?
From the 12th to the 20th August.
For how many persons?
For three. Two adults and a child.
And how old is the child?
She's five.
OK.
I'd like a double room with an extra bed. Is that possible?
Yes, of course.
How much is the room?
It's £16.00.
Is that per person?
Yes, it is. And it's £5 for the extra bed.
And is breakfast included?
Yes, of course.
OK, that's fine. Would you book the room for me, please?
Yes, of course. Could I have your name and address, please?

My name is ...

Pista 60: Escuche la conversación telefónica.

This is "Hotels and More" - Booking Agency. You have called outside our office hours. Please place your booking order after the beep.

Please say your name, telephone number, the type of rooms you want, and the day of arrival and departure. We will call you to confirm your arrangements.

Oh, yes, well. This is Marion Lester. L E S T E R. I'd like to book two double rooms at the, um, here it is in your catalogue, let me see, at the Rose Inn in Edinburgh.

Yes, two double rooms for me, my husband and our two daughters. We are arriving on Thursday the 10th (of) June and we're leaving on the, let me have a look at my calendar, on the 15th (of) June.

That's a Tuesday. So that's ... four nights. No, five nights. Oh yes, we'd like a cooked breakfast. I do hope that breakfast is included. I guess that's everything. Please call me back to confirm our rooms.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you. Thank you and goodbye.

I hate those answering machines. I always forget something. But this time I got it right!

Pista 61: Escuche la entrevista.

This is Jerry at WBKB and our programme today is "Job Talk". Today we are here in an office talking to Alice Seymour. Alice, what can you tell us about your work here? What exactly do you do?

Well, I'm a secretary here at the South Port Medical Center.

And what can you tell us about your work?

I work for eight different doctors. I have two colleagues who work with me.

And what exactly do you do during your working day?

I work at the computer. I write letters and, sometimes, I write reports for the doctors. I also answer the telephone and make appointments for the patients with the doctors. And I keep the records for the patients.

Can you tell me about your equipment here?

The computer is very important to me. Here it is.

And what's this in front of the keyboard?

Ah, right, that's my braille display. With this display I can read the text with my fingers. I can read one line at a time. The braille display shows me exactly what I'm writing.

Oh, that's very interesting. And what are these here?

These are my headphones. I can listen to the doctor's reports and at the same time write on my computer. I also have a voice card for the computer so that I can listen to the text. But that's not all. I have a braille printer as well as a laser printer so I can read the finished texts in braille. Our fax machine also prints in braille so that I can read the faxes when they come in.

Do you also have hi-tech equipment at home?

Oh, yes. I do homebanking on my computer and send e-mail messages to my friends. My computer at home also has a braille display, of course.

Thank you very much, Alice. That was very interesting. That's it for today. Listen again tomorrow to "Job Talk".

Pista 62: Escuche el diálogo.

Could you help me with this fax machine, please?

Sure. What's the number?

897395.

Press the buttons here. 8 9 7 3 9 5. And now press 'start'. See, it's easy.

Thank you very much. And could you help me send the fax?

Yes, of course. I'll be glad to. Let me see. Put your fax here, face down. There. Now, it's OK.

Oh, yes. Well, thank you very much.

You're welcome.

Pista 63: Escuche las oraciones.

My birthday is on the 30th (of) December. I'm a Capricorn.
And my birthday is on the 2nd (of) February. I'm an Aquarius.
The 20th (of) February is my sister's birthday. She's a Pisces.
A person who was born on the 1st (of) April is an Aries.
My boyfriend's birthday is on the 3rd (of) May. He's a Taurus.
A person born between the 22nd (of) May and the 21st (of) June is a Gemini.
If your birthday is on the 4th (of) July you are a Cancer.
My son's birthday is on the 25th (of) July. He's a Leo.
My daughter's birthday is on the 20th (of) September. She's a Virgo.
If your birthday is on the 13th (of) October, you're a Libra.
My brother's birthday is the 17th (of) November. He's a Scorpio.
Steve's birthday is the 20th (of) December. He's a Sagittarius.

Pista 64: Escuche las conversaciones breves.

1.
I can't find a parking space when I drive to the city.
Why don't you take the subway? It's so easy. There's a train every ten minutes.
Good idea! I'll do that!
2.
I have a bad headache.
Why don't you take an aspirin?
Good idea! I'll do that!
3.
I want to be available all the time!
Why don't you buy a cell phone?
Well, that's an idea. Maybe I will.
4.
I need to learn Spanish for my job.
Why don't you go to evening classes?
That's a very good idea. I'll do that!
5.
I'm having guests tonight and I haven't got time to cook.
Why don't you call the pizza service?
Right! I'll do that. Have you got the number?
6.
I have a problem. I don't know what to do.
Why don't you go to a fortune teller?
I don't know. I don't think I'll do that.

Pista 65: Escuche el diálogo.

One of my friends is going on a trip around the world. She's staying at luxury hotels. Luxury hotels?
Carmen, would that be a luxury for you?
No, not really. Luxury for me is when I can sleep in the morning until 11 or 12 o'clock - and then a nice long breakfast with my husband. And having time to read a good book. What about you, William?
What is luxury for you?
Oh, having time to read a good book. That's enough for me. And of course, breakfast with my wife.
Let's hear from you, Diane. What about you?
For me, luxury is eating antipasto and drinking white wine in the conference room during our lunch break here at the firm. We did that yesterday. So much fun! Also buying something I want but don't really need. Like the ring I bought last week. And Donald, what about you? A trip around the world?
Luxury hotels?
Oh, sitting out in my garden on a summer evening and watching the stars come out - that's luxury.

Pista 66: Escuche el diálogo.

Can I use your phone? My office phone is out of order.

Of course, go ahead.

May I smoke?

Well, I'd rather you didn't.

OK. No problem. - Fred. Hi. This is George. I'm fine. Listen, Fred. When is that meeting? OK.

Tomorrow at 2 o'clock. I'll be there. See you then. Bye. Thanks a lot, Eileen.

You're welcome.

Pista 67: Escuche el diálogo.

Well, it's time to say goodbye for this semester. Goodbye Thomas. Have a wonderful holiday. And take care.

Thank you, Fiona. And you take care of yourself, too. See you next semester. Bye-bye.

Bye-bye. And Connie, see you on Friday at our German-English Club.

Right. See you on Friday. Have a nice evening.

You too. Have a good week. See you later.

See you later. Bye.

Bye.

Intermedios bajos

Pista 1: Escuche el texto.

Good Evening, Ladies and Gentlemen, and welcome once more to '20 Questions'. First I would like to introduce the members of the panel. On my right we have Bill.

Hello.

Next to him, we have Kate.

Hi.

And on my left we have Sam.

Good evening.

Today we are looking for the name of a famous person. Bill, would you like to start?

OK. Is it a man?

Yes, it is a man.

Old?

Yes, he is old.

Hm ... An actor maybe?

No, he is not an actor.

Hm ... Is he a painter?

He is not a painter.

What about a singer?

No, Sam, he's not a singer.

A football player?

Not a football player.

Is he a politician?

Ah now, that's Kate. Very good, he is a politician.

Aha. Is he British?

He is not British.

What about American?

No, Sam, he's not American either.

German by any chance?

No, he is not German, and that makes ten questions so far.

Ten questions. Ehm ... Is he European?

He is not European.

Is he a popular politician?
Oh, he is a very popular politician, yes, indeed.
Ehm ... Is he rich?
No, I wouldn't say that he was rich, no.
Back to nationality. If he's not European is he African?
Ah yes. Yes, Bill, African. Fourteenth question.
OK, then maybe South African?
South African? Yes, indeed.
Aha. Did he spend some time in prison?
Yes, he spent quite some time in prison.
I know. I think we all know. Yes, we all know. Nelson Mandela.
Very good. Nelson Mandela indeed. Thank you.

Pista 2: Escuche el diálogo.

Right, so you would like to join our golf club. I need to ask you some questions and fill in this form.
What did you say your surname is?
Büchler. That's B U E C H L E R.
And your first name?
Markus.
What do you do, Mr. Büchler?
I'm an engineer for Dupont.
How old are you?
Eh, let me see, I'm 42 years old.
Where do you live, please?
My address is Waldweg 25, in Lucerne.
And what's your telephone number?
It's 880941.
Are you married, Mr. Büchler?
Yes.
Do you have any children?
Yes, two boys.

Pista 3: Escuche las palabras y concéntrese en el acento.

Monday
hotel
begin
return
tourist
student
repeat
modern
partner
before
photo
behind
cassette
famous
language
translate

Pista 4: Escuche el diálogo.

Good evening. I've booked a single room.
Good evening madam. What's your name, please?
Mrs Mary Dimple.
Just a moment. Ok, Mrs Mary Timple.
Dimple, please.
Oh, of course! What's your home address, Mrs Dimple?
Nineteen, Chinese Dock, Weston, England.
Right, ninety, Chinese Dog, Veston, Greenland.
No, nineteen, Chinese Dock, Weston, England.
Oh, right. Sorry. How long are you staying here for?
For fourteen days.
Forty days, but madam you are only booked for a fortnight!

Pista 5: Escuche el diálogo.

Hello, I'm Oliver. What's your name?
Hi, I'm Maria. Where're you from, Oliver?
I'm from Germany. And you? Are you Italian?
No, no, I'm from Spain. Is this your first day at school?
Oh yes, it is. I've booked an intensive course, you know, 6 hours of English a day for two weeks!
That's a lot! Why are you learning English?
I work for a company where I need to speak English every day. What about you?
I'm here for one week only on a holiday course. I'm learning English because I like to travel.
Ah, right. Do you like it here?
Oh yes, very much the people are very friendly and the weather is fantastic.
Where do you live, Maria?
With a family, not far from here.
By the way, I'm going to the school welcome party this evening. Would you like to come?
Oh yes, I'd love to, but I'd like to ask the family first. I'll phone you. What's your number?
My number is 445160, but please do not phone before six.
OK. Till then.
OK. Bye.

Pista 6: Escuche el diálogo.

Oh, this place is crowded ! So many students from many different countries.
Oh yes, that is true. Everybody needs to learn English nowadays. Can you speak any other language?
Well, Spanish, of course, my own language and a little French, Italian... And what about you?
Oh no, I only speak English. You know, I find it hard enough to speak one foreign language.
Oh yes.
I just cannot remember the words that I need, you see. I really have nobody to practise my English with.
Yes, I understand.
You know, reading is easy, but I cannot understand if the people are talking, especially if they speak with an accent.
Oh yes. Yes, yes, that's true. My problem is ... ehm, how can I say this in English? You know, the way I say the words.
Ah, you mean the pronunciation.
Yes, that's right. My pronunciation is terrible. You know the people here sometimes do not understand me.
But I think your English is pretty good.
No, no, it isn't! Did you have English at school?
Yes, for five years, but we did lots of grammar and translation. I never understood the grammar!
Yes, I know what you mean. It was the same in my French classes.

Oh, well, at least WE can understand each other! D'you want a drink?
Oh yes, thank you.

Pista 7: Escuche el texto.

Dear White Fella
Couple things you should know
When I born, I black
When I grow up, I black
When I go in the sun, I black
When I cold, I black
When I scared, I black
When I sick, I black
And when I die I still black.
You, White Fella,
When you born, you pink
When you grow up, you white
When you go in the sun, you red
When you cold, you blue
When you scared, you yellow
When you sick, you green
And when you die you grey.
And you have the cheek to call me coloured?

Pista 8: Escuche el diálogo.

That's June, my teacher, over there.
What does she look like?
The tall lady with the short black hair. She's in her mid thirties. She's wearing a dark grey dress.
Oh yes, I see her. She's very pretty. My teacher is Clive. He's talking to the young girl in the bright pink dress. He's got short brown hair and is smoking a pipe.
Does he wear glasses?
Yes, that's the one.
He looks very friendly.

Pista 9: Escuche la conversación telefónica.

Millan's Co Ltd. Good morning, can I help you?
Good morning. I would like to speak to Mr. Dailey, please.
I'm sorry, but Mr. Dailey is not here this morning. Can I take a message?
Yes, please tell him that I will be at the airport tomorrow at ten past five.
Who's calling, please?
It's Jan Brant that's B-R-A-N-T.
Will you be at the Meeting Point, Mr. Brant?
Yes, but you can tell Mr. Dailey I am tall, well-built and have short grey hair. I also wear glasses.
OK, at ten past five tomorrow, at the airport meeting point.
Thank you very much, bye.

Pista 10: Escuche la historia.

Lady Diana Frances Spencer, the daughter of the Eighth Earl of Spencer, was born on July 1st, 1961. On July 29th, 1981, she married Prince Charles, the heir to the British throne, at St. Paul's Cathedral. Millions watched the fairy-tale wedding. Her first son, Prince William, was born in 1982 and two years later, Prince Harry .

After months of speculation about this royal marriage, the book 'Diana, Her True Story' was published in 1992, stating how unhappy Diana had been. A few months later, on Dec 9th 1992, Prime Minister John Major announced to Parliament that Diana and Charles were separating. Finally in 1996 the famous couple was divorced.

One year later, on August 31st, 1997 Diana was killed in Paris in a car accident together with her companion, the wealthy Dodi Al Fayed. Elton John re-wrote the popular song 'Candle in the Wind' in 1997 in memory of Lady Diana, Princess of Wales.

"Goodbye England's Rose,
May you ever grow in our hearts ...
Now you belong to Heaven,
And the stars spell out your name."

Pista 11: Escuche las conversaciones breves.

1.

At what time do you have breakfast in the morning?

At seven o'clock but not at the weekend. On Saturday and Sunday I always have brunch at lunchtime.

2.

When's your birthday?

In January. On the 26th. This year my birthday is on a Wednesday.

3.

Would you like to go to the cinema this evening?

OK, but what time does the film start?

It starts at six o'clock but it's better to meet at five, since it's difficult to get tickets on Friday evening.

Pista 12: Escuche la historia.

I used to live in a little town, and the place where I grew up, it was ... sort of in the country, but not quite. Anyway, the house where we used to live had a lovely back garden, and behind the back garden there was also what used to be a market garden, and there were old greenhouses and lots of wild-growing raspberries and gooseberries and redcurrants. And my friends and I, who all lived in the same street, we used to love playing in there, and ... oh, we used to have the best games when I think about it. We'd play cowboys and Indians and hide'n'seek, and I think we even used to make up our own private episodes of 'Star Trek' when I think about it now. And em ... yeah, it was a lovely place, and it's a bit sad now really, you know, when I go back and I pass by where this market garden used to be, and they've built houses on it. Quite ugly houses unfortunately. It's all gone, so ... I don't know where the kids play today. Not much space left really.

Pista 13: Escuche el diálogo.

This tastes really nice. I think I'll have some more. Is there any rice left?

Plenty! Here you are! Would you like some chicken?

No, thanks, I won't have any, but I'll have some vegetables.

Do you like Chinese food?

Oh yes, I do. It's my favourite kind of food. I could eat it every day.

I'll have some more tea. Would you like some?

Yes, please. I love jasmine tea.

Do you like green tea as well?

No, not really, but I've heard that it's good for you!

Pista 14: Escuche el diálogo.

Let's see what we need! Have we got any fruit for the fruit salad?

Yes, eh, we have 3 bananas, 2 apples and some oranges, but we don't have any peaches. Put peaches on the shopping list!

Are there any eggs in the fridge?

No, there aren't any. We also need a packet of butter, some cheese and, em, some tomatoes.

OK, eggs, butter, cheese, tomatoes. What about the drinks? Is there any wine?

Yes, we have two bottles of white wine but we haven't got any beer. There's some orange juice, too, in the fridge.

Let's get some French bread as well. Anything else?

No, that's all.

Pista 15: Escuche las palabras y concéntrese en el acento.

a tin of tomatoes

a bottle of mineral water

a cup of tea

a glass of milk

a packet of cornflakes

a box of biscuits

a carton of yoghurt

a piece of bread

Pista 16: Escuche el diálogo.

Can I help you?

Yes, please, we'd like some tomatoes.

A pound?

Two pounds, please.

Here you are. Anything else?

Have you got any peaches?

I'm sorry, there aren't any left. We had some this morning, but we sold them all. But we've got some nice strawberries. Would you like some?

Oh yes, they look nice. A pound, please. Can we have some of that Cheddar cheese and half a pound of butter?

How much cheese would you like?

Half a pound, please and, em, some eggs.

How many?

Half a dozen, please.

How much is that?

That's seven pounds seventy-eight, please.

Thank you very much.

Yeah, thanks.

Pista 17: Escuche el diálogo.

Could I have a sandwich, please?

Ham or cheese?

A cheese sandwich, please.

Would you like something to drink?

Some mineral water.

Sparkling or still?

A glass of sparkling water, please.

With or without ice?

With ice, please.
That's two pounds fifty-five, sorry two pounds sixty-five.
Here you are.
Thank you.

Pista 18: Escuche el diálogo.

Good evening, sir.
Good evening. I'd like some pasta with fresh mushrooms, please.
I'm sorry, sir, we haven't got any fresh mushrooms today. But we've got some other fresh vegetables.
You can have some courgettes or spinach with garlic. Would you like some?
Oh no. I hate garlic. Could I have some boiled potatoes instead?
Yes, of course.
Have you got any German wine?
We've got some very good Mosel white wine.
A glass, please, and waiter, bring me some bread and cheese, please.
I'm afraid there isn't any fresh bread left, sir.
Forget it then. I'll go to the Fish and Chip shop around the corner.

Pista 19: Escuche las palabras y concéntrese en su pronunciación.

guests
lords
ladies
storescupsdays
roses
glasses
potatoes
plates

Pista 20: Escuche la descripción.

The curry dip is very easy to prepare. First of all, mix the cream cheese with the mayonnaise till it is soft.
Then, chop the onion finely and grate the apple. Stir into the cheese mixture. Finally, add some raisins and as much curry as you like.
But be careful, do not put in too much salt and pepper. If the mixture is too thick, add a little extra milk. Put it in the fridge and serve with potato crisps, small biscuits or French bread.

Pista 21: Escuche los textos.

Patty was a pretty young girl who lived in a suburb of Paris. She worked for a big paper company in the centre of the city. One day, when Patty was buying a blouse, she saw an advertisement for a holiday in Patagonia. She had always wanted to see South America. It was a special offer, so she ran into the travel agency, booked and paid at once. Then, two weeks later, she packed her bags with plenty of warm clothes and two pairs of boots, put in her books, a map, colour pencils and pens, took her pet dog, Mop, to Pauline, her neighbour, and left for Argentina.
Barry was a manager of a large brewery based in Barcelona. His company exported beer to Bangkok. He was a man who loved adventure, nature and wild life and therefore hated the bull fights in Barcelona. He decided to spend his holidays in the Falkland Islands to see the penguins. He found a travel agency and booked his holidays, said bye to his best friends and left immediately. Many hours later, he arrived on the mainland and there he saw ...

Pista 22: Escuche la descripción.

There's an armchair behind the desk. On the desk, there's a lamp on the left-hand side and a computer on the right-hand side. The wastepaper basket is under the desk. There's a poster in the bin. There are many open files on the desk. There are two pencils, a cup of coffee and a telephone on the desk between the computer and the lamp. There's a cupboard on the right wall. On the other side of the room the wall on the left-hand side, there's another table with a fax machine. On top of the table, next to the fax machine, there's a vase with flowers. There's a clock on the wall facing the desk.
I like my office. It's airy and very cosy.

Pista 23: Escuche las conversaciones breves.

1.

Where do you work?

I work in the centre of the city in Chester Road, Number 89 next to the Post Office.

Ah yes, I know where it is. There are some nice cafes there. I'll meet you at 12.30.

2.

Where's your office?

It's on the 5th floor in front of the canteen. We can take the lift over there.

OK.

3.

Where's the factory?

It's near the station not far from the office buildings of Wilson's.

Is there a car park?

Yes, behind the factory.

4.

My office is in the large building, between the cinema and the bank. It's on the ground floor, the second door on the left.

Is the bank then just next door to you?

Yes, that's right.

OK. I'll be there at five this afternoon.

Pista 24: Escuche la conversación telefónica.

Good morning, Akasaka Prince Hotel. Can I help you?

Good morning. My name's Nagoya. I'm looking for a conference room for the 21st and 22nd March.

Sorry, can you say that again, please? The line is very bad.

I need a conference room for a meeting on 21st and 22nd March.

How many people is it for?

About 40.

Hold on, just a minute. Room Osaka is available.

How much is it?

It costs \$1500 a day.

Did you say \$1500?

Yes, Sir, that's right. That includes all conference facilities plus coffee.

Right. I'd like to book it.

Sorry, what did you say your name was? I didn't catch it.

Nagoya from Seiki Co. Ltd.

Could you spell your name, please?

Yes, it's N-A-G-O-Y-A, Mr. Nagoya from Seiki Co. Ltd. that's S-E-I-K-I.

Mr. Nagoya, can you please confirm the booking in writing?

OK. I'll send you a fax today.

Pista 25: Escuche las conversaciones telefónicas.

1.

Hello. Can I speak to Herr Busch, please?

Speaking.

Hello, this is John Trevor from F.A.L. I'm phoning about your order no 5485. Unfortunately we cannot send you the paper clips this month.

Mr. Trevor, my English isn't very good. Could you speak a little more slowly? That was too fast.

2.

Good morning. My name's Ingo Büchler from Büchler GmbH. I'd like to speak to Ms. Rogan.

Sorry, can you repeat that? I didn't catch your name.

Sure, Ingo Büchler.

Can you spell that, please?

Yes, that's B-U-E-C-H-L-E-R.

3.

Could you give Mary a message?

Yes, of course.

Could you tell her to pick me up from the station at twenty past two?

OK. Let me check I've got that right twenty past two from the station.

Yes. That's right.

OK. I'll let her know.

Pista 26: Escuche las palabras y concéntrese en el acento.

computer
equipment
conference
expensive
telephone
important
elegant
Japanese
company
customer
dangerous
restaurant
beautiful

Pista 27: Escuche los diferentes anuncios.

1.

May I have your attention, please? The train now standing at platform 9 is the 11.25 Inter-City from Victoria Station to Canterbury. We are sorry to announce that this train is delayed and leaves the station at 11.40.

2.

Your attention, please. United Airlines announces the boarding of Flight UA 893K to Philadelphia.

Passengers should proceed to Gate 25. Calling all passengers on United Airlines Flight 893K to Philadelphia. Boarding at Gate 25. Thank you.

3.

This is the captain speaking. We will be arriving in Malta, Valletta Harbour in approximately 45 minutes, at nine o'clock. The ship sails again at 15.00. The coaches for the half-day excursion leave the quay at 10.00 am. We wish you a pleasant tour of the island.

4.

Traffic News on Radio Three

All drivers on the M6 motorway travelling north should leave the motorway at Harker and take the A 74 to Gretna. The road between Harker and Longtown is closed due to a traffic accident.

Pista 28: Escuche el diálogo.

What time does the Orient Express leave from London to Bath?

When?

On July 11th.

The train leaves at 11:55.

When does it return?

The journey takes four hours. It returns at 15:55.

How much is it for two?

£165 each including a five-course lunch with champagne, wine and liqueur.

Thank you.

Pista 29: Escuche el texto.

Well, on Monday, you leave Frankfurt at 9.05 a.m. The flight to Rome takes two hours and ten minutes. The next day, the first train to Naples leaves Rome at 6.20. You can take the train to Bari then in the evening at 8.45. Your flight to Catania leaves Bari on Wednesday at 7.20 in the evening. We have arranged for a hired car to be outside the airport terminal building in Catania. On Thursday you can drive to Palermo and back. The plane takes off from Catania on Friday at 8.25 a.m. It is a direct flight and arrives in Frankfurt at 10.45

Pista 30: Escuche el diálogo.

I've decided I'm going to have a really healthy weekend.

Really? What are you going to do?

I'm going to go to bed early for one thing, I'm going to do some more sport I'm going to go jogging, I'm going to have a game of tennis, and then I'm going to go to a little beauty parlour and have my feet done and my hands done, maybe have a massage.

And you're going to do all this in one weekend?

Oh yes, yes.

Are you sure you're going to have enough time?

Well, I'll find time.

Well, I wish you luck. You know what I'm going to do?

Tell me, what are you going to do?

I'm gonna go on vacation this weekend.

Are you?

Yes, I am. I'm going to go up into the mountains and spend some time alone. I'm going to relax, I'm gonna read, I'm gonna lay by the fire and do nothing but relax.

Oh that sounds nice. Are you going to go alone?

Yes, I am. It's hard to relax with someone else there, always nagging at you and ...

Pista 31: Escuche las preguntas y respuestas.

1. What are you going to do in the New Year? I'm going to start playing tennis. I'm not fit anymore since I have stopped jogging.
2. What are your plans for next year? I'm going to parachute from an aeroplane. It has always been my dream.
3. Any plans for the New Year? I'm going to change my job. I have to work too many hours at the moment.
4. What are you going to do next semester? I'm going to start writing a diary in English. That's a good way to learn English.
5. What are you going to do to improve your English? I'm going to watch the news in English every day.
6. What are your plans for next year? We're going to try and open new markets in Hungary and Poland.

Pista 32: Escuche la historia.

Sunday mornings I usually sleep in a little later than usual. During the week I wake up at six thirty, seven. I never wake up at six thirty or seven on Sunday. I always sleep late, and I never set my alarm. I usually have a late breakfast about eleven o'clock or so with my wife and daughter. We usually make it a big breakfast. Sometimes we have Eggs Benedict drenched with Hollandaise Sauce, nice home-made potatoes on the side, large glass of orange juice, nice hot coffee. Frequently we go for a walk after that, because we're pretty stuffed. The rest of the day we just relax, play cards, do a little reading, but the most important thing is never to work. I feel Sunday should be a day of rest, recuperation, and then usually I find the next Monday morning I feel...

Pista 33: Escuche el diálogo.

Well, this is the best computer we have here at the moment. The Nokakichi 786 is very fast, has a 256 MB RAM Memory, a 44.3 Hard Disk Drive, an 21-inch colour monitor, a laser printer, a mouse for both left and right handed persons, an 8 speed DVD-RAM drive, SoundBlaster compatible audio card, a ...

Hold on, hold on. I don't understand a word of what you're saying. I'm not an expert. I just need a computer for my son.

Well, in that case I can recommend the Minox SP 1500. With this machine your son can use the internet and can send e-mails.

Internet? E-mails? I heard that's expensive.

Expensive, no, no. E-mails are cheaper and faster than sending letters.

But my son hates writing.

Well, then now is the time to get him a computer. When he discovers the fun of e-mailing and the chat links, he will love writing. He will learn how to write short and simple messages. He can also read about all kinds of things that interest him through the internet.

But he doesn't like reading either. He hates books.

Exactly, with this computer he does not need books. A computer means hours of information.

You mean hours of computer games!

Computer games are one way of learning how to use the computer. Listen, why do you want to buy him a computer in the first place?

Because all our neighbours have one and you know, we want to keep up with the Joneses.

Pista 34: Escuche el texto.

Thank you for calling GNX Computer Components Ltd. The office is open from Monday to Friday from 9 am to 12.30 and from 3 pm to 5.30 pm.

We close on Wednesday afternoon but are open till 8 pm on Thursday. On Saturday the office opens till 2 pm.

Please call again or leave your name and number after the tone and we will call you back

Pista 35: Escuche las conversaciones breves.

1.

What's the time?

Ten past six!

Oh, I must run. Bye.

Mind how you go.

2.

It was nice talking to you but I have to go now. I have another appointment today.

Well, have a good day.

Thanks.

3

Oh dear, I'm late. I have to go and pick up Nick from play school.

Well, then take care and see you soon, I hope.
Bye. I'll give you a ring.

Pista 36: Escuche las frases.

1. Have a nice time!
2. Bye, see you tomorrow!
3. Good day!
4. Have a good day!
5. I have to go!
6. Oh, is that the time? I must run.
7. Goodbye!

Pista 37: Escuche lo que varias personas están diciendo.

1.
What do I do to keep fit? That's easy. I go jogging every morning.
2.
Well, we usually go for a cycle run every weekend because we're too busy to do anything like that during the week. Yes, even in winter because we don't really get any snow where we live.
3.
How do I keep fit? Well, I do something I really enjoy. I go dancing with my partner at least once a week.
4.
I'm a member of a fitness centre. I try to go there two or three times a week.
5.
I don't have time to do any sports, and I think that fitness centres are too expensive. So I try to keep fit at work. How? Well, I never take the lift. I always walk. Five flights up and five flights down. Every day.
6.
Keep fit? I don't need to keep fit. I zap through 30 TV channels every evening. Just look at my arm muscles!

Pista 38: Escuche las conversaciones breves.

How often do you go jogging?
At least three times a day.
Really? Do you?
How often do you go swimming?
Never.
Oh. Don't you?

Pista 39: Escuche las oraciones.

1. I work out at the fitness centre every day. Do you?
2. I can't swim. Can't you?
3. I'm hopeless at badminton. Are you?
4. I haven't got a bicycle. Haven't you?
5. I'm very good at ice-skating. Are you?
6. Dave plays football twice a week. Does he?
7. Becky can't dance. Can't she?
8. Sue's hopeless at squash. Is she?
9. Our school hasn't got a swimming-pool. Hasn't it?
10. Colin's very good at golf. Is he?

Pista 40: Escuche el diálogo.

Hi, Emma, how are you today?

Absolutely exhausted.

Why?

Well, yesterday evening I went jogging with Sam. It nearly killed me! And when I think, I used to go jogging every day as a student, sometimes even twice a day. Now I can't even run to catch the bus. I know just how you feel. I used to be really good at squash, but now I'm hopeless at it. Well, never mind. Look, here's an interesting article in this magazine: 'Six easy steps to a fitter you'...

Pista 41: Escuche la conversación telefónica.

Dr Simpson's surgery. Can I help you?

Yes, can I see the doctor today, please?

Who's calling?

Emma Watts.

Have you got an appointment?

Well, no, I haven't.

Mm, what's the problem?

It's my leg. It's very sore and swollen.

Well, the doctor's very busy today, but can you be here at four o'clock?

Four o'clock. Yes, that's fine. Thank you very much.

OK. Bye.

Bye.

Pista 42: Escuche el diálogo.

Hello, Emma, come in. Come in. How are you? What's the problem?

Well, it's my leg. I went jogging a couple of days ago for the first time in years. And now it's very sore and a bit swollen.

Let me see. Hm. Does that hurt?

No, not really.

And that?

Ouch! Yes, it does, a bit.

Well. It's nothing serious. But no sport for the next week, and take things easy. Yes, and I think a couple of days off work would do you good. Just take as much rest as possible.

All right, doctor. Thank you.

Bye, Emma. And remember, take it easy for the next few days.

I will. Bye. Thank you.

Pista 43: Escuche el diálogo.

Hi, it's Jack. How are you, mate?

Not so good, I'm afraid.

Why? What's wrong?

It's my arm. It's broken.

Your arm? When did that happen?

Last week, playing ice-hockey.

Well, I did tell you that ice-hockey wasn't a good idea at your age!

Thanks, Jack, you're a real friend.

Any time, Ron. But we'll still see you down the pub on Friday?

Sure, I'll be there. See you then.

See you, Ron. Cheers, mate.

Pista 44: Escuche el diálogo.

Hello, it's me. How are you?

Oh, hello, Mum, not so bad, but my finger's bleeding.

Well, have you put a plaster on it?

Of course, I have, but it's still bleeding.

Well, perhaps you should try holding it under cold water.

Yes, that's a good idea. I'll try that.

And if it doesn't stop, you really should go to the doctor's.

Oh, Mum, it's not that bad. It'll be OK. Look, I'll phone you back later. OK?

All right, don't forget to phone. Take care. Bye.

Pista 45: Escuche las palabras y encuentre cuál de ellas no pertenece al grupo.

1. arm, warm, water
2. back, cake, hand
3. chest, me, leg
4. bed, head, need
5. palm, walk, was
6. be, neck, knee
7. flight, write, chin
8. foot, but, put
9. play, eye, try
10. now, know, toe

Pista 46: Escuche la entrevista.

Excuse me, we're doing a survey on behalf of the Welsh Tourist Board. Have you ever been to Wales?

Yes, I have. Many times. It's the most beautiful place I can think of.

Thank you very much.

Excuse me, we're doing a survey. I'm from the Welsh Tourist Board. Have you ever been to Wales?

Yes, once and never again. It was the most boring holiday of my life!

Oh ..., sorry to hear that.

Excuse me, I'm from the Welsh Tourist Board. We're doing a survey. Have you ever been to Wales?

No, I haven't, not yet, but I'd love to. Friends of mine have been there, and they say it's one of the loveliest places they've ever been to.

Thank you.

Excuse me, we're doing a survey on behalf of the Welsh Tourist Board. Have you ever been to Wales?

Yes, I have. I was there with my family for the first time last year. We certainly enjoyed it. It has some of the most interesting castles we've ever visited. The kids really loved them.

Glad to hear you enjoyed it. Thank you.

Pista 47: Escuche el diálogo.

Hi, Sheila. You're back. How was your holiday? Where did you go?

Hi. Oh, it was great. We went leaf-peeping in New England.

Leaf-peeping?

Yes, that's what the Americans call it. You know, when you go to see the foliage in the fall. Indian Summer and all that.

Right. I know what you mean. And, how were the colours? Did you take any photos?

Yes, we certainly did. Over a hundred. The colours were superb. I'll bring some of the photos with me tomorrow.

Great! So, where did you go?

Well, we flew to Boston, and from there we went up the coast as far as Bar Harbor and the Acadia National Park.

Did you see any bears?

No, we didn't, I'm glad to say. But we saw some whales. We went on a whale-watching tour from Newburyport, just north of Boston. It was terrific.

Sounds great! So, did you tour all round New England, then?

No, unfortunately not. We had planned to go as far as Vermont, but we didn't have the time. Actually, we stayed mainly on the coast apart from two days in the White Mountains.

What about the driving? Did you do any?

No, I didn't. Bob did all the driving. It was my job to study the maps and give the directions. But I didn't mind. And what about you? Have you got your holiday all planned? Has Mr Burton given you the time off?

Oh, no! I knew I had forgotten something! I've forgotten to put in my holiday request form. Listen, I must go and do it now. I'll see you tomorrow. Bye.

All right. Best of luck. See you tomorrow. Bye.

Pista 48: Escuche la entrevista telefónica.

I wonder who that is. Hello, 53756.

Sorry, who's calling? I see. Well, as long as it doesn't take too long.

What, only five questions? Well, I suppose I've got time for that. All right, let's get started.

Proper letters? Well, not as many as I used to write. About one or two a month, I suppose.

Mostly on the computer, because my hand-writing is so bad.

Yes, I do, but I'm not telling you what it is. Well, I've got two, actually, one at work and a private one.

Quite a lot. Most of my friends have an e-mail address, too, and it's so easy just to send a quick message, especially to my friends abroad. Much quicker than sending an airmail letter, and cheaper, too, really.

Yes, I do. It's great. When I'm out and about I don't need to ask for change for the phone or hope that my phone card is still valid.

Was that it? OK. That wasn't so bad. You're welcome. Bye.

Pista 49: Escuche los pares de palabras.

advertise, advertisement

announce, announcement

apart, apartment

appoint, appointment

arrange, arrangement

busy, business

collect, collection

depart, department

direct, direction

equip, equipment

express, expression

fit, fitness

happy, happiness

instruct, instruction

journal, journalist

react, reaction

reception, receptionist

state, statement

suggest, suggestion

Pista 50: Escuche el diálogo.

Nursery Times. Mara speaking. How can I help you?

Hello, this is Liz MacQueen calling. I read the article in yesterday's Herald about your early-learning scheme for French, and, em, I've got two young children myself, and there are one or two questions I'd like to ask about it.

Right, Mrs MacQueen. That's no problem. I'll just put you through to Lorna Mitchell. She can help you better with your questions. Just hold the line, please.

OK. Thank you.

Lorna Mitchell here. How can I help you?

Yes, hello. This is Liz MacQueen calling. I'm interested in your early-learning scheme for French, em, I read about it in the paper yesterday. I've got two young children, four and two, and there's a couple of things I'd like to find out about the scheme.

Sure, no problem. How can I help you?

Well, first of all, my four-year-old, David. He already goes to nursery school, but they don't do French there. Could he change to your nursery school? Are there still places available?

Yes, there are still places available. At the moment we only have ten children in the French group because it has just started, and not too many people know about it yet. We can take a maximum of twelve children in the group because we have two teachers.

I see. The only problem is that he really likes his nursery school and has made a lot of friends there. He's been there for a year now. I'm not sure that he will want to change. It's really my idea. I haven't spoken to him about it yet.

Yes, I can understand that. We're also thinking about opening up the French group to externals, to children who don't come to our nursery school every day, but only to, say, three sessions of French a week.

That sounds interesting. How much would that cost?

Well, for externals the rate would be £15 per session; for our own nursery school children it's £5 per session.

Aha. So it's much more expensive for externals. I see. What about my two-year-old, Lesley? When could she join?

Well, she could join us at any time because we take children from the baby age right through to pre-school. But she couldn't join the French group until next year when she's three. It's only open to children from the age of three to five.

I see. Hm. Could you also tell me what sort of things the children do in the French group?

Yes, of course. It's really no different from the activities in the English-speaking group, except, of course, that no English is spoken to the children at all. They do all the normal pre-school activities: playing games, having story times, going outside for their outdoor activities and French is spoken to them all the time. At first the children respond in English, but that's fine. At the beginning it's important for them to hear as much French as possible and to understand it.

But what about when the children leave nursery school and start primary school? As far as I know, they don't have any French until Primary 6 or 7. Won't they forget everything?

Well, we've thought about that, and next year we're going to offer a Saturday morning class for those children who have just started primary school.

Mm, that sounds really interesting. Do you have a brochure with details of your fees, etc. that you could send me?

Yes, sure. I'll be glad to send you one. What's your address?

Well, it's 127 ...

Pista 51: Escuche las palabras y concéntrese en el acento.

cosmopolitan
millennium
nursery
language
native
private

privileged
bilingual
formal
experience
naturally
total
information
signal
tradition
terrible
yesterday
interested
available
moment

Pista 52: Escuche la entrevista.

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. This week's presentation of British towns and cities in the series 'They came; they saw; they stayed.' is entitled 'Why Glasgow' and takes us north of the border to Scotland's 'other' capital city. With us in the studio this evening are Diego from Palermo in Sicily, Myrna from Jamaica in the West Indies and Mareille from Quebec in Canada. Good evening and welcome to you all. Now, Diego, how long have you been in Glasgow?

About three years.

I see. And why do you come to Glasgow?

Well, it's a family tradition, you see. My uncle has a restaurant, real Italian cooking and all that, and the nephews all come here for three years to learn the trade, practise English, and so on.

And what are your plans for the future? Are you going to stay in Glasgow or return to Sicily?

I'm not sure. I really like Glasgow, lots of nice pubs, good discos, and the people are very friendly. But the weather! I don't know. I'll see.

OK, Diego, thank you very much. Now to Myrna. Myrna, the weather must have been a big shock for you when you came to Scotland.

That's true, but somehow I think it goes with the countryside, and, anyway, I spend so much time indoors, it doesn't really matter.

That's interesting. Well, what do you do?

I'm a doctor. I first came to Glasgow 12 years ago to study medicine. It was hard work, but I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Glasgow University. I've made lots of good friends, not only from Scotland, but from various parts of the world. Glasgow is more cosmopolitan than you think.

Right. That sounds as though you would like to stay here.

That's true. At present I work in one of the big hospitals in town, but I hope to have my own practice in a few years' time.

Well, Myrna, we certainly wish you all the best for the future. And now to our final guest, Mareille from Quebec. Mareille, I don't suppose the weather was such a problem for you when you first came here?

No, not really, that's true. The worst thing, I think, is the coffee. But in Glasgow you can find some very nice espresso if you know where to look.

And I suppose one of those places is at Diego's restaurant. Well, Mareille, how long have you been in Glasgow, and what brought you here?

I've been here since last year, so not very long. I came for two reasons really. On the one hand I wanted to improve my English, and on the other hand I wanted to get some experience of the British accounting system.

I see. That sounds very interesting. And what about your plans for the future?

Well, I'm not very sure. I've just met a very nice chap from the Netherlands who's working for IBM near Glasgow, and, .. who knows, perhaps I'll stay.

Well, we certainly wish you and our other two guests this evening, Diego and Myrna, all the very best for the future. Thank you for being our guests in this week's edition of 'They came; they saw; they stayed.' Next week's edition will be ...

Pista 53: Escuche la entrevista.

OK, Kevin, so you've had a look at the questions we'd like to ask you.

That's right. I don't think it should be a problem.

Fine. Well, let's start. Kevin, where do you live?

Right here in Seattle.

And how long have you lived here?

Quite a while. I've lived here for 27 years now.

You must like it here, Kevin! OK, we know you work for Yakamo Constructions. But when did you start to work here?

Well, that's also quite some time, about 22 years ago.

So you also like the company. Good for you! OK, Kevin, here comes a personal question. Are you married?

Well, I was, for about 15 years, but I'm not married any more.

Sorry to hear that, Kevin. Right, I believe you go to Japanese classes. Is that correct?

Sure is. I started to learn Japanese about five years ago.

Well, that's quite something, I must say. Japanese certainly isn't the easiest language in the world to learn.

Sure isn't. But it's interesting. And I've been to Japan on holiday a couple of times now.

Sounds good. But, Kevin, can you tell us a place you've never been on holiday to?

Well, you know, it's really not too far from here, but I've never been to Alaska.

Well, keep working on it. And here comes the final question. Kevin, what have you always wanted to do?

Hm, I guess there are a number of things. But there's one special thing I've always wanted to do: I've always wanted to fly a plane.

Well, who knows, Kevin. Perhaps one of these days. Thank you for answering our questions and all the best for the future.

You're welcome.

Pista 54: Escuche el texto.

Welcome to Hong Kong, where East meets West. Small though it may seem, Hong Kong has the busiest container port in the world, the third busiest passenger airport in the world and the fifth largest financial centre in the world.

The people are hard-working and well-educated, and they are Hong Kong's only resource. 20% of the population is at school or university, and for them English is of great importance. That's why we need you, the native English-speaking teachers.

In Hong Kong you can keep what you earn. Personal income tax is no more than 15%. And you don't need a car. The public transport system is excellent, and there are lots of flats close to everything you need.

Most people describe Hong Kong as noisy, lively or busy. That is because there is so much to do: shopping seven days a week at local markets or in international stores; eating good food at cheap prices; meeting friends for a drink in the 'Happy Hour'; playing all sorts of sports.

However, if you want to spend some time in a quieter atmosphere, then you can visit one of the many islands or go walking in the New Territories. Hong Kong has something for everyone. ...

Pista 55: Escuche la conversación telefónica.

Interlink Travel Agency, Brenda speaking. How can I help you?

Yes, hello. This is Jim Fitzgerald here from BCS. Look, I made a booking with you last week for flights to Frankfurt and Shanghai, and I've just received the booking confirmation, and there's something wrong.

Right, Mr Fitzgerald, just let me check that for you. Fitzgerald, J., Mr. What date are you flying, Mr Fitzgerald?

The 15th February. But that's not the problem. The problem is ...

Right, now I have you. The 15th February, Aer Lingus Dublin to Frankfurt, and then Lufthansa Frankfurt to Shanghai the same day. Then ...

Yes, I know, I know. That's perfectly all right. It's the return flight that's the problem. I wanted to return to Dublin via London, not Frankfurt, and I was told that would be no problem. Now I've booked the hotel in London, got some tickets for the theatre, and you send me a confirmation for a flight via Frankfurt. And it includes an overnight stop. I don't want to stay overnight in Frankfurt.

I see. Let me have a look at this. Are your theatre tickets for the 18th or the 19th February?

Well, the 19th, of course.

Right, Mr Fitzgerald. The problem is that the flight from Shanghai to London is already full for the 18th February. What I can offer you is an overnight stay at the airport hotel in Frankfurt and then a seat on the morning flight to London, at our cost, of course. And if you give me the number of the hotel in London, I'll change your booking there for you.

Well, that's very good of you, I must say. OK, I accept. Can you fax me the new details today? And, of course including the flight times from London to Dublin. OK? Oh, and here's the phone number of the hotel in London. It's ...

Pista 56: Escuche el diálogo.

If you're good, you'll get a sausage for tea.

But I don't like sausages.

Well, then, you'll get an egg.

But I don't like eggs.

OK, you'll get a nice piece of fish.

But I don't like fish.

Right, then you'll get a sandwich.

But I don't like sandwiches.

Well, in that case, if you don't like sausages, and you don't like eggs, and you don't like fish, and you don't like sandwiches, then you won't get ...

Pista 57: Escuche el diálogo.

All alone, Louise? Where are the others?

Oh, hi, Frank. Well, Brian's got a bad back, so he's at home, and Jill and Matthew have got the Brentford presentation this afternoon, so they took an early lunch.

Right, I see. So, what sort of day have you had so far?

Not so bad, actually. We had a video conference with the Boston office this morning. That was my very first. It was really great. Oh, could you pass me the salt, please, Frank? Thanks. What about you? Is your fax machine working again?

Yeah, it is, but I don't really use it very much now. I prefer to send e-mails if I can.

Hm, I know what you mean. How's the lasagne?

Not bad, not enough cheese in it, though. Listen, have you heard about John Watson? They've offered him early retirement.

Really? Do you think he'll take it?

I don't think so. He lives for his work, you know. What would he do without it? I can't imagine him on the golf course every day.

Yeah, I suppose you're right. Uh, what's the time? Sorry, I have to go now. I'm expecting an important phone call. See you on the train. Bye.

Yeah, see you later. Uh, Louise, do you think you could ...? Too late. She's gone. Oh, well, ...

Pista 58: Escuche el diálogo.

Hey, Lisa, look at this quiz here on the Internet. It's about famous adventurers. If we get the answers right, we'll win three free copies of the 'Adventure' magazine.

'Adventure' magazine? What's that? I've never heard of it. No, I can't be bothered.

Oh, come on. I've just helped you with your French homework. Surely you can take five minutes to help me with this?

OK, OK, anything for a quiet life. What do we have to do?

Not much, really. Look, there are three questions, and all we have to do is to decide which answer is correct. Right, here's the first question. 'Who was Charles Lindbergh? Was he the person who made the first non-stop, solo flight across the Atlantic or was he the person who tried to walk across the Antarctic?' What do you think?

Hm, the first non-stop, solo flight across the Atlantic, I would say. I don't think you can walk across the Antarctic.

Yeah, I think you're right. OK, so we tick box number one for Charles Lindbergh. Right, the next question. Hm, this looks a bit more difficult. Who was George Mallory? Haven't a clue. Have you?

No, I haven't. What are the questions? Give me a look. 'Who was George Mallory? Was he the person who tried three times to climb Mount Everest or was he the person who tried to fly round the world in a hot-air balloon?' That is difficult, isn't it?

And how! OK, George Mallory, 'the person who tried three times to climb Mount Everest'. Wasn't that Hillary with Mount Everest?

Yeah, I think you're right. OK, so let's go for box number two with Mallory, 'the person who tried to fly round the world in a hot-air balloon'.

Right, who's next? John Muir. 'Who was John Muir? Was he the person who crossed the Atlantic in a rowing-boat or was he the person who founded the Yosemite National Park?' Oh, I know that. We've just done the American National Parks in Geography. That was John Muir.

OK. Box number two: 'the person who founded the Yosemite National Park'. Great! Now all we have to do is fill in a name and address. I suppose you want to fill in your ...

Pista 59: Escuche la conversación telefónica.

Hi, Barbara, it's Peter here. I just wanted to check the arrangements for Robert Ladd's visit.

Everything OK?

Hi, Peter. Yes, I think so. I've booked Mr Ladd's hotel room and a table at the Four Seasons for Tuesday evening.

What about the taxi from the airport?

I still have to order that, and the fresh flowers for the conference room, but that's no problem.

What about the equipment in the conference room? There was a problem with the video recorder last week.

That's all right. I've checked all the equipment, and everything's in good working order. Oh, and by the way, I've ordered some new name cards. The others were beginning to look a bit tatty.

Excellent! I knew I could rely on you. I expect you've got the bottle of Scotch, too.

The bottle of Scotch?

Yes, you know. I asked you to get a bottle of Robert Ladd's favourite malt whisky.

Oh, sorry, Peter. I forgot all about it. But no need to worry. I'll phone the off-licence straight away and ask them to send a bottle round. Sorry about that.

That's OK. No damage done. Well, I'll let you get on with it, then. Speak to you later.

OK, Peter. See you later. Bye.

Pista 60: Escuche las conversaciones breves.

1.

Would you like to go jogging after work?

Sorry, not today. I have to work overtime, I'm afraid.

2.

Hi, Alice. It's me, Jill. Could you babysit for me this evening?

Oh, hi, Jill. Sorry, I'd really love to, but I have to study for an exam.

3.

Excuse me, I'm interviewing people about their favourite TV programmes. Could I ...?

Sorry, I have to catch my train.

4.

Em, Jerry, could you help me to finish these charts for the RSB presentation?

Sorry, Mike. Any other day, but not today. It's my wife's birthday, and I've booked a table for dinner at her favourite restaurant. I just have to be home on time this evening.

5.

We're having a party on Saturday. Would you like to come?

Oh, I'd love to, but I have to go home at the weekend. I haven't seen my parents since Christmas.

Intermedios altos

Pista 1: Escuche la entrevista.

Hello, I'm from the Max Frank Institute and I'm ,um, doing a survey about why people are learning English. Can I ask you all why are you attending English courses at the moment? Well, I'm a student. I need English in my studies every day you see. This extra course really helps me with my studies. Oh, I want to visit my sister and her family in Australia, you see, and her children can only speak English. Well, as you can see I'm over 60 and well, I just want to train my brain! Um, as I work for an international company I have to speak English with our business partners. So I just want to speak and speak ...

Pista 2: Escuche lo que varias personas están diciendo.

Well, I always get up at 6.30 in the morning, make a cup of tea, go back to bed and just enjoy my cup of tea in bed ...

I er find it so difficult to wake up in the morning, so um normally I have a freezing cold shower I'm always awake after that ...

As you can imagine, I'm so busy at work that I just don't find time to have a lunch break so, I, well usually eat lots of fruit in my office.

Well, I love cooking and, you know, trying out new recipes so I often have dinner with friends.

When I'm tired in the evening I um sometimes have a nice hot bath before I go to bed. I helps me to relax you see ...

Pista 3: Escuche la conversación telefónica.

The Park Language Centre. How can I help you?

Hello, um, this is Paul speaking. I got your brochure last week and well I'd like to do a two-week intensive course at your school.

Right, are you thinking about any particular course?

Yes, I would like to know something about your English and Activity Programme.

Well, this course gives you the perfect chance to improve your English through controlled study in the classroom and realistic, free practice outside of the classroom, too. So, the 'inside' classroom study offers you the

chance to increase your English knowledge with the help of the teacher. The 'outside' activities will additionally increase your confidence to speak and your skill to understand a lot of people.

Great! That's just what I need! Which activities can I er choose from?

OK, well, we usually offer six different activities; painting, golf, walking, horse-riding, climbing and um tennis.

Right, and how do I spend each day?

Well, in the morning you do the General English programme here at the school. As you know from our brochure, that is 15 lessons per week. Then, after lunch you can do an activity session. You can do the same activity each day or a mix of different activities.

So, I could do horse-riding one day and then tennis the next?

Yes, that's right.

Um, do I need any previous experience of the activities?

No, none at all. You can be a total beginner or advanced. The trainers will give you the training which is right for your level.

So, what do I need to bring with me?

Well, for painting you need an old shirt, um for golf all the equipment is provided, and um for walking well your walking boots or a good pair of shoes. Let's see, for both horse-riding and climbing you should um bring some comfortable trousers and flat shoes. Additionally, for tennis you need white clothing and soft shoes. OK?

Pista 4: Escuche lo que varias personas están diciendo.

1. Well, every morning on my way to work I look at the adverts for English words.
2. Er when I arrive at work, I always write down a list of what I want to do in English.
3. Hm, let me think ... I talk in English on the phone to a class member once a week.
4. I um usually send short e-mails in English to a colleague.
5. Oh, I know, I play my favourite English CD in the evening.
6. Well, I often have an English conversation in a café with a friend.
7. Oh, I never forget to take my English word bank with me.
8. Every night I choose one word in English that I er want to remember before I go to sleep.

Pista 5: Escuche el diálogo.

Right, Mark, before I show you around the Fast Track Gym, I'd like to ask you some questions about your level of fitness. OK?

Er, OK.

Have you ever been to a gym before?

Well, actually no, never. I can honestly say I've never been before.

OK. Have you ever done any sports before?

Well, I've played football before.

Right and um have you ever smoked?

Yes, I have, but I've just given up.

Well, that's a good start! Come on, let me show you around the gym ...

Pista 6: Escuche la historia.

During the whole of December I went to all my friends and colleagues and collected sponsors to raise money for the Samaritans. On the day after Christmas Day I met all the other people at the hotel in front of the beach. It was very cold and windy, but at least it wasn't raining!

There were a grand total of 1,000 'swimmers'. We put on our swimming costumes and at 11.00 a.m. we all left together. There was a crowd of about 3,000 people to cheer us as we ran across the sand to the sea. The water was very cold, but I stayed in for five minutes. I even swam when I saw that my daughter was videoing me! I raised £80 for charity and both my daughters want to swim with me next year!

Pista 7: Escuche la historia.

Last year I walked up lots of mountains in Scotland, but this was the first time I would climb down one. It was a fantastic summer's day and I was happy I wouldn't get wet. Lots of people came to watch including all my friends. Was I crazy? I had agreed to abseil down a mountain for the charity 'Capability Scotland'. It took me only 10 minutes to abseil down a lot quicker than walking up! It wasn't as difficult as I thought. In fact, I quite enjoyed it!

Pista 8: Escuche la historia.

March the 12th ... This was the special day! Before I left my home for work I put the red round piece of plastic on my nose and looked in the mirror. I looked really terrible, but I knew I had to wear it the whole day. I felt better in the underground as many people in the train also had a big red nose like me. When I got to work my colleagues just smiled at me. They all had big red plastic noses, too. At the end of the day we went to a pub to celebrate that our team had collected £150 for charity.

Pista 9: Escuche la conversación telefónica.

Good afternoon, Power Courses. My name's Hannah, can I help you?
Hello, this is Miss Taffy from DCD in Cologne and I er would like some information about your 'Power Courses' for a team of our managers.
Right, would you like me to send you our latest brochure?
Yes, that would be great.
OK, could you give me the company name and address, please?
Yes, that's DCD, Beethoven Straße 134.
Sorry, could you repeat that, please?
That's DCD and the street is B-E-E-T-H-O-V-E-N new word S-T-R-A-ß-E, number 134. The postal code is 50674 in Cologne, Germany.
Who should I send it to?
Could you send it to my boss, please? That's Mr Rose like the flower.
Oh, that's a nice name! I'll send out our brochure this afternoon and if you have any questions please call me again.
Yes, I will. Thank you very much for your help.
You're welcome, and thank you for calling. Bye.

Pista 10: Escuche la conversación telefónica.

Fast Track Fitness Centre. Can I help you?
This is George Jones speaking. I'd like some information about your courses, please.
Would you like me to send you a brochure?
Yes, that would be great.
OK. Could you give me your address, please?
Yes, it's 12 Humbledon View, Surrey SRX 4T8.
Right, I'll send it to you right away.
Thank you very much
You're welcome. Bye.
Bye.

Pista 11: Escuche las conversaciones breves.

1.
Hi, Mandy, how are you?
Fine thanks, Robert. That's a nice jacket you're wearing!
Oh, thank you. I bought it yesterday.
2.
Hello, Sven. Come on in. Let me take your coat.
Thanks. Oh! What a great flat you've got! It's really big.
Thanks, we're really happy with it.
3.
Hey, Jo, that haircut really suits you!
Oh, thanks. I've just had it cut.
4.
Sandra, it's great to see you again. Wow, you look really fit!

Well, thank you. It must be all the sports I'm doing ...

Pista 12: Escuche la entrevista.

Hi Claudia, it's nice to have you in the studio today.

Thanks. It's good to be here. I've always wondered what it's like inside a radio studio.

Well, as you can see, it's nothing special! Claudia, you've lived in the UK for four years now, so you must have noticed some differences between life in Germany and life in the UK I should think.

Yes, that's right I mean there are no big differences but I noticed a few things.

Can you give us a couple of examples?

Well, I suppose the obvious one is that the British are funnier they have a great sense of humour and are always laughing at themselves which was difficult at the beginning. I never knew if they were serious or if they were making a joke. The Germans, however, are far more efficient. When they say they will do something, well, then, they really do it.

Yes, what about the lifestyle?

In general, I believe that the lifestyle in the UK is more expensive. Food, alcohol, petrol, clothing and even going out for a meal are cheaper in Germany. Which is interesting because the high prices still don't stop the Brits from shopping or going out very often. Shops, restaurants and pubs always seem to be full!

And moving on to cars. Do you see any big difference?

Oh, yes, there's no doubt that the Germans drive bigger and I think faster cars than the Brits. Maybe that's because the Germans can drive faster on their motorways and the Brits have to drive slower.

Yeah. OK. What about homes?

Well, as the system in the UK is different it seems it is much easier to buy houses here. That means that the average British home is larger than the average German flat. They just have more space.

However, the Germans make up for this point with their holidays.

Oh, what do you mean?

Well, the Brits are busy paying for their houses and taking shorter holidays whilst the Germans seem to spend their spare money on longer and more exotic holidays you know to the US or to the Far East. I think the average German has six weeks holiday plus all those religious holidays ...

Ah, that's interesting. Well, Claudia that's about all we've got time for today but thanks very much for sharing your impressions with us.

Thanks for inviting me.

Pista 13: Escuche la conversación telefónica.

Exclusive Cottages. Gordon Scot speaking. How can I help you?

This is Elena Taffy from DCD in Cologne. We're looking for some exclusive self-catering accommodation for a team of our managers to stay for one week. May I ask you some questions about your cottages?

Certainly, go ahead.

Well, I'm sure your cottages have the standard kitchen facilities, but, well, have any got more exclusive kitchen facilities?

Well, they all have fully-equipped kitchen facilities. You know, with oven microwave, fridge and so on. Some of the more exclusive cottages have dishwashers, dryers and small freezers, too.

Fine. Have any cottages got a shower and a bath?

Of course! All of them have both. It's standard, you see. Some are also fitted with small jacuzzis.

Oh, that sounds good. Have any of the cottages got a traditional old English fireplace?

Yes, we have some with old fireplaces.

Great. One last question. What about an indoor swimming pool?

Well, it is the UK, not Spain! No, none of them have any swimming pools, I'm afraid. Look, shall I send you one of our brochures?

Oh, that would be great! Could I then send you a fax with our booking request?

Yes, that's fine ...

Pista 14: Escuche las palabras y concéntrese en el acento.

furniture
balance
accommodation
Asia
countryside
Turkey
mountain
cabins
confirmation
result
fascinated
Nepal
independent
facilities
equipped
exclusive

Pista 15: Escuche la entrevista.

I'd like to welcome Dr Christa Walter who has come into the studio today to give us some tips on successful time-management.

Thank you for the invitation Raef. But let's not waste too much time with introductions and get down to business.

OK. What's your first tip for us then?

Well, you must want to change your lifestyle.

OK, but how?

Well, you could make a list of what you want to change and a list of ideas how you could change it. Right.

You don't have to do everything on your list but you should try out different points.

Oh, I see, you mean each day you should try to change one thing.

Well, even one point each week is OK. The important point is that you mustn't forget your list completely.

What could I start with?

Well, in the morning your first task is to get up. You could try to get up a little bit earlier for example. Oh dear, that's a difficult one ...

Pista 16: Escuche lo que varias personas están diciendo.

1.

Well, it's the highest salary I've had so far and, well, you know money makes the world go round!

2.

For me the people you work with make a job and in this job I've got the friendliest colleagues you could wish for.

3.

Well, this is the first time I've had a permanent contract, so I'd have to say that this is the securest job I've ever had.

4.

Er, I've just finished a two-year training course and I want to make a career. So for me, I took this job because it offered the best opportunities for promotion.

Pista 17: Escuche la conversación telefónica.

Cornerstone Company. Can I help you?

Hello, this is Mike Shaw from Johnstone & Johnstone. Could I speak to Colin Fleet, please?

Just one moment and I'll put you through.

Thanks.

Oh, I'm afraid he's talking on the other line at the moment. Would you like to hold on?

Yes, that's OK.

Hello, I'm sorry, it's still engaged. Would you like to leave a message?

Er, could you ask him to phone me back? He's got my number.

Right, I'll ask him to call you back. Thanks for your call. Bye.

Bye.

Pista 18: Escuche el texto.

Well, I love being my own boss. There is nobody who tells me what I have to do. I like starting work at 6.00 a.m. because the day is fresh, I'm fresh and I don't have to wait for the company to open. I enjoy sitting at my own desk in the comfort of my own flat. I can take a break when I want to. But I can't stand writing invoices and I really hate waiting to be paid from different companies all the time.

Pista 19: Escuche el texto.

I hate starting work at 8.00 every day. You see we don't have a flexitime system. I also can't stand working on Saturdays. All my friends are at home and I have to work!

There are good things, too, though. I love working with books it means I'm up to date with the latest publications and I like getting a discount on the books. Oh, I enjoy talking to the customers, too.

Pista 20: Escuche el texto.

I enjoy working with people all the time. I love helping them to learn a language, it's great when you see they have learnt something new and can use it! I like looking at new coursebooks but I really can't stand preparing lessons on the weekend. And I hate photocopying. I like meeting lots of different kinds of people, too.

Pista 21: Escuche las palabras y concéntrese en su pronunciación.

battle

knowledge

bomb

horrible

knee

job

sparkling

know

thumb

sickness

comb

habit

snack

lamb

knife

keep

Pista 22: Escuche el diálogo.

Now that Frances has started school are you going to start work again?

Yes, I'd like to but I've decided I have to become a bit fitter in e-commerce, you know the technological business world, first.

Oh, what are you planning to do?

Well, I'm going to attend a computer course so that I'm up-to-date with the new software programmes.

That's a good start!

Yes, I want to learn how to surf the internet and to send e-mails.

You can start by sending me e-mails if you like.

Yes, that's a good idea. I'm also going to use an interactive German language CD-ROM so that I can improve my language skills.

I should do that, too, my German is terrible ...

Pista 23: Escuche las conversaciones breves.

1.

Come in, Mark. What did you want to see me about?

Well, my wife is ill and I have to collect the children from school ... so may I leave work at 3.00 p.m. this afternoon?

Yes, of course you may, but perhaps you could stay a little longer tomorrow then.

Er, yes OK.

2.

Jude, could I transfer my calls through to you while I go on my lunch break?

I'm afraid you can't because I'm going to a meeting in five minutes.

Oh!

3.

Jack, can I take your mobile on my business trip this week as mine isn't working at the moment.

Sorry, but I'm going to Edinburgh tomorrow and I need it myself.

Pista 24: Escuche el cuento de hadas.

"What great big ears you have, Grandma."

"All the better to hear you with," the Wolf replied.

"What great big eyes you have, Grandma," said Little Red Riding Hood.

"All the better to see you with," the Wolf replied.

He sat there watching her and smiled.

He thought, I'm going to eat this child.

Compared with her old Grandmama

She's going to taste like caviar.

Then Little Red Riding Hood said, "But Grandma, what a lovely great big furry coat you have on.

"That's wrong!" cried the Wolf. "Have you forgot To tell me what big teeth I've got?

Ah well, no matter what you say,

I'm going to eat you anyway."

The small girl smiles.

She aims a pistol at the Wolf's head

And bang bang bang, she shoots him dead.

A few weeks later, in the wood,

I saw Miss Riding Hood.

She said, "Hello, and please do note

My lovely furry wolfskin coat."

Pista 25: Escuche las palabras y concéntrese en el acento.

Develop
Important
Connect
Internet
Mobile
Office
Computer
Commerce
Moment
Reply
Chocolate
Commuter
Colleague
Salary
Atmosphere
Résumé

Pista 26: Escuche la conversación telefónica.

Hi Jenny. It's Mike.
Oh hello, are you still in Zurich?
Yes, I am, but I'll be back in the office this evening. Jenny, I need someone to come into the office this weekend to do some extra work. Do you, er, think you could come?
I'm sorry Mike, I'm away all weekend. We're going sailing. It's a great way to switch off, you know. You should come with us some time.
Thanks when I don't have to work at the weekend I will. Bye.
Bye.

Pista 27: Escuche la conversación telefónica.

Hello Sue. It's Mike.
Oh no, this means trouble if you are phoning at five on a Friday afternoon. What can I do for you?
Hmm, are you doing anything this weekend?
Sorry, I can't work for you this weekend as I'm booked into a beauty clinic. I'm having massages and relaxation sessions the whole weekend. Nothing to do with work ...
OK, OK, I get the message. See you on Monday. Bye.
Bye.

Pista 28: Escuche la conversación telefónica.

Hello, Mike. It's Sandra.
Well, hello. Nice that you called.
Mike, what are you doing this weekend. I'm going walking and I was wondering if you would like to come with me. You know get out of the city for a couple of days.
I'd love to Sandra, but I'm working all weekend in the office I'm afraid.
Oh that's a pity. Another time perhaps ...

Pista 29: Escuche lo que varias personas están diciendo.

You have four new messages:
'This is Brian. I'm afraid I can't make it on Monday. Could we meet on Tuesday afternoon at the same place and same time? Could you let me know if this is OK? Bye.'

'Paul here. Could we meet at 8.30 am on Tuesday instead of 9.30? Do you think we could meet at the airport as I'm flying to Hamburg at 11.00? Speak to you soon.'

'Jenny speaking. Just phoning to confirm our working lunch session on Wednesday at Pomp. Looking forward to it. Bye.'

Hi, this is Elfie speaking. I've got a problem with our appointment on Tuesday. Would it be possible to meet next Tuesday instead?

Pista 30: Escuche el texto.

I work full-time for the railways. The thing about being a single mum is you never have any time for yourself. I always plan to go to the gym, or even have a drink after work, but I can't. If you get any free moments, you spend it with the kids. It's OK when people say you can use your time more effectively, but you have to be in control of your own time to do that and I'm not.

Pista 31: Escuche el texto.

I never feel I have time to do nothing. Maybe if I didn't sleep, I could get everything done. By the time you have gone home and finished eating, it's time to think of going to bed. You then get up the next day to do everything again. I fill every hour. Doing nothing is not an option for people with a career who want to continue being successful.

Pista 32: Escuche el texto.

Things are getting faster. I quite often don't have any free time for my hobby skateboarding. When I got my skateboard I had imagined practising every evening with my friends but it's just impossible. I do school work every night and at the weekend. That can take the whole afternoon with some projects. My parents say I should go outside more often but they expect me to be successful at school, too.

Pista 33: Escuche las palabras y concéntrese en su pronunciación.

place
person
sink
message
sailing
symbolic
sometimes
eyes
clothes
visit
surprise
result

Pista 34: Escuche el diálogo.

Well, I met him at the train station.

You didn't!

Yes, I did actually.

He was waiting to collect me. We were going to run a workshop together for a week.

Oh.

So there he was holding a bottle of sparkling wine and a sign with my name on it ... Really!

Pista 35: Escuche el diálogo.

Actually, I was hitchhiking around New Zealand when I met her.

Really?

Yes, but she was travelling with another man.

Oh no!

Anyway, we stayed in the same hostel three days later and I found out that the man was just a good friend of hers.

What happened then?

Well, ...

Pista 36: Escuche el diálogo.

Well, I was working in the personnel department when he came to the company.

Oh.

Actually, I didn't like him when I first met him because he was very unfriendly.

Really?

Yes, but I realised he wasn't unfriendly, he was just shy. So, I started talking to him.

Wow, what happened then?

He asked me out to dinner.

Hmm...

Pista 37: Escuche el diálogo.

OK, we'd like to know what you were doing in the first two weeks of May?

Well, I can tell you exactly as I remember it well. I was on Cyprus. I went there for three weeks and I'm sure I can find my air ticket with my name on it if you don't believe me ...

Oh, really! That's a long way from home. Perhaps you could give me the exact dates you were there ... and yes, I do want to see your ticket, too.

Right ... It was from the 1st May to the 22nd. I flew from Frankfurt to Pafos. We stopped at Larnaka for half of an hour but we weren't allowed to leave the plane. We then took off again for Pafos and landed a short while later. The whole flight took 2 and a half hours and I landed at 3.20 in the afternoon. At 4.00 I was sitting in the sun drinking a cool beer. Satisfied?

Sounds good but you still haven't told me why you went there. What were you doing for three whole weeks? Was it business or pleasure?

Well, if you must know, it was my annual holiday. I was walking in the hills and along the beautiful beaches. I like walking and love flowers and a friend of mine told me that Cyprus is wonderful for both in April. Did you know that Cyprus has over 45 different types of orchids?

No, I didn't, that's interesting. So you were walking for the whole of the three weeks then ... Well, one last question, sir, and then I'll leave you alone er, did you travel with anyone, or meet anyone there? You know at the hotel, or walking with an organised group?

Hm, not exactly. I have such a stressful job here, you see, that I always go on holiday alone. I'm an independent traveller. I don't like booking hotels or walking with a group, so I take a small tent and just walk from place to place ... I was enjoying my own company if you like ...

So you mean you were walking for three weeks and you didn't meet anyone?

No, I'm afraid not ...

Pista 38: Escuche los diálogos.

1.

Joe, it's me, Karen. I've got two tickets for the chat show tonight. Would you like to come with me? I'm afraid, I can't, I have to go to Berlin tonight on business.

Oh, that's a pity.

Yeah, another time perhaps ...

Hmm...

2.

Hello, Jennifer speaking.

Hello, Jennifer, this is Rod here.

Oh, hello.

Hmm, I was wondering if you would like to go out for a meal with me this evening.

Er, well, I'm sorry, I'm washing my hair tonight.

All night?

Er, yes that's right.

Oh ...

3.

Scott, would you like to come to my house-warming party next Saturday?

Oh, I'd love to. What time?

Um, about eight.

Great, see you at eight then.

4.

Jane, do you fancy watching that new film at the Metropolis?

I'd love to, but I've got to work late tonight. Maybe on the weekend?

OK, OK.

5.

Hi Gill, I'm having a dinner party this Friday. Can you make it?

That would be lovely. Um, I'm a vegetarian though.

Yes, I know that don't worry, it'll be a veggie meal.

Oh, great, see you on Friday then.

Pista 39: Escuche la entrevista.

So, I'm very happy to welcome Senay to our studio today who is going to explain some of the rituals involved in a traditional Turkish wedding. 'Shenai' is the correct pronunciation, isn't it?

Yes, that's perfect.

Thank you! So, Senay, I find the first step very interesting. It isn't the man who asks the woman's parents for permission to marry her, is it?

No, it isn't. His parents must ask her parents if their son can marry their daughter. It's a sign of respect.

That's interesting. They take gifts on this first meeting, don't they?

Yes, they do. The man's parents must take a particular brand of expensive chocolates and a diamond ring as gift.

A diamond ring! So it's quite serious from the beginning, isn't it?

Yes, that's right.

Before the wedding, the bride-to-be holds a party for her friends, doesn't she?

Well, yes and no. She does have a party but it's only for her very close female friends, her female relatives you know, sisters, aunts, cousins and the female relatives of her future husband.

Oh, that's a bit like a 'Hen Night' in the UK, isn't it?

Well, it's only for women but they don't go out to a disco or see a male stripper like some of the women do in the UK though.

No, they are a bit wild in the UK sometimes! So moving on to the actual wedding reception. It has always been a tradition to give the bride gifts of silver bracelets, hasn't it?

Yes, the bride does get bracelets, but they must be gold as this is a symbol for wealth in their marriage.

Oh, I see. Well, thank you very much for sharing your traditions with us today Senay.

Thanks for asking me.

Pista 40: Escuche el texto.

Indonesia consists of lots of small islands; 13,000 plus. While places like Bali, Lombok, and Torajaland attract many tourists each year, other places remain free of mass tourism.

There are 300 ethnic groups which speak some 365 languages and dialects. English is the first foreign language but most Indonesians can only speak 2-3 phrases. As education is expensive, few Indonesians actually go to university. As a result of little industry, lots of Indonesians are farmers. Unfortunately, the average Indonesian farmer doesn't earn much money. However, you will always find the people welcoming, friendly and will share what few things they have with you. If you like the sun and enjoy being outside, there are many things to do from sunbathing in Bali to paddling in rivers, surfing off the coast, and eating over 30 different types of fruit. Bring as little luggage as possible as you can buy most things in Indonesia. The only problem with clothes is that as the Indonesians are quite small, there are few large sizes.

Pista 41: Escuche la historia.

Well, as I'm now 108 I've seen celebrations for two centuries now. When we celebrated the new century in 1900, I was 7 years old. There was little of the excitement we saw this time round. I got just one box of chocolate at school to celebrate ... We had no electricity so there were none of the colourful lights we see today. I've got three daughters living in London and I spent the millennium with them. I've got five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. I'm lucky as I'm still quite healthy. I gave up driving when I was 91.

Pista 42: Escuche el diálogo.

Hi, Sam. You know our Japanese agent is coming to visit next week and I was wondering if you could give some tips of what to do etc.
OK. Well, firstly don't be surprised if he says 'san' after your name.
Sorry, did you say 'san'?
Yes, that's right. It's his way of showing respect.
Can you spell that, please?
Yes, S-A-N.
Right, got it. I'd like to take him out for a traditional meal. Have you got any ideas where I should go?
Well, the Japanese don't usually eat big meals so unless he's really interested in trying our local food, why don't you take him to a 'sushi' bar instead.
Sorry, I didn't catch that. A what bar?
A sushi bar. That's a traditional Japanese bar. There's one near the cathedral.
Hey, that's a great idea. Then he won't feel so foreign and I'll get to know something about his culture, too.
That's right. Oh, one last tip.
Yes?
Don't be nervous if he smiles all the time but doesn't actually speak very much.
You said 'smile', didn't you?
Yes, that's right. The Japanese are not great talkers. They prefer to get to know you without using so many words. But as they are very polite, they smile very often.
That's OK. I think we always talk too much in any case.
Yes, that's true.

Pista 43: Escuche la conversación telefónica.

Hello?
Hi Roger. Kate here. How are you?
Fine, thanks, Kate. And you?
Not so bad, thanks. Listen, shall we meet for dinner tonight?
Great idea! Where shall we go?
Well, what about Café Fleur?
Sorry, can you repeat that?
Café Fleur.
Oh dear. It's a bad line. Can you spell that, please?

It's Café F-L-E-U-R.
Got you, like 'flower' in English?
That's right. About 8.00?
Sorry, didn't catch that.
About 8.00?
That's fine. See you at 8.00.
See you. Bye.
Bye.

Pista 44: Escuche la adivinanza.

1.
It smells good.
It tastes sweet.
It feels warm.
It looks delicious.
You eat it at a birthday party.
What is it?
2.
It smells horrible.
It tastes awful.
It feels sticky.
It looks pink.
You need it when you have the flu.
What is it?

Pista 45: Escuche el texto.

Monday 30th October 'Sky News on the Hour' with Kevin Bart
Good Evening, the news at ten.

Psychologists at the University of Liverpool have found that smells bring back detailed memories and are more powerful than pictures or words. The researchers tested more than 100 people, using 27 smells, including oranges, boot polish, vinegar, menthol and ink.

Dr. Simon Chu, a psychology lecturer at the University of Liverpool, says that the participants were first given words, then pictures and finally they were exposed to the smells. Smells brought back the strongest memories. The memories were clearer and more intense than the memories brought about by words or pictures. The smell of an apple is stronger than the sight of an apple. This is the first study which examines the link between memory, smell, words and pictures.

Pista 46: Escuche el texto.

Aromatherapy is at least 6000 years old. It began in Egypt. The Egyptians massaged their bodies with fragrant oils after bathing. The Greeks used the oils medically and wrote many books about herbal medicine. The Romans improved the medical knowledge from the Greeks and started to import products from East India and Arabia. It wasn't until the 19th century that scientists in Europe began researching the effects of essential oils.

In 1937, a French chemist published a book about the healing powers of oils and called it aromatherapy. He began his research after discovering how fast his burnt hand healed when using lavender oil. Essential oils are very expensive. 2000 kg of rose petals are needed to make 1 kilo of oil.

Pista 47: Escuche la historia.

An unfinished story

Joe took Monica to Paris on their honeymoon. He knew that she had never been there. She was very excited. At the airport they had to wait for hours. Their plane was delayed. Monica went to buy two postcards. She walked through the waiting lounge, went up some stairs till she found the right shop. On her way back, she followed the signs for British Airways. She was sure that she would find Joe in the same place next to the check-in counter. Joe was not there. One minute passed, two minutes passed. She looked at her watch. The plane was leaving at eight minutes past four. She asked a man if he had seen her husband. She was getting nervous. Half an hour later, she saw Joe walking between two policemen. What had happened?

Pista 48: Escuche el texto.

If I had my life to live again, I'd try to make more mistakes.
I would relax.
I would be sillier than I have been this time.
I would take more chances.
I would take more trips.
I would climb more mountains, swim more rivers and watch more sunsets.
I would eat more ice-cream and less beans.
You see, I'm one of those people who live sensibly,
hour after hour, day after day.
Oh, I have had my moments but if I had to live again,
I'd have nothing else. Just moments, one after another.
I would walk bare-footed in the spring
and stay that way till the fall.
I would play more with children.
I'd pick more daisies.

Pista 49: Escuche el texto.

The biggest threat to health today is not cancer, nor heart disease but it's actually lack of time. This was the shock finding of a nation-wide survey in England. The survey revealed that people today are too busy to take proper care of themselves.

In the studio today we have Doctor Singh, from the Centre for Stress Management, who is going to look at the problem of stress and its impact on our health. If you have any questions you would like to be answered by our team of doctors, please write to our magazine 'Health and Living' 'Doctor Q & A' in London NW3.

Our survey has shown that lack of time has a huge impact on our health. Heart disease, diabetes and high blood pressure are all on the increase. People eat, drink and smoke more when they're under stress. Although you can't change your lifestyle overnight, we all need to take our health more seriously. Prevention is the key. Start by changing small things in your daily routine. It's easy once you know how.

It only takes a minute to drink a glass of water. You need to drink at least 8 glasses of water a day. This will help you concentrate better and might even stop your migraines. You also need to eat five portions of fruit and vegetables a day. Drink a glass of fruit juice for breakfast, or eat fruit salad for dessert. Take a vitamin pill if you don't find the time. It doesn't take you longer than five minutes to eat an apple or an orange. Don't skip meals and avoid junk food.

If you use a computer at work, take a five-minute break every thirty minutes to exercise. Your eyes and your back need a rest. Move your head gently from side to side, shrug your shoulders and shake out your arms and legs.

Regular meditation can reduce stress and lower blood pressure. Sit comfortably with your back straight, shut your eyes and concentrate on your breathing for 10 minutes. Keep your breathing slow and deep.

It takes only 20 minutes to get more active. Exercise can help you lose weight. Try walking part of the way to work, or go for a walk at lunchtime. Join a health club and have a sauna or a complete body massage. Find 20 minutes in the evening for a relaxing bath or just lie back and relax. Put your feet up on the sofa and enjoy doing nothing.

Pista 50: Escuche el cuento de hadas.

The rich man and the poor man

Once upon a time, God the traveller felt very tired and since it was already dark, he looked for somewhere to sleep. He saw two houses opposite each other one large and beautiful, the other small and poor. God thought to himself:

"I am sure I can stay in the big house. It obviously belongs to a rich man."

He knocked on the door. The rich man opened a window and asked the man what he wanted.

"I need somewhere to sleep."

The rich man looked at the man's shabby clothes, and since he did not seem to have any money, he shook his head and said:

"I cannot take you in. My rooms are full of seeds and if I had to take in every single person who knocked on my door, I would be just as poor as they are."

He closed the window and left the man standing outside.

So God turned his back and walked towards the poor house. The poor man immediately opened the door and asked him to come in.

"Stay with us," he said. "You cannot walk any further tonight."

The wife of the poor man welcomed him and gave him something to eat potatoes and some goat's milk. She whispered to her husband:

"Dear husband, listen, we will make a bed of hay for ourselves tonight the traveller can sleep in our bed and have a good rest."

The next morning, they gave their guest some bread but before God left their house, he told them:

"Because you have been so kind and so friendly, I will grant you three wishes."

The poor man replied:

"If I had three wishes, I would choose: health and something to eat every day. But I can't think of anything else."

"Wouldn't you like to live in a new house?"

"Oh, yes," said the man. "If that was possible, we would be extremely happy." God granted them their wishes, blessed them and left.

It was late when the rich man got up. He looked out of the window and could not believe his eyes. He called his wife and said:

"Where is the old house? Go over and find out what has happened."

As soon as the wife came back and told her husband, he was very angry.

"I could kill myself the traveller was here first and I sent him away."

"Hurry!" said his wife. "Go after the traveller."

When the rich man found the traveller, he pretended to be kind and told God that he was sorry about the night before. "If you come back, you can stay with us." Then he asked God if he could also have three wishes.

"Go home, you can have your wishes, but they won't do you any good."

On the way home, the rich man told his horse:

"Calm down, Liese, I have to think."

He could not concentrate and got so angry with his horse that he shouted impatiently:

"I wish you would break your neck."

As soon as he said that, the horse dropped dead. The first wish had come true.

The rich man took the saddle over his shoulders and started walking home. The saddle was heavy and it was a hot day. He felt tired and thought of his wife, sitting in a cool room.

"If only she were sitting on this saddle."

As soon as he said the last word, the saddle disappeared. The second wish had come true.

The rich man hurried home.

"Please, get me off this saddle," his wife said. And that was his third wish!

His wishes did not bring him all the riches of the world only anger and a dead horse.

But the poor man lived happily ever after in his new and beautiful house.

Pista 51: Escuche el texto.

Time

Time is too short when you are busy.

Too long when you are sad,
too slow when you are waiting

but time

time is too fast when you're in love.

Pista 52: Escuche los textos breves.

1.

You know I lost my job last month. I was so disappointed, but you wouldn't believe it! I have been offered an even better job by another company. As the saying goes "as one door closes, another one opens".

2.

Politicians hold most of their meetings in secret "behind closed doors". We don't really know what is going on.

3.

Mary went to speak to the class teacher a number of times this month you know because of Mark. But the last time she was there, the teacher said she was not willing to talk to her anymore. She really "shut the door in her face".

Pista 53: Escuche las descripciones.

1.

What did you buy?

I don't know what it's called in English. It's round; it's something like a pot in which you can cook things quickly, you know, with steam pressure. It's excellent for potatoes they, they only take about 10 minutes!

2.

I need eh what do you call it? It's a thing you need to cut the hair off the face!

3.

What's that stuff?

I don't know the word in English. It's stuff to clean the frying pan. The dishwasher doesn't get it clean enough.

4.

It's a kind of cylinder made of wood and it's used for rolling out pastry. I want to make an apple pie today. What's that in English?

5.

How do you call that? It's a machine that takes up the dust from the carpet.

Pista 54: Escuche la canción infantil.

Lovers lie around in it.

Broken glass is found in it.

Grass.

I like that stuff.

Tuna fish get trapped in it.

Legs come wrapped in it.

Nylon.

I like that stuff.

Eskimos and tramps chew it.

Madame Tussaud gave status to it.

Wax.

I like that stuff.
Cigarettes are lit by it.
Pensioners get happy when they sit by it.
Fire.
I like that stuff.
Well, I like that stuff.
Yes, I like that stuff.
The earth is made of earth.
And I like that stuff.

Pista 55: Escuche la descripción.

It consists of a light frame covered with thin material. You'll soon find out that a newspaper is better than a magazine and a seashore is a better place than a street. At first it will take off if you run, so you may have to try several times. Unfortunately, it falls down easily and so it takes some skill. But don't give up it's easy to learn. Even young children can enjoy it. Once you know how, you won't meet with any difficulties. For this activity, you need lots of space. If the weather changes and it starts raining, pull it down. The rain will bring it down very fast. Too many people doing the same thing can also bring about problems. If you don't want it to blow away, a rock is a good anchor. Enjoy it, it can be very peaceful.

Pista 56: Escuche el diálogo.

Well, Sarah, you know, packing presents in boxes is very popular at the moment. I'll show you the two we are planning to introduce on the market. This one here is very light. It's called 'Harmony'.
How much does it weigh?
It weighs approximately 180 g.
What's it made of?
Recycled paper.
Could you tell me which colours you do?
We have 'Harmony' boxes in red, blue, yellow and green.
What are its dimensions?
As you can see, it's rectangular it's 21 cm long, 15 cm wide and 8 cm high. The other new product is more traditional. This range is called 'Victoria'.
This is not as light. What material is it made of?
It's made of cardboard and weighs just over two hundred and sixty gram.
What size is it?
It's 30 cm in diameter and 12 cm high.
It's very pretty.
Yes, this box has been inspired by the round hat boxes, which were very popular in the 19th century. Today they are ideal for packing presents of all kinds. You can get the Victoria range in different patterns, striped, with dots or with stars.
Could you tell me how much they cost?
The retail price for Harmony is 60 pence. Victoria is more expensive. It costs £1.70.
How long does delivery take?
Usually between one and two weeks.

Pista 57: Escuche las preguntas y respuestas.

How heavy is it?
It's very light around 200g.
What's it made of?
Cardboard.
What's it used for?
It's mostly used for cornflakes.

What size is it?

It's 30 cm high and 10 cm wide.

What does it cost?

If you order more than a thousand packets, it costs 10 pence per packet.

Pista 58: Escuche las palabras y concéntrese en el acento.

immoral
imbalance
improbable
impersonal
inexpensive
inaccurate
inefficient
incorrect
unpleasant
unhealthy
unknown
uncertain

Pista 59: Escuche las palabras y concéntrese en el acento.

English
Turkish
Polish
Portuguese
Japanese
Chinese
Hungarian
Norwegian
Italian
French
Greek
Dutch

Pista 60: Escuche las oraciones y concéntrese en los números.

seventy p
seventeen
one hundred and eight dollars
five hundred and fifty-five
nine thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine pounds
one hundred and fifty-five thousand four hundred and seventeen Euros
a quarter
five million nine hundred and eighty-seven thousand three hundred and seventy nine
three quarters

Pista 61: Escuche las oraciones y concéntrese en los números.

ninety
two thirds
three hundred and thirty
eighteen thousand eight hundred and six
three hundred and thirteen

seventy thousand
one half
forty thousand nine hundred and fourteen
three million six hundred and sixty-five thousand seven hundred and seventeen

Pista 62: Escuche la entrevista.

Mr Enderby, you are the President of the Universal Esperanto Association. Can you tell us something about Esperanto?

Esperanto is an artificial language a mix of different languages. It was invented in 1887 by Ludwig Zamenhof, a young Jewish doctor from Poland. His idea was to create an easy, international language which could be understood by the many different ethnic groups living in Poland at that time.

Esperanto was first published in 1887 under the pseudonym Dr Esperanto meaning 'one who hopes'.

The name became the name of the language itself.

How many people speak Esperanto?

Nobody really knows the answer. A world-wide census has never been taken. However, according to a survey by Professor Culbert from the University of Washington, Esperanto is spoken by about two million speakers. It is also estimated that a thousand people speak Esperanto as their first language.

How easy is Esperanto to learn?

We estimate that Esperanto is up to five times as easy to learn as French, ten times as easy to learn as Russian, twenty times as easy to learn as Chinese, and infinitely easier to learn than Japanese.

About 75% of its vocabulary comes from Latin and Romance languages, especially French, about 20% comes from German and English and the rest comes from Slavic languages like Russian and Polish.

Moreover, Esperanto's grammar is very simple. There are no exceptions. There is only one article, one form of a verb, one plural form. The pronunciation is easy. Every word is pronounced exactly as it is written. In about six months you can even read Shakespeare in Esperanto.

Can Esperanto play a role today in a world marked by globalisation and the growing dominance of English?

In the beginning the idea was if you had a common language, you could avoid war. We now know that this is nonsense. The Irish speak the same language and it doesn't keep them from fighting. Yet, as you said, English has become the world language. David Crystal, the world authority on languages, says that half of the world's currently spoken 6,000 languages will die out over the next century. This means on an average every two weeks a language dies somewhere in the world. The use of Esperanto will slow down the process of English taking over. In this way, Esperanto has an ethical quality about it.

Mr. Enderby, one last question, how often has this congress been held?

It has been held every year since 1905 with interruptions during the two world wars. This year our topics include AIDS research, online data security and international aid work all in Esperanto.

Mr. Enderby, thank you for this interview.

It was my pleasure. I would like to greet the people listening to this radio broadcast in Esperanto

"Koran saluton al vi. Espereble vi baldau lernos Esperanton kaj tiam ni povos komuniki pli facile kaj egale." A hearty hello to you. Hopefully you'll soon learn Esperanto and then we'll be able to communicate more easily and equally.

Pista 63: Escuche la entrevista.

Do you think Esperanto is more useful than English?

Sure, you can speak to your friends from all over the world, even if you don't speak their national language.

It is easier than English. The grammar is simple. You don't have to learn any exceptions.

Why do you like Esperanto?

Esperanto is easy to pronounce. There are no silent letters. You pronounce the words the way they are written.

You can write to people in a dozen countries without speaking a dozen languages.

Why do you think young people should learn Esperanto?

Esperanto can be used to see the world. I love back-packing and I can stay with Esperanto speakers in more than 70 countries for free.

Esperanto is about understanding and exploring other cultures. Our national library in England has 30,000 volumes of books in Esperanto. You can read all the works by Garcia Marquez, Shakespeare, Brecht and Dante.

Why learn Esperanto when you can speak English?

English is the language of McDonald's and Coca-Cola. Esperanto doesn't belong to any country or people. It belongs equally to everybody who speaks it, acting as a bridge between cultures.

Pista 64: Escuche las oraciones y concéntrese en los tiempos.

twenty past ten
thirty-first of January, ninety-nine
half past nine
a quarter past eleven
ten to four
fifth of September, two thousand
a quarter to nine
nineteen ninety-six

Pista 65: Escuche el texto.

Chrisler is one of the most successful companies in the world. The company was started in 1985 and produced cars for the European market. Last January, a new factory was opened and 60 more workers were hired. Our cars are now sold in over 50 countries even in Japan. Chrisler is known for its good working conditions, high wages, flexible working hours and childcare for young mothers. Two years ago, we started language classes for our workers. They can learn English, Spanish and even Japanese. Last December, we gave \$10,000 to Unicef ...

Pista 66: Escuche las conversaciones breves.

1.

This is the final call for British Airways Flight BA 369 to London, boarding now at Gate 11.

2.

Good morning. My name is Mrs. Vikki Blackwell. I've booked a room for three nights.

Just a moment, please. Yes, Mrs. Blackwell a single room for 3 days. It's room 586 on the fifth floor.

3.

What time do you serve breakfast?

Oh, anytime till eleven, dear. Would you like bacon and eggs or a soft-boiled egg with toast and marmalade?

Bacon and eggs, please, and a pot of tea.

4.

Can we have the bill, please?

Yes certainly I'll bring it at once. Did you enjoy your meal?

Yes, it was lovely.

Your bill, madam.

Thank you does it include the service charge?

Err...

5.

How much is that altogether, please?

Thats £76.38.

Do you accept this credit card?

Certainly, madam. One moment, please.

6.

Let's see, eh, drive further down the road till you come to a roundabout. At that roundabout, go straight across over a bridge and it's the third on the right.

Thank you.

7.

Anything to drink, Sir?

Yes, I'll have a lager.

Do you want a pint?

No thanks. Just half a pint, please.

Avanzados

Pista 1: Escuche el diálogo.

Can you tell me about Chester. Were you born there?

Yes, I was. Do you know it?

Well, I've heard of it.

It's a town in the northwest of England, not far from Liverpool and to the southwest of Manchester.

It's famous for the old black and white houses in the city centre.

I see and 1949, is that when you were born, if you don't mind my asking?

Yes, unfortunately. I was born in the first half of the last century!

Alright, let's forget that and talk about the next piece of information. Robert. Is he your husband or your partner or what's the politically correct word your, your significant other?

Well, he's my husband. I'm not sure if he'd like to be called my significant other! He works for a computer software company.

I see. And you've written 1978. Tell me about that.

We've been married since then. We celebrate our silver wedding anniversary in February, 2003, and my parents celebrate their golden wedding anniversary in April, 2003, so we're having a joint family celebration.

That will be nice.

Mmm.

OK. Now I'd like to know why you have written Charlie.

Charlie's our dog actually. We haven't got any children. Our house has got a big garden so Charlie likes that and my husband enjoys gardening.

And you've written Braintree. Is that where your house is?

Yes, that's right. Braintree is a town in Essex, just east of Stansted, you know London's third airport, the one that was designed by Sir Norman er whatsisname, the person who designed the Reichstag building in Berlin, Norman, ...

Foster?

Foster. Norman Foster. Yes, that's the one. OK, so now it's my turn to ask you some questions. You've written Russian. Is that where you're from?

No, no, my parents are from St. Petersburg and ...

Pista 2: Escuche las preguntas y respuestas.

You live in Fürstfeldbrück, don't you?

Yes, I do. Do you know it? It's just west of Munich.

You like playing golf, don't you?

Yes, I do, but I don't play as often as I'd like to as it's rather expensive.

You aren't married, are you?

No, I'm not, but I've been living with my partner for 5 years.

You detest spinach, don't you?

Yes, that's right. Probably because I had to eat a lot of it when I was a child.

You're an architect, aren't you?

Yes, that's right. I work with two partners.

You can't stand getting up early, can you?

No, I can't. I particularly hate Monday mornings.

You haven't got any pets, have you?

No, I haven't unfortunately. I'd like a dog but we can't have pets in our block of flats.

Pista 3: Escuche el diálogo.

Well, what shall I tell you about my favourite sport? I play it every weekend in the summer.

Not in the winter?

It's a sport you can't play in the winter, well not in Germany anyway. It's too cold and the ground is too hard.

OK, so a summer sport. What do you like about it?

I love being in the fresh air. I get up at half past five on Saturdays and I go to the course. I'm there just after six.

Six?

Yes, I really don't mind getting up early. I love the peace and quiet and seeing the mountains that are so clear in the early morning.

So, a healthy sport.

Yes. You don't have to be super, super fit for this, but you do walk a lot and that's healthy.

Is it expensive?

Yes, it is. You have to buy clubs and a good bag to carry them in. The balls are expensive too, especially if you lose them as I often do when you hit the ball into the water. And then there are green fees.

And do you have to buy special clothes?

Yes. You need a good pair of shoes with spikes on them and some people buy very expensive trousers and shirts, so they look like Tiger Woods.

You say you like the peace and quite. Do you always play alone then?

Often I do, but from time to time I play with friends in a twosome or a foursome. I can't stand playing in competitions with people I don't know, but this means I can't get a handicap.

Pista 4: Escuche el diálogo.

Tell me about your favourite hobby.

Well, you have to be outside for this and you have to get up early.

What do you mean by early?

Five o'clock, but I don't mind getting up that early. The air is so fresh then. We usually meet at six o'clock in the morning.

Where exactly?

It depends. Sometimes by a lake or in a park.

And who is we? Is this some sort of a team game?

No, it isn't, but we always go as a group. It's more fun that way, but you can't talk and make a lot of noise. You talk about what you have seen afterwards.

Is it expensive?

Well, you need a pair of binoculars and maybe you want a book so that you can look up pictures of what you have seen and maybe even write it down. Some people buy expensive recording equipment and record the songs, but I don't.

Do you need any special clothes for this hobby?

No, not really. But you do need a good pair of comfortable shoes and maybe a raincoat. We go out even when it's raining.

Pista 5: Escuche el diálogo.

Is your hobby a summer or winter one?

A hobby for all seasons. You can do this in any season inside or outside, but outside it's better if the weather's good and the best time of day is in the early morning or in the early evening because the light is good then.

So, do you need special clothes and equipment for this?

Clothes no, but you need good equipment.

And is this equipment very expensive?

It depends. If you are a beginner you can buy it reasonably cheaply, but when you get more interested and you want to buy different lenses zoom and telephoto, for example you can spend a lot of money on them even if you buy them duty free as I did in Singapore and of course everyone wants digital nowadays.

Have you got digital equipment?

Yes, I have. But I've still got a lot to learn in this field.

Why do you like it?

Because I love being creative. It's very satisfying producing just one beautiful photo. My family is always very dis-appointed when I come back from a holiday because I can't stand taking typical holiday photos as souvenirs that may be of interest to other people you know the sort of thing this is my husband in front of the hotel or the children by the hotel swimming pool. I prefer taking pictures of beautiful views or of people with interesting faces or pictures of places with a lot of colour.

Pista 6: Escuche el diálogo.

What do you do in your leisure time?

Leisure time! What's that? I don't have a lot, so it's very important for me to relax when I do have a little time to spare. I've just recently taken up a new relaxing sport.

So, do you relax inside a room or outside in the fresh air?

Inside, usually, although you can do this outside if it's not too windy.

And do you need a lot of equipment?

No, you don't. You only need warm socks because you do the exercises standing on the floor without shoes.

So, can you do this alone, without a teacher?

I suppose you can, but you should always know the reason behind the exercises and so you need to have a teacher at first to explain this to you. Here in the West we often do the exercises to music and you can buy CDs with the right kind of music on them from most record shops, but the masters in the East would never use music.

So, does this come from China?

Yes, it does. It has a strange, complicated name that's very difficult to explain. The purpose of the exercises is not just to relax or build up muscles, it's to allow the life force to flow through you.

And what exactly do you do?

There are four sorts of exercises: opening, closing, raising and lowering and the movements all flow slowly and gently into each other. They release tension and at the same time release energy, life force, or the Qi. That's how it gets its name. The exercises have lovely names: awakening the Qi, parting the clouds, rowing across a calm lake, flying like an eagle.

Pista 7: Escuche lo que varias personas están diciendo.

Well, if you ask me I think it's a case of use it or lose it. I mean, if you don't do anything to keep your mind active, you won't have a good memory, will you? I'm learning Japanese well, at least I'm trying to at the local VHS. It's great fun. You meet people as well as doing something you enjoy. So, my advice would be try making learning a social activity.

Memory? I don't do much for my memory really. Well, I do in a way; I try to think about what I eat.

Apparently eating certain foods is good for your memory. So, my advice would be, I suppose, try eating plenty of strawberries and blackberries and things like spinach, garlic and broccoli.

What improves your memory? Well, I don't really know. But let me answer your question in a different way. I know what doesn't help your memory drinking too much and smoking. Everyone knows that, don't they? Well, I don't smoke and I don't drink too much well, a gin and tonic on the weekend maybe. But the one thing that I love is coffee and that is supposed to be bad for your memory, too. You can't win, can you?

I'm one of those people, you know, who is very, very nervous before exams and I feel as if I'm going to forget everything. So, one of my teachers asked me if I had ever thought of taking a course in Qi Gong, the Chinese breathing and movement therapy. It really worked, for me at least. I think it's wonderful. If I do one or two of the exercises before an exam I feel a deep sense of relaxation and that helps my concentration and so my memory. If I can't do Qi Gong then I breathe in, to a count of four and then breathe out again. Why not try it?

I'm not sure that I believe it, but I read somewhere, you know, in one of those magazines you look at when you're at the dentist's that if you write down your dreams as soon as possible the next day it will improve your memory. I don't dream very much, well I don't think I do, but then I don't go to bed very early and you need a lot of sleep so that you dream I think it said.

My doctor told me to get a lot of regular exercise when I felt I was forgetting names and phone numbers and I must say that I do feel better after my jog in the morning. Whether it helps my memory is another matter! Now my wife, she hates jogging, but she goes for a walk with the dog every day. She never forgets birthdays or phone numbers, so there must be something to this idea of exercise helping the memory, I reckon.

Pista 8: Escuche el diálogo.

Malindi! Don't remind me!

It's a beautiful place. Meg and I loved it when we were there.

OK. It is beautiful, but you probably weren't sick the whole time either!

No. OK, tell me what happened.

Well, it was one thing after the other. First of all, Phil had these new 'adventure sandals' that everybody has. You can even wear them to climb mountains, they say. He got these enormous blisters and we had to buy Band Aids and he had to walk around without shoes for three days! One day, don't exaggerate! Then Susan got a bout of holiday tummy she bought a cold drink with ice in it at the market.

Yeah. But I stayed in bed, drank litres and litres of water bottled water and was as right as rain 24 hours later! But while I was ...

Let me tell! While Susan was ...

It sounds as if you took it in turns to be ill!

We did. But let me finish! While Susan was lying around with a high temperature, being sick and going to the ...

No details, please!

Anyway, I decided to go Sue was feeling much better by then on a short boat trip alone and do some scuba-diving. There was this strange thing in the water. Never seen anything like it. It was a rare jellyfish. OK. It stung me. Hurt like hell. On top of that I got a sunburn. The UV rays are reflected by water and you burn even more on a boat. And then I fell over on the street as I was going back into our hotel and scraped both knees!

We had to get a doctor in for Phil. The doctor said he had sunstroke. He really was in a bad way: bright red face, swollen leg from the jellyfish, high fever, sweating, bruised knees and aching bones. And he got a tetanus injection because of his knees. Everything. I thought we were going to have to fly home. Anyway, after a few days rest in complete shade and various creams and pills he got better. And enjoyed the rest of your holiday without any further ...

No! We both got almost bitten to death on the safari.

The monkeys?

No. Mosquitoes! Luckily we'd been taking our malaria tablets, so there were no after effects.

You've forgotten to mention travel sickness, that you vomited all the way from Nairobi to Heathrow! That's not true. All I had was a bit of dizziness and a headache. It was that local stuff we drank the last evening of the safari the banana Schnapps and who ...

Yeah, talking of schnapps, you were just suffering from an ordinary hangover!

Pista 9: Escuche el diálogo.

Mr Malone, please.

Yeah, that's me.

Please come in. I see you're here on vacation.

That's right.

Before we get started I'd like to ask you a few questions.

Sure.

When did you arrive in London?

A week ago last Tuesday.

The receptionist wrote that you're here because you're severely allergic to animal hair. How long have you had the allergy?

Well, since I was just a kid.

And when did you last have an attack?

Two nights ago.

I see. Unbutton your shirt, please. Mmm. Do you know these tablets?

I think so. They look like something we have in the States.

How long will you be in London?

I fly back the Sunday after next.

Good. Can you come back next week? I'd like to see if your condition has improved.

Sure, I'll be here in London the whole time.

Fine, please make an appointment for next Wednesday on your way out.

Will do, thanks.

Mr Blair, please.

Pista 10: Escuche el diálogo.

So, what were your experiences when coming to live here for the first time?

I hated getting up so early. I was used to getting up at say seven o'clock in Britain. Here I've already been on the train to work for half an hour at that time! So, you're more a night owl than an early bird? Yes, I suppose so. Anything else you hated? Not hated, but of course another big difference was driving on, what for me, was the wrong side of the road. I mean, I thought I was quite a confident driver, but when I came here I had to remember to look left and not right. It was particularly difficult when turning right. I almost had an accident the first week I was here. It's OK now, but I didn't enjoy driving at the beginning I can tell you. And food?

Food, well, food is always a bit of a problem I suppose. I used to have a hot meal in the evening, but now I'm used to eating at work and having a cold meal, you know, bread and cheese or something in the evening. Oh, and I really missed Marmite when I came here.

Marmite! What on earth's that?

Difficult to explain. It's brown, it comes in a jar and it is very salty. It's a sort of yeast extract and I used to eat it on toast what we in England call soldiers sort of long thin slices of toast.

Marmite and soldiers, I see. Do you miss anything else?

Nothing else in the food line, really. But one other thing I really miss is having the shops open on a Sunday. At first I thought opening on Sunday was an awful idea. I hated the thought that Sunday would be just as chaotic and hectic as every other day, but it is wonderful knowing that you can, you know, go to the shops every day and more or less all day too. I used to, in fact, do my main weekly shopping on a Sunday.

Did you speak the language when you came here?

Well, a bit, but not very well. I spoke better Spanish than German then. When I started German lessons I gave up Spanish. My husband and I used to speak English together at first, but now I'm used to speaking German. Maybe I'll take up my Spanish lessons again.

Pista 11: Escuche el diálogo.

Have you heard the news? Robin's just given up meat.

Robin! But he loves steak.

Not any more he doesn't. He's off fish, too.

What brought this on?

No idea.

Well, I don't know about the rest of you, but I'm certainly not going to become a vegetarian.

But vegetarian food is getting more and more popular. I know there are some great new vegetarian restaurants just near where we live.

All those nuts and Soya. Life is too short to spend hours cooking.

Right Paul, since when have you spent hours cooking?

I'll have you know I ...

... warmed up the Indian takeaway last night.

No, but going back to Soya, I was reading an article in a magazine just the other day that reported on some research done at a university in Colorado, no, California I think it was and it said that eating the right kind of food could, sort of, you know, make you look younger and I'm sure it said something about Soya and nuts.

Actually, now that you come to mention it, I read that too. Wasn't there something about a group of students eating only fast food and no fresh stuff for a month or so and tests showed that in that time they had aged by 14 ...

... yeah, by about 14 years, that's right, and when they ate a diet rich in protein and vitamins C and E, so Soya, broccoli and nuts, they all looked better and even younger than they did before the experiment.

Oh, come off it. You don't believe that do you? I mean there are hundreds of new fads that are reported every day. That's just one of them. Experts are always telling us not to eat this and not to drink that. Next thing you know they'll be telling us not to eat bread and drink water because it's bad for us.

Well, the cream I pay the earth for, that's supposed to keep me looking young, says it contains vitamin C and E. I suppose there must be something in the idea of vitamins. Maybe I'd better just buy more nuts and broccoli.

Just as long as you don't expect me to eat broccoli. I hate the stuff.

How about a beer instead?

Now you're talking.

Pista 12: Escuche la conversación telefónica.

Hello?

Mr Hecker?

Speaking.

Oh, hello Mr Hecker, this is Pamela, Mr Robinson's secretary from IBS speaking.

Hello Pamela. What can I do for you?

It's about the meetings in Edinburgh next week. As you know time is very short and Mr Robinson suggests you have a working breakfast at his hotel on Tuesday, say at 8.

Working breakfast 8 that's fine by me.

It'll be at the George Intercontinental. Would you like me to order you a taxi or will you walk? It's only about five minutes from your hotel.

Five minutes? Well that won't be a problem then. Good exercise. But how do I get there.

Do you have a pen?

Yes, I do. Go ahead.

Well, go out of the hotel and turn to your right down Leith street.

Right, Leith Street, yes.

Then after about 100 metres you come to Waterloo Place. Turn right here.

Sorry Waterloo ...?

Waterloo Place.

Waterloo Place. Right. OK

Go straight on and after North Bridge on your left you come into Princes Street.

Princes Street. Mmm.

George Street is the third on your right after about 175 metres. The hotel is on your left.

Third right on the left. I've got that.

Do you have the telephone number of the hotel just in case there are any problems?

Hold on. I think so. Yes, here it is: 0132 251 351.
0132 251 251 not 351.

Oh, right.

So, is that OK?

Well, just let me read that back to you. Turn right out of the hotel down Leith Street, then right again at Waterloo Place. Straight on and George Street is third on the right.

Yes, fine. Mr Robinson is looking forward to seeing you for breakfast. He sends his regards.

Give him my regards too. I'll see him at 8. Goodbye.

Goodbye.

Pista 13: Escuche las conversaciones breves.

I must remember to pack my travel sickness tablets.

Are you often air sick?

No, never. It's the boat journey to the hotel that I'm worried about!

Have you got something for my stomach? I was sick last night and I had diarrhoea. I think it was because I ate some fish.

I can give you this medicine to take three times a day after meals, but if I were you I'd see a doctor.

Is there any fish in this paella? I love seafood, but when I eat it I get a bright red rash.

Have you got something that my little daughter can put on her knee? She fell over and cut it when she was playing on the rocks near the beach.

Have you got some stuff to put on my skin?

You look as if you need some after sun cream. This should help. Your face won't be so red in the morning.

Have you got some stuff that will keep the mosquitoes away? They always seem to bite me more than anyone else.

We can't take all that in our back packs. They'll be too heavy.

Well we must have insect repellent and diarrhoea tablets. I suppose we could leave out the water purification tablets. We'll just have to be careful not to drink the tap water.

Can you go and get me something for this headache?

OK, but if you hadn't drunk all that ouzo you wouldn't ...

OK, OK, don't remind me.

Pista 14: Escuche el diálogo.

Joan, I know that you've lived in many different countries Austria, Germany and Sweden, I believe. But why did you then choose to make Paros your home and not Munich or Vienna?

And not Sweden or Denmark? Well, we used to spend our summer holidays here. We loved Paros the countryside is beautiful most of the year it's green and full of flowers; the local people are very friendly; we enjoy the food especially sitting in a taverna for hours on end with friends eating fish and salads, drinking Retsina. It was all so relaxed ...

Yeah, That sounds lovely. But, spending holidays somewhere and actually moving there permanently are two very different things. I mean, Paros isn't that easy to reach. You've got to get two planes or a plane and a ship and then there's the language!

Yes, that's true. But we didn't originally plan to live on Paros permanently. We were still living in Munich where we were both working when we decided to buy a piece of land and started to build the house on the coast.

So, it was just a holiday home?

Yes, at the time. Then Hans's company merged with another one and this would have meant us moving to England, which we didn't want to do. That was in 1985. We'd been coming here for so many years, could speak some Greek Hans's Greek is better than mine and decided that Paros was where we wanted to live no more freezing winters, icy roads, not as expensive as England or Germany.

You're right there. You said, "the house on the coast". Do you have a house somewhere else then?

Yes, we've got very tiny cottage in a quiet valley out in the country.

Quiet valley?

Yes. The towns get very noisy and crowded in summer – thousands of tourists everywhere! We hate it then!

I can understand that. But I'm a tourist and I love the small towns – even in August! I love the narrow streets and the houses with their flat-roofs and their solar panels, the white-washed walls, the bright blue painted doors and windows and the masses of red flowers everywhere – enormous geraniums they're really beautiful.

You've forgotten the harbour, the fishing-boats, all the tavernas, the sun ...

A reason to live here. But, tell me about the cottage.

Our cottage is small – one large room and a bathroom. There's white marble everywhere in the bathroom and the kitchen. We've got three patios, so you're always in the shade and out of the wind. It's right in the middle of a large field, with olive trees, fruit trees, roses, hibiscus and you can sit outside in the evening on one of the patios and look at hills, tiny white churches and the sea in the distance. There are very few neighbours; it's very quiet – heavenly.

I can see why you enjoy living here, but isn't there anything you miss or wish you had on the island?

You can get nearly everything in the supermarkets and shops in the largest town Parikia – there are even Internet cafes! You can always go over to Athens. But we do miss some of our good friends who we used to see more of than now. Hans misses being able to get to various jazz events easily. I certainly wish there was a reference and lending library on Paros.

Is there anything you or Hans really dislike?

Well, we dislike all the traffic during the high season – there are so many cars and motorbikes on the roads. It's really dangerous. So we avoid the main towns then and try not to go too far away in the evenings. July and August are terrible! But the other ten months ...

Pista 15: Escuche el diálogo.

They're both actually only 65, but they decided that now's a good time to make a move while they're still young enough to enjoy a new home.

That's a good idea. But moving into a new place is difficult at any age, isn't it?

Yeah, anyway, they've settled in nicely. They've got a two-roomed flat – a bedroom and living room and all mod cons. They could furnish the flat as they wanted. There were no restrictions, although the warden did say they had to leave the front door green. Mum wanted to paint it red!

You mean she wasn't allowed to? What about pets? I bet they can't have any, either.

Yeah, that's right. Dad had to give away his pigeons; he had about 80. Mum's not too unhappy about that! But they can have other pets like goldfish or a budgie.

Mmm. Not the same, though, is it? Are there any other rules and regulations?

Lots of them! You have to be over 60 to live there. Let me think. Guests can stay in a special suite, but they may not stay there for more than three days and you have to reserve it well in advance.

Sounds quite strict! What about hanging out the washing? I'm sure that's not allowed!

How did you guess? That is definitely out! But all the same, they're very happy there and the warden is really nice and they can call her any time day and night if there's an emergency.

Pista 16: Escuche el texto.

And here is 'Radio Brum' with the traffic news.

There has been a serious accident on the A41 between Warwick and Kenilworth. Motorists who want to get to Kenilworth are advised to take the A46 out of Warwick and then approach Kenilworth on the A452.

Some traffic lights in the centre of Wolverhampton are out of order because of a power failure. Delays are possible in the morning rush hour.

There is a 50 mile-an-hour speed limit in operation on the M5 between exits 1 to West Bromwich and 2 to Dudley because of roadworks. Delays are expected all day.

The Corley motorway service area between exits 3 and 4 on the M6 is closed because of a fire. The nearest service area is Hilton Park between exits 10a and 11.

There has been an accident on the A45 just after the junction with the A4040. There are long delays and motorists driving to or from Birmingham International are advised to calculate an hour extra for their journey and to approach the airport via the A38(M) M6 and M42 exit 6.

Pista 17: Escuche el diálogo.

What would you say if I chose to be a professional soccer player?

What, with your fitness? I don't think that's a very sensible idea!

Peggy's right. You're too lazy to be a sportsman.

OK, OK! Thanks for the vote of confidence! I just mean that it would be a great job. A huge salary and good working conditions.

But remember that you retire when you're 30.

What's wrong with that? I wouldn't mind retiring then and anyway you don't necessarily have to end your career at 30. Wasn't there a player from Bavaria, what was his name, Lothar something-or-other

...

... Matthäus?

Yeah, Matthäus. He was still playing in Germany when he was forty, or almost anyway.

Well, yeah, but that's the exception. And you may have problems with your health if you get injured a lot.

OK, so you don't think I should become a professional soccer player. What would you suggest for me?

A politician perhaps?

No, you're too honest to be a politician.

More compliments. So come on, suggest a job for someone who is honest but unfit.

How about being a taxi driver?

A taxi driver! I don't like that idea at all. I think most people only take a taxi when they're too drunk to drive home.

Oh, come off it. Not everyone. I'll grant you that it's not a great job because of the unsociable hours.

Yeah. That's true.

I'll stay as I am. I might not make a lot of money, but I enjoy my job and I don't have to work weekends.

Pista 18: Escuche la entrevista.

Welcome to 'Woman's Hour'. In our series "Why ever not for a woman?" we are interviewing women who have a job that is not usually associated with the fairer sex even in the twenty first century. With me in the studio today is Sheila Ann Wetherby who is one of Britain's only 36 stuntwomen.

Welcome Sheila.

Thanks. It's good to be here.

If you asked young girls today, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" you would of course get a far larger selection of answers than you would have got at the beginning of the twentieth century. But I'm sure, very few young girls wake up one morning and say, "I want to be a stunt woman." So how did you come to choose this sort of a life Sheila?

Well, I suppose it was in the blood in a way. I grew up on a stud farm and my parents used to supply horses for films and so I've been riding horses since I was three and I started driving vans around the yard when I was ten. Then I passed my driving test the first time and progressed to driving lorries and horse boxes. From there it was a classic case of learning on the job.

But even driving something as big as a horse box is rather different from turning a car over in a high-speed crash. How do you react to the danger?

Of course, if there were not a certain amount of fear the adrenaline wouldn't pump, wouldn't be keeping me alert and help me concentrate on the job in hand. But I can honestly say that I don't think about the danger.

And have you ever been badly injured?

Well, I've had lots of cuts and bruises and a broken finger once. But I've only had one serious injury when I cracked three vertebrae and a rib, but I was back to work six weeks later.

So what sort of things do you have to do? You mentioned horses. I imagine then that you jump on the runaway galloping horse so that the hero can rescue you!

Well, only the hero's double unfortunately. I've, I've been in 8 James Bond movies and I fought with Roger Moore's double above a cable car in the film Moonraker. I've jumped from a moving train into a really fast flowing river and I've jumped out of a helicopter.

And do you always work in Britain?

Well, some of the work on the Bond films was done at the studios in Elstree and some on location. Of course the beauty of being in my job is that you can work freelance and you don't have to work for one company all the time. I do work for small film companies too.

Listeners who are already impressed by Sheila's daring will be even more so when I tell you that she is 52 and a grandmother. It seems to me, Sheila, that it's one thing to lead a full and active life long after you are fifty but to carry on putting your life at risk like this? What does your family say about it all?

Well, my husband thinks it's time I retired and my daughter wants me to stop, but they know that I don't want to change my job. I'd hate to have a nine to five job working in an office. My little grandson Jason thinks his grandma has a really cool job, as he puts it. Now that I'm older I do pick and choose my work, of course, but I have no intention of giving up yet. The job certainly keeps me young. I can still throw a Karate kick above people's heads. People are surprised when they find out what I do. You should have seen the faces of the builders making us a new garage. But mostly the reaction is 'good for you'.

Yes, indeed. Good for you. Thank you for talking to us.

Thank you for inviting me. I must say I've been more nervous doing this than I am jumping out of a train!

Next week we'll be talking to the technical brewer Vivienne Adams.

Pista 19: Escuche el texto.

It is Friday, 15 April, and now for the local news. A small peaceful demonstration was held this morning outside a factory making sports clothing as workers on the early shift arrived for work. 20 women were supporting a colleague who had accused her employers of paying her a lower salary than was paid to male employees for doing the same job.

A stuntman from Weston-on-Sea working on location for the new James Bond film has been taken to hospital after jumping from a moving train into a river. He is suffering from two cracked vertebrae and a broken rib but is otherwise unhurt. He will have to stay in hospital for a week and will probably be off work for six weeks.

Authorities are warning holiday makers, and particularly parents with young children, to be careful of large jellyfish that have been found on beaches in the area. Some children have been stung by them and others have come out in a bright red rash if they have accidentally trodden on one. If children come into contact with these jellyfish, parents should take them to a doctor immediately.

After the third annual Weston-on-Sea marathon held this afternoon in hot and humid conditions all 150 competitors agreed that it had been a very fair race. Because of the hot fine weather there was a good crowd to watch the winner, Mr Harvey Brown, complete the course in 2 hours 12 minutes. "It was exhausting but a wonderful feeling, worth all the training," he said afterwards. First aid was necessary for ten runners who needed treatment for blisters caused because they had new running shoes and for one person who was involved in a slight accident with a bicycle.

And now for the traffic news.

On this bank holiday weekend, long delays are already reported on the M5 south of Weston with motorists driving down towards the sea in Devon and Cornwall. There has also been an accident on the M6 north of Birmingham.

Pista 20: Escuche el texto.

Welcome to Famous Office Supplies. To help us put you through as quickly as possible to the person you want to speak to, please listen carefully to these messages.

To talk to a member of the sales and marketing department, please press 1.

If you want speak to someone in the finance department, please press 2.

If you want to order any of our products, please press 3.

If you have a complaint to make about any of our products, please press 4.

If you want to know details about when your order will arrive, please press 5.

If the number you want is busy, you will be put through automatically to our customer service desk and one of our staff will take your message.

Pista 21: Escuche lo que varias personas están diciendo.

Well, for me, long holidays are absolutely essential, so that I can be with the children for at least some of their school holidays.

Money? Well, money is always quite important, I suppose. But for me, it's really important to have a job where I can work in a team.

What's important to me in a job? I don't often think about it; I just sort of go to work and do my job as well as I can. Well, I suppose responsibility is really important to a workaholic like me.

My job? Well, I don't really like what I'm doing at the moment very much. It's very important for me to have friendly colleagues and in my company everyone is so busy that they don't have time to be friendly.

OK, I'll make it short. Money: absolutely essential. Responsibility: very important and friendly colleagues not really important at all.

Pista 22: Escuche la historia.

Well, the worst hotel I ever stayed in was in Paris. And it was my first time travelling in Europe. And we had checked into, sort of a, mid-priced hotel. It wasn't expensive but it wasn't cheap either. And, er, so the next day we were walking around and I noticed a hotel which had a really, really cheap price listed on the door and I thought, well let's go inside. Now my wife, who is German, said yeah, but this is a one star hotel. And I said well, come on we'll just go take a look. So, we went inside and it actually looked very nice. They had a marble floor and a nice desk the reception area was clean and the people were really nice so I thought OK, well, we'll change hotels, we'll move in here and save a lot of money.

Well, we went back, got our bags, brought them to the hotel, went up into the room and things looked, all of a sudden, very different. There were holes in the bedspread, the wall paper was dirty, the bathroom, you know, it was mouldy and dark and wet. And I thought oh no, this is unbelievable. Well, my wife was a little upset and she wasn't going to go back to the other hotel, so we had to stay there at least one night. So, that night, when I crawled into the bed, the bed sank down in the middle, about down to the floor I think, and I couldn't really sleep because I kept having this feeling that little bugs were crawling all over me, so it was the worst night's sleep I ever had.

So, we checked out anyway the next morning and went back to the other hotel. They were full, so we had to find something else and ended up having to check into a hotel for about twice the amount of money as the hotel we had before just because I wanted to change the rooms.

Pista 23: Escuche la historia.

The best hotel I ever stayed in? I can tell you about the most expensive hotel I ever stayed in. That was in Singapore when I was flying to New Zealand and our flight was delayed, so the airline put us in a hotel. I think it was called the Ocean Pacific Hotel. It was in the centre of Singapore and it has four or five stars. There is a red carpet there. There was a doorman there. There were porters and pageboys and they all had wonderful red uniforms. The hotel has about 20 floors I think. There are four lifts. They are made of glass, so you can see people going up and down the building. There is an open space in the middle where palm trees grow and you can find a fountain there and a lounge with a grand piano there. And in the rooms themselves, which were very spacious, you had fresh fruits so you could eat fresh apples and bananas and all the wonderful exotic fruit that you can think of. In the bathroom there was both a shower and a bathtub and you had wonderful very big white towels there. And from the rooms you had lovely views from Singapore in the sunlight. You could even go swimming in their own outdoor swimming pool or you could go to the gym and do something to keep fit. In the two or three restaurants they offered fresh fish and different dishes of the region. And the best things about the hotel was that I didn't even have to pay for it.

Pista 24: Escuche la historia.

OK, the worst hotel, one of the worst hotels I've stayed in, I think unfortunately I've stayed in a few having worked as an actress for a few years and being on tour you tend to come across quite a number of rather grotty hotels, but one that sticks in my mind in particular was in Belgium. I can't remember the name of the town. I don't intend to go back there, but we'd been performing at a castle belonging to a Belgian prince, so you know, and we knew that he had organised the accommodations, so we kind of thought well, so we kind of thought it would be some nice comfortable hotel somewhere, possibly even in the grounds of the castle.

Unfortunately it was that we had to drive about another one hour or two hours to get to this hotel and, yeah, its just it had all of the qualities of a disgusting hotel. There was, you know the kind of place that you don't want to take your shoes off because your feet stick to the nylon carpet. And you get into bed and there's that smell, there's just a general smell of hotel room that you just wish you didn't have to spend the night in. You know just generally not clean, not pleasant. And the flashing neon sign outside the bedroom window you know that meant that the whole night was spent without getting a wink of sleep. So, yeah, I think that that was one of the worst, one of the nastier places.

Pista 25: Escuche la historia.

The best hotel I ever stayed in was in San Simeon, which is a little town pretty much in the middle between Los Angeles and San Francisco on the California coast. And when I was living in Los Angeles my wife and I used to use this hotel as our, sort of, weekend get away spot you might say. And it wasn't an expensive hotel; it wasn't a luxury hotel. The best thing about it really was the location and how it was built. The hotel was made up, well, not of one main building but of lots of smaller buildings like bungalows. And when you would check in you would go and get your key then you would have to walk out and have to find your little bungalow. And they were beautiful little houses set back in a canyon and there were trees around them and flowers. It was just lovely. And this canyon where the hotel was located opened up onto a beach and you could go walking on the beach and swimming. And there was a pier there too and you could walk out on the pier and see all the animals there in the water like sometimes you would see dolphins or pelicans or sea otters. It was just a lovely place and we really enjoyed it there.

Pista 26: Escuche el diálogo.

Good morning, sir. Can I help you?

Yes. I want to see the manager, please.

I'm sorry, sir, but the manager's in a meeting at the moment. Is there anything I can do?

No, there isn't. I want to see the manager now.

OK, sir. One moment and I'll see what I can do.

She'll be with you in five minutes, sir if you'll just take a seat here. Can I get you something to drink while you are waiting?

A gin and tonic.

Pista 27: Escuche el diálogo.

At last.

Mr Barnes? I'm sorry to keep you waiting. What seems to be the trouble?

Trouble? I've had nothing but trouble since I arrived at your hotel. There isn't even any lemon in this gin and tonic. Look, I reserved a double-room and I have been given a twin-bedded one. Then the bellboy took my suitcases to the wrong room. Don't you teach your staff to count?

I'm extremely sorry sir, but ...

Sorry isn't good enough. I specifically asked for a room with a view. Do you think a view of the parking lot is a view? And I also need access to the Internet from my room and your staff have given me one without it.

Well, you will understand sir I'm sure that ...

No, I don't understand. This is an expensive hotel and I expect good service. Now what are you going to do about it?

I assure you sir, that I will do my best to sort everything out. In the meantime, please accept my apologies and dinner at the hotel's expense in our Regency restaurant.

Pista 28: Escuche los diferentes anuncios.

Will passengers booked on charter flight 578 to Palma de Mallorca please proceed to gate 70 in the departure lounge where their flight is now ready for boarding.

This is an important announcement for all passengers awaiting the arrival of Air Canada flight 6785 from Toronto. The flight could not take off from Toronto because of snow and very strong winds. Local time in Toronto is now 2 a.m. and the flight cannot take off for another four hours. It is now not expected to arrive in Frankfurt until 23.00 this evening.

This is the last and final call for Easy Jet flight number LZT 249 to Geneva. The four remaining passengers are requested to proceed immediately to gate 7 where their flight is now closing.

Good morning ladies and gentlemen your Thai International flight TG 6304 to Bangkok is now ready for boarding. To make boarding easier, may we ask first class passengers and those travelling with young children to board the aircraft now.

Good morning ladies and gentleman on behalf of Captain McGregor and his crew I'd like to welcome you aboard this Boeing 747 flight to Cape Town. We are sorry for the delay, but we are waiting for two passengers connecting to this flight from a flight from Moscow. We will be serving you soft drinks while you are waiting. So please make yourselves comfortable. The captain will give you more news as soon as it becomes available.

Pista 29: Escuche lo que varias personas están diciendo.

Hi Sam, this is Ruth. Here are the websites you asked about. There is a great selection of websites for toys: www.etoys.co.uk or www.toysrus.co.uk are ones that I've used a lot. But the one that you should try if you really do want a teddy bear is www.huggables.com. Hope Helen has a great party. See you on Saturday.

Hi Angela, this is Mel. You are very brave buying photographic stuff for Ken over the Web! The site that says it has the best deals on this sort of thing is at www.unbeatable.co.uk. I don't know it myself. I use www.shoppingcentre.net, but I don't think it specialises in photographic stuff. Good luck anyway.

Hi Barbara, this is Paul here. Is Roger really thinking of using the car less because petrol is so expensive? You wanted to know the website about the scooters. The only one I have is www.products ltd.freesave.co.uk, no sorry I can't read my own writing it is www.products ltd.freeserve.co.uk.

Hi Janie, Alice here. Well there are two websites that I've used when I wanted special presents for Annabelle. One is splendour www.splendour.com which has really sexy underwear. If however you want a site where you can get advice before you buy you could try www.intofashion.com. It's a very good site but expensive you have to pay over £50.

Hi Clive, this is Alan. You asked about sites for weekend breaks. Sounds like a great idea. The two I know of are www.webweekends.co.uk and www.utravel.co.uk. I'd try the second one myself as the choice is great on both sites, but you can't book online with the first one.

Pista 30: Escuche la conversación telefónica.

Good morning. This is Bob Murray from Proof Positive in Edinburgh. Could I speak to Peter Seidl, please?

I'm sorry Mr Murray, but Mr Seidl is on another line at the moment. Would you like to hold?

Oh, er, no. I'm afraid I can't. Could you ask him to call me back before 4 o'clock?

Certainly. Does he have your number?

I think so, but just in case it's 020 3467 894.

020 3467 894?

That's right. Thanks for your help.
Not at all. Thank you for calling.

Pista 31: Escuche la conversación telefónica.

Is Anton there, please.
I'm afraid he isn't. He's off sick at the moment. Can I take a message?
Oh, yes. Can you tell him that the meeting scheduled for the 13th will have to be postponed until the 30th.
Sorry, the 13th or the 30th?
The 30th, OK?
I've got that.
And can you ask him to confirm as soon as possible that this new date is OK?
Confirm as soon as possible. Anything else?
No, that's all thanks.
And, who shall I say called?
Oh, sorry. This is Kathleen Porter from ITS Taxi Advertising in Edinburgh.
Fine Ms Porter, I'll see that he gets your message. Bye.
Bye.

Pista 32: Escuche la entrevista.

This is Graham Bird with another edition of "Did you know that ...?", the monthly programme that informs you the general public about important issues in society today. This month's programme is about 'whistle-blowing'. Suppose you suspect that someone in your street is a receiver of stolen goods or you know for sure that Bert down at the pub gets a jobseeker's allowance although he has a job? They are both breaking the law. Should you tell? On the one hand, you don't want to interfere, on the other, can you stand back and ignore someone who is breaking the law. You will probably also worry about the consequences for yourself. How will Bert react when he finds out who told on him? We have asked members of three different organisations to give us their special helpline numbers and to answer some of their most frequently asked questions. Good evening. Our first speaker is Peter Ross from the Environment Agency. And for those of you unfamiliar with the Environment Agency, this is an organisation that deals with problems of pollution.
Thank you Graham. Yes, we're also known as the Pollution Hotline and receive around 55,000 calls a year. If you need us, call 0800 807 060. So, how does it work? We welcome calls from the public informing us about people burning waste, companies leaking or dumping oil or chemicals into water and other environmental concerns. If you see anything suspicious, we would like to hear from you.
What happens then?
Well, calls go through to a central communication centre and are reported to an officer in the local area. He or she will then visit the site to investigate and take whatever action is necessary.
I think our listeners are particularly interested in anonymity?
Yes, of course. You don't have to give your name, but it's sometimes helps if the officer needs to contact someone to direct them to the site of pollution.
Thank you very much for coming along.
Thank you and don't forget 0800 807 060.
Next we have Samantha Ryan from Crimestoppers. Good evening. I don't think the name needs to be explained.
Good evening Graham. No it really doesn't! Like Peter's organisation, we also received over 55,000 calls last year. Each day 14 people are arrested as a result of calls to Crimestoppers. Calls can be about anything from petty theft, vehicle crime and burglary to drugs and even murder.
Can you tell us what happens when you call 0800 555 111?
When you call the national number, you will be directed to one of 29 regional offices manned by Crimestoppers' trained investigators. Your information is passed on to the appropriate police force. If a reward is being offered, you will be given a code number. Once the person has been arrested and convicted, the code number is used to deposit the reward money in a bank account for you.

My last question. What about anonymity?

You won't even be asked your name. Crimestoppers is so successful because it guarantees the safety of the person making the call.

Thank you very much Samantha.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to talk about our helpline.

And to our final helpline. Good evening to Melissa Delmestri from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, better known as the RSPCA. Another household name.

Good evening. Although our helpline is probably not as well-known.

And what is your helpline number?

08705 555 999. I believe we receive the largest number of calls.

How does your helpline work?

The helpline receives a call every 20 seconds, with bank holidays being the busiest period. The figures include abuse of animals such as rabbits neglected or forgotten in their hutch at the bottom of the garden and horses with no human contact, food or water for several days. The helpline also takes calls for wildlife in danger.

I see. What happens then?

Every call is investigated by an RSPCA inspector. Owners who are mistreating an animal are asked to sign their animal over to the RSPCA. If they refuse to do so, the police are called so that the animal can be taken away and taken into care.

And finally. Anonymity?

All calls are, of course, confidential.

Thank you RSPCA. Without organisations like these many crimes would not be found out and many people and animals would continue to suffer. There are, of course, many other helplines, for example, NSPCC if you suspect child abuse, Football Hooligan Hotline, or Action on Elder Abuse. A special booklet can be sent to you on receipt of ...

Pista 33: Escuche el texto.

Well, I work for an IT company. I'm the guy who cleans up your viruses. I'm the antibiotics guy for your viruses. And I'm pretty much all about being clean. I'm very into improving the environment. I belong to a radical group of Greens. We meet once a week and I organise the teenage Green Club in my town and I represent the Greens on my town council. And I, with the teenage guys we do all the usual stuff. We sort glass and metal and plastic and everything like that. That's basically what I'm all about, being clean.

Pista 34: Escuche el texto.

Well, actually I don't have a lot of time. I mean, between driving my kids around and a part-time office job that I have there's just not a lot of time to attend local group meetings or anything like that. But, we really try to do what we can and I especially feel I'm very green conscious. In the supermarket I always discard all the wrappings that I can and I don't buy any plastic bottles or pre-packaged fruits or vegetables or things like that. And I recycle all my glass and metal. The best thing I do is when I'm home ironing the clothes for the family I watch every documentary I can on the subject.

Pista 35: Escuche el texto.

Well, we live in a little village in the northwest of Scotland, up in the Highlands. And I feel very much connected to our environment and the nature around us. So, we as a family try and do what we can. I belong to the local park improvement committee and that involves attending local meetings and just generally trying to make the local population aware of the environment that we have and the danger that it's in. And of course as a family we do what we can. We separate our refuse, we recycle as much as possible. And I really feel quite committed to it as a cause.

Pista 36: Escuche el texto.

Well, I live on my own and I have a dog. And I must say that the environment is getting more and more important. And all my friends in the street where I live, we all have dogs and we clean up after it. In fact, nobody lets their dog leave anything on the pavement. And that's very important to me. And I find that electricity is something you can save on. So, I've got lots of long life bulbs in the house. You know, I think its extremely wasteful to see people with their lights on all night. And, in fact, because of all the pollution in the environment and the atmosphere, it'd be nice to have a solar powered car. Trouble is, there too expensive at the moment. So since I can't afford a solar powered car I tend to cycle. In fact, I tend to cycle almost all the time. The dog doesn't like it, but ...

Pista 37: Escuche el diálogo.

I can't believe the city went and cut down all those old trees in the park, everyone was against it. You should have gone and lived in one and then they wouldn't have cut it down.

What are you talking about?

Don't you remember that Californian woman and her one-woman protest thing?

Yeah, Julia "Butterfly" somebody ...

... Hill who lived in a tree for over 2 years. It was one of those enormous redwood trees about 200 feet high and about 600 years old. They can live for 2,000 years, you know. Mmm. It was December, 1997. I remember it

because that really bad storm in December that year blew down the last tree in the churchyard. And she stayed there till December, 1999, I think.

I can't imagine living in a tree. How high up was she?

Pretty high. About the height of an 18 storey building.

That is high. And where did she actually live?

On an 8ft by 8ft platform. She washed herself in a bucket, and everything else she needed food was organised by friends below. She pulled it all up by rope. She slept under a tarpaulin cover. She had a mobile phone, of course.

Rather her than me! Who was she protesting against?

A lumber company Pacific Lumber, I believe. The loggers wanted to cut down the tree her tree. She called it "Luna". They were cutting down all the massive redwood trees on the land they owned and making a fortune.

I remember now. I saw her on TV. She got a lot of famous environmentalist visitors like that singer who sings protest songs, what's her name?

Do you mean Joan Baez?

Yeah, that's right. She even climbed up to speak to her and she got post from all over the world from well-wishers.

I suppose it was because she was so popular that Pacific Lumber finally struck a deal with her. They agreed not to cut down the tree and she had to pay them \$50,000, which was donated to a nearby university. She also wrote a book about it all afterwards.

I bet she was glad to be on the ground again. By the way, I read somewhere that they're going to pull down that tower in the High Street. Where's your ladder?

Pista 38: Escuche las oraciones y concéntrese en los números.

1997

200 feet high

2000 years

8ft by 8ft

1999

600-year-old tree

\$50,000

Pista 39: Escuche las conversaciones telefónicas.

Nigel Appleby.

Hi Nigel. Listen, you know Ken is leaving soon and going to Japan, don't you?

Yeah, I heard about it this week. Quite a surprise, isn't it? I never thought he'd move.

No, neither did I. Well, look, I'm trying to organise a farewell party for him. Are you doing anything on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday next week?

I'm flying to Paris on Wednesday, so that's out, but I'll be flying back at 7 on Thursday morning so that would be OK if it wasn't too late. It will be along day.

And Friday?

Friday's no problem.

OK, Thursday early or Friday. I'll get back to you when I've talked to a few more people.

OK. Talk to you soon.

08235

Fiona?

Speaking.

Hi Fiona, this is Alison. I'm phoning about a possible party for Ken next week.

Oh, I've heard he's off to Japan. Is that right?

Yeah.

Hope he'll enjoy it. I can't see him settling in somehow.

That's what Nigel seems to think. Anyway, what about a party?

Well, I'm free on Wednesday, but I can't make Friday I'm afraid as I'm off to the theatre then. It's Bob's birthday.

Oh, well. How about Thursday?

Thursday? Let me see. Yes, that would be OK as long as it's after six. I'm tied up in meetings till then.

After six. OK. I'll let you know.

Fine. Bye.

Jeff Winston.

Hi Jeff, this is Alison.

Oh, hi Alison. How's it going?

Busy.

I can imagine. Is it about Ken's goodbye party?

How on earth do you know about that?

I don't. I just assumed that's why you were phoning. I've heard he's leaving.

News travels fast around here. Yes, he is. Would you be able to come to a party next week

Wednesday, Thursday or Friday?

It's an awful week. Let me see. I can't make Wednesday I'm afraid, as we have meetings all day and then we're taking a customer out to dinner in the evening and on Friday at 6 I'm flying to Rome.

Lucky you, business or pleasure?

Both. Kate's joining me on the weekend.

So, that leaves Thursday. Is that any good?

Yes, that would be OK as long as it isn't too late. I'll have to leave at around seven.

This is getting very difficult. I can't please everyone all the time but I'll do my best.

OK, let me know. Bye.

Bye.

Pista 40: Escuche la entrevista.

Good afternoon. This is Patricia Foster with this week's edition of "You and Your Environment." Today we have an interview with Eleanor Hutt who is an environmental investigator. Welcome Eleanor.

Thanks. It's good to be here.

Environmental investigator, that sounds like someone who works for the police, who's a detective.

Well, I suppose I am in a way. It's an environmental investigator's job to collect and evaluate information about, about a certain topic, say about what's happening in the whale population in a certain part of the world, or the cutting down of natural forest in another.

And what happens with this information?

Well, it is used as evidence, as evidence to support campaigns to change the way things are done. We are sort of the 'whistle-blowers' if you like. Some people ring up and report companies that dump chemicals into rivers or lakes. We do that sort of thing but more on an international scale.

And what sort of things have you been involved in?

One of the most interesting investigations was in a remote part of Siberia where we documented abuses against animals. We had to go out with the Eskimo hunters and observe how they hunted and what happened to the meat after it was killed.

So, a really interesting job, not a nine to five desk affair.

No, indeed.

So, how long have you worked for the Environmental Investigation Institute?

I've been a full-time investigator for the last two years.

And before that?

I worked for Greenpeace International on an investigation into the dumping of atomic waste in Russia. Atomic waste! Wasn't that dangerous?

For the people living in the areas we visited it undoubtedly was extremely dangerous, but we had all sorts of protective clothing and safety precautions, so we were OK.

And how did you get interested in environmental work in the first place?

Well, it sort of all started when I when I was at primary school. One of our teachers was a very committed environmentalist. She was a real dragon in some ways, but she was very good at passing on some of her enthusiasm to her pupils. I mean one day we all went out into the neighbourhood around the school and

we filled four plastic bin bags with litter. Leaving the classroom for an afternoon and picking up the litter was great fun, but sorting all those tin cans and plastic bottles and cigarette packets milk cartons and pages from newspapers wasn't. It was my first, sort of real, lesson in recycling and about trying to use the world's resources sensibly.

So, a young environmentalist was born. What happened next?

Not a lot. In fact, I was more interested in modern languages than in science at school and so I went to college and studied German and Russian.

Which was, in fact, useful later on with Greenpeace.

Mmm. What I did do at university was become a member of Friends of the Earth, the environmental pressure group. A group of us used to go away for weekends and help mend fences or repair footpaths and ...

... pick up litter?

And even pick up litter! It was because of work with this group that I began to read a lot about environmental issues, you know, the story of the sinking of the Greenpeace ship The Rainbow Warrior. So, it seemed a wonderful opportunity when I got the job with Greenpeace.

Friends of the Earth, Greenpeace, the Environmental Institute what next?

Well, I'd like to stay with the Institute for a few more years. A future project is to investigate smog levels in badly affected cities. Makes me feel a bit sort of guilty really as I still drive a really old car that isn't very fuel efficient.

So, you aren't perfect after all. There's hope for the rest of us yet. Thank you Eleanor.

Thank you.