

WORKBOOK LISTENING SCRIPTS

UNIT 1

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Narrator: Do you do any sports?

Student 1: Yes! Horse riding! I'm crazy about horses, you see. Being out in the countryside on a horse really takes my mind off any problems I'm having. It's expensive, though, so I can only go once a week. I'm really into running as well, to keep fit. I tried playing basketball once but it wasn't for me. I'm not a competitive person.

Narrator: That sounds nice. Now, what do you like or dislike about your school?

Student 2: Actually, I changed schools last year and I've made loads of new friends at the one I go to now, so I'm very happy with my social life at school. Also, I like the sports facilities, which include a real state-of-the-art gym and a pool. Something I'm not happy about, though, is the timetable – I think it's too demanding. Also, the teachers are very strict – if you don't get top marks, you're in trouble.

Narrator: The sports facilities sound great. Thank you both.

UNIT 2

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Student A: What about the e-reader? Retired people have lots of time to read.

Student B: That's true, and they don't have to carry heavy books around. They can just download them all onto the e-reader.

Student A: You're right. And the digital camera? I suppose it might encourage them to take up photography as a hobby.

Student B: Or they might just enjoy using it to take pictures of their grandchildren. What about these funny walking sticks, though?

Student A: They're trekking poles – for going on long hikes.

Student B: Oh, well they might encourage a retired person to get out of the house and do something to keep fit.

Student A: You've got a point. But what do you think about a theatre subscription?

Student B: I think that's a great idea for a present, because they can choose which plays they want to see.

Student A: And it's an opportunity to go out with friends ...

Student B: Absolutely! This last one – the photo album – is a bit different, though.

Student A: Why?

Student B: Well, it's more personal, isn't it? The students could put pictures of themselves in it, or photos of class trips ...

Student A: ... which would bring back happy memories for the teacher.

Student B: Good point!

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Student A: So, I think we can rule out the digital camera and the poles.

Student B: Yes, and we're not sure the teacher is a fan of the theatre, so we're not going for the subscription.

Student A: That leaves the e-reader or the photo album, then.

Student B: Don't you think the photo album would be the best choice? It's not practical but with all our pictures, it'll be more meaningful and personal. And it takes some effort to make, so it shows how much the students care.

Student A: That's a good point. Let's go for the photo album, then.

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Examiner: Right, I'd like you to compare the photographs and say what you think the benefits are of doing these activities.

Student: OK, well, the people in both pictures are doing extreme sports. The first picture shows someone using ropes to climb down a rock face.

Examiner: It's called abseiling.

Student: Yes, that's the word ... she's *abseiling*. It looks like she really needs to concentrate and think carefully about where she's going to put her hands and feet. I think abseiling helps you overcome your fears and has a lot of benefits. It builds your self-confidence, and you probably become a more adventurous person.
In the second picture we can see someone snowboarding. I think he must be quite experienced because he's going pretty fast. As for the benefits, this is a really good way to keep fit and you probably learn self-discipline because you have to practise ... and fall over ... a lot if you want to be good at it. One similarity is that both these sports can be dangerous – if you fall over going down a mountain or if your rope breaks, you could really hurt yourself. What's different is that you can do abseiling in any season, whereas snowboarding you can only do in the winter.

UNIT 4

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Girl: Well, uh ...

Boy: Right, well, shall we start with this one? The coach tour of European cities. Personally, I'd rather not sit in a coach for hours, I think it's a waste of time. I'd much rather be walking around.

Girl: Yes, I agree. That kind of holiday is more suited to old people. Um ... And what do you think about this option – horse riding? It looks quite relaxing ... and a chance to be in the countryside, out in the fresh air ...

Boy: To be honest, I think it might be a bit boring. I went on a holiday like that when I was younger and you go quite slowly. It's fun perhaps for younger kids but not for teenagers. Anyway, I think a prize should be something exciting and unusual, don't you?

Girl: Yes, that's a good point. So let's see, something exciting ... How about the African safari? That'd be very different from an ordinary holiday.

Boy: Absolutely. It'd be fascinating – seeing the lions and other animals up close ...

Girl: Yes, I don't see how anyone could not enjoy a holiday like that. Let's look at the next one now, shall we ... a canal boat holiday ... I've heard about those. You sleep on the boat and each night you stop in a different place along the canal. Sounds cool, doesn't it?

Boy: I suppose so, and a chance to explore new places. On second thoughts, though, if one of the prizes was a boat holiday, I'd prefer the Mediterranean cruise. It's more luxurious and comfortable than a canal boat, and you'd get to see a bigger variety of places when you stop at the ports in different countries.

Girl: And on those big cruise ships, there are lots of fun things to do as well But we haven't talked about this one yet – the trek in the Himalayas. That would be a real adventure!

Boy: Too much of an adventure, perhaps. It's not my kind of thing – too extreme ... plus you'd have to be really fit.

Girl: Oh, come on! That's just silly. The scenery would be breathtaking and it's something you might never get the opportunity to do again.

Boy: Well, you could say the same about the safari or the cruise – except they would be a lot less exhausting!

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- Girl:** So, let's try and choose one that we both agree on.
- Boy:** OK, well I think we can rule out the coach tour and the horse riding. We agreed they might both be a bit boring.
- Girl:** Yes, and I liked the idea of the trek in the Himalayas but you thought it would be too extreme.
- Boy:** That leaves us with the cruise and the safari. So, which one shall we choose?
- Girl:** They'd both be great prizes but personally, I think the safari would be the best choice because it's in Africa rather than Europe, so it would really be something different.
- Boy:** That's true ... let's go for the safari then.

UNIT 5**Page 41, Exercise 2**

- Examiner:** So which of these things has made the biggest difference to people's lives, would you say?
- Student:** That's a difficult question. All these things have made big differences to people, but ... as I see it, ... the laptop has probably made the biggest difference. The reason why I think this is because now people can work or study anywhere they like. Also, it has changed the way we entertain ourselves. For example, if I'm going on a long train journey, or flying somewhere on holiday, I always take my laptop and I make sure to download films to watch or video games to play during the journey.

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- Student:** Well, unless you're a professional photographer or it's a serious hobby, I personally believe that you just don't need a digital camera, as long as you have a good smartphone. For one thing, good smartphones already have excellent cameras built in. For another, they're more convenient; they're lighter to carry than a good digital camera and you take them with you wherever you go anyway. What's more, you don't have to bother with uploading the pictures you've taken – you can share them immediately with your friends.

UNIT 6**Page 49, Exercise 2**

- Student A:** So what about the careers information page? You could learn lots of useful information from that.
- Student B:** I suppose so, but it would really only be interesting for older students. Anyway, it's easy to just look up that kind of information online.
- Student A:** That's true. I didn't think of that.
- Student B:** How about the page reviewing all the latest apps? That's something everyone's into.
- Student A:** You're right. Plus, students could contribute to it themselves – they could upload their own reviews.
- Student B:** That sounds like a good idea! Yes, a review page is a much better idea than a study tips forum.
- Student A:** I'm afraid I don't agree with you there. I think sharing study tips could be really helpful.
- Student B:** Not for me.

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- Student A:** I'd definitely do the Sudoku and crossword puzzles. I love things like that. What about you?
- Student B:** Me? Yes, I guess I enjoy mental challenges. It'd certainly be more interesting than the after-school activities diary.
- Student A:** But don't you think it would be useful to have the information on the website?
- Student B:** No, I don't. Students can find out about after-school clubs by looking at the school noticeboards.
- Student A:** Possibly. Now, what's left? A page with school updates is essential, I think. Would you agree with me on that?
- Student B:** Yes, I would. It's important to know what's going on. To summarise then, we especially liked the review page, the Sudoku idea and the school updates. So, which two shall we choose?
- Student A:** Well, we agreed that the updates were essential because students need to know what's going on. So that one, definitely.
- Student B:** Yes, that makes sense.
- Student A:** So then it's a question of which is more interesting – Sudoku and crosswords or reviews of the latest apps.
- Student B:** I'd say the apps.
- Student A:** Me, too. Sudoku puzzles are good for the brain but they're also a bit too much like hard work!
- Student B:** Yes, the review page would be more entertaining.

UNIT 7

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Student: Well, one picture shows a girl practising her electric guitar in her bedroom and the other picture shows a youth orchestra in rehearsal in a concert hall. One similarity is that in both pictures the people are making music, and one difference is that the girl is practising alone, while the members of the youth orchestra are playing together. Also the girl is perhaps playing pop or rock music, whereas the people in the other picture are probably playing classical music.

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What are the advantages and disadvantages of these different ways of making music? Well, in my opinion, the good thing about playing music alone is you're free to play whatever you like. You can even be creative and write your own songs. And the main disadvantage of playing solo, as I see it, is you're more likely to give up because you have to motivate yourself to practise and improve – which can be a difficult thing to do.

As for playing in an orchestra, if you ask me, the main advantage is that you get to perform in front of an audience pretty regularly, which can increase your self-confidence and be exciting and fun. Another advantage of playing with other people is you make new friends – people your own age who are also keen on music. And the disadvantages? Well, it seems to me that the downside of an orchestra is that you have to practise every day and you have to show up to all the rehearsals, so you probably don't have a lot of free time for other things.

UNIT 8

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Student: In the first picture, we can see a flight attendant on a plane – probably mid-flight as she's serving food to passengers – while the second picture shows a man driving a lorry. Both pictures show jobs that involve travel – helping to transport either people or goods from one place to another. The main difference is that the flight attendant deals with the public and takes care of them, while the lorry driver works alone. He's only responsible for his vehicle and the goods he's transporting.

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Student: What does the flight attendant like about her work? I imagine that she enjoys the opportunity to travel to many different places. That would probably be the biggest attraction of the job. She's smiling in the picture, so it looks like she enjoys dealing with the public and meeting new people as well. Working irregular hours might be a problem though; I suppose she has jet lag a lot of the time, which could be unpleasant.

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Student: As for the lorry driver, I suppose he also enjoys seeing different places each day. And working alone might be something that he likes, too – with no one telling him what to do all the time. He might also enjoy being responsible for his vehicle and the goods he's transporting. I imagine that sitting for long periods at the wheel, though, is something he dislikes – it could be painful because sitting for too long can make your back hurt.

UNIT 9

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I would say the biggest problem in my area is pollution from heavy traffic. I think there are a few things we could do to reduce the pollution. For a start, the local authorities could introduce a bike-sharing scheme, like they have in Paris or Barcelona. For a small cost, people could pick up a bike in one part of the city and return it in another. This would encourage people to leave their cars at home. It would also make the streets quieter, as the traffic makes a lot of noise and noise is a kind of pollution as well. On top of that, other things could be done to reduce traffic levels. For instance, certain parts of the city could be turned into car-free zones.

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Well, let's see a lot of people dream of living in the countryside, but it has pluses and minuses. One advantage of living in the countryside is you don't have heavy traffic like you do in the city, so the air is fresher. Another is the environment is generally cleaner – there's less litter because there are fewer people! What's really good about the countryside is that you're close to nature, so you can go for long walks and you may even see wild animals in your garden. On the other hand, living in the countryside can be very boring. A big drawback is the lack of entertainment – no cinemas, cafés, clubs or theatres. Another disadvantage is that the public transport is usually not so good in the countryside, so you need to drive everywhere ... which is bad for the environment!

UNIT 10

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Examiner: Can you tell me a bit about your family, Lisa? Who are you most like?

Lisa: Who do I like? I'm sorry, could you repeat that, please?

Examiner: Yes, who are you most like – in character or appearance – your mum, your dad?

Lisa: Oh, I take after my dad – in appearance, that is. We're both tall, with red hair. But my character is different – he's very quiet and I'm not at all!

Examiner: Really? And now you, Sofia. Do you prefer to spend time on your own or with friends and family?

Sofia: Well, I don't mind being alone, but generally I'd much rather spend time with other people – probably because I come from a large family, so I'm used to it. I have four sisters!

Examiner: And do you all get along or do you fall out sometimes?

Sofia: Fall? I'm sorry, I didn't catch what you said.

Examiner: Do you fall out ... do you argue sometimes?

Sofia: Ah, yes, of course. We fall out from time to time – it's only natural.

Examiner: What about you, Daniel, when it comes to studies, for example? Do you think it's better to work alone or with others?

Daniel: Erm.....Would you mind repeating the question, please?

Examiner: Sure. Do you prefer studying on your own or with other people?

Daniel: Oh, I'd much rather study with friends – it's more fun and for me, that makes learning easier.