

UPPER INTERMEDIATE UNIT 1

1.1

1A STRESS and INTONATION: indirect questions

Complete the indirect questions.

- 1 *Could you tell me* where I can find one of those?
- 2 *Do you mind me asking* if you use it yourself?
- 3 *I was wondering* if you'd like to go for lunch.
- 4 *Do you have any idea* how much it costs?
- 5 *Can I ask* what you pay every month?
- 6 *Do you know* if there's free transport?

B 1.1 Listen to the parts of the indirect questions that are in italics and check. Which words are stressed?

C 1.2 Listen and repeat the complete indirect questions.

2A 1.3 COMMONLY CONFUSED SOUNDS Listen and repeat the sounds and words.

B 1.4 Which sound completes each sentence? Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat the sentences.

- 1 ___irty ___irsty ___ieves ran ___rough a ___eatre.
- 2 ___ig ___ill ___ought a ___right ___lue ___ag.
- 3 ___our ___riends ___ried a ___at ___ish on the ___ire.
- 4 ___aptain ___ris ___arried a ___up of ___offee and ___ake.
- 5 ___wo ___wins ___old ___ales ___o ___wenty ___ough ___eachers.
- 6 ___eep and ___arks ___ould ___op for ___oes.

1.2

3A UNDERSTANDING CONNECTED SPEECH Draw lines to show the linking between final consonants and initial vowels in the sentences. There are two examples in each sentence.

- 1 Has Olga been outside today?
- 2 She hasn't called us for ages.
- 3 We sat under a tree.
- 4 They've heard us sing in church.
- 5 Has it been six hours?
- 6 She got up on time.
- 7 I felt able to stop it.
- 8 We left Jill's oven on.

B 1.5 Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat the sentences.

4A WORD BUILDING: stress on nouns Form nouns from the words in the box and use five of them to complete the sentences.

disappointed sign satisfy nervous create
identify fascinating relieved active original

- 1 It takes great _____ ooOoo to design new technological tools.
- 2 To get into that club, you have to show _____ ooooOo, such as a driver's licence.
- 3 He copied it! That doesn't show much _____ oooOoo!
- 4 Doing a job well gives me a lot of _____ ooOo.
- 5 Swimming is a wonderful _____ oOoo for children – it's fun and good for their health.

B 1.6 Listen and check.

C 1.7 Listen and repeat the words in the box and their noun forms. Which words have the stress on a different syllable when they become nouns?

speakout PRONUNCIATION TIP

Nouns that end in *-tion* are usually stressed on the second to last syllable. Nouns that end in *-ty* are usually stressed on the third to last syllable. What examples can you find of these 'rules' in Exercise 4C?

1.3

5A 1.8 POLITE INTONATION Listen to the conversations. What do you think the speaker responds to the final question?

Conversation 1

A: I'd like to enquire about the cooking course. Can you tell me the dates?

B: Yes, it runs from 5th January until 20th March.

A: Oh, OK. I was wondering if it would be possible for me to miss the first week.

B: Yes, that's fine. You can join in the second week.

A: Would there be any chance of a refund?

B: Ah. Um ...

Conversation 2

A: Hi. Could you give me some information about the gym?

B: Sure. What would you like to know?

A: Do you mind me asking what it costs?

B: It's fifty euros a month.

A: Is that a good price?

B: Well, I think ...

B 1.9 Underline speaker A's polite enquiries. Then listen and repeat them. Copy the intonation.