

UPPER INTERMEDIATE UNIT 10

10.1

1A  **10.1 INTONATION: relative clauses** Listen to the description of a book. Would you like to read it? Why/Why not?
David, who was born deaf, travels to France to meet his older sister, Jeannie. Before he meets her, Jeannie, who is on holiday, witnesses a gang murder. The criminal gang, whose boss turns out to be a politician, then captures Jeannie. David must try to rescue her. The suburbs of Paris, where most of the action takes place, are a perfect setting for this dark tale. The book, which was recently made into a film, is fast-paced and full of suspense.

B Underline five non-defining relative clauses and then read the Pronunciation tip.

PRONUNCIATION TIP

Non-defining relative clauses contain extra information that is not essential to the meaning of the sentence. For this reason, they are often said in a slightly lower pitch than the main clause.

C Listen again and say the description with the speaker. Copy the intonation, focusing on how the non-defining relative clauses are said in a lower pitch.

10.2

2A **WORD STRESS: the arts** Use the words in the box to complete the sentences. Choose them according to their stress pattern and meaning.

acoustic saxophone face the music performance sell-out
drum up letdown ground-breaking clarinet for a song
rave reviews create a stir alternative changed his tune

- 1 That film has been getting _____ OoO.
- 2 I made a big mistake, so now I have to _____ OoOo.
- 3 The concert's a _____ Oo; there are no tickets left.
- 4 He's one of the world's greatest _____ Ooo players.
- 5 We need to _____ OO some support for our ideas.
- 6 He's not a mainstream actor; he prefers _____ oOoo films.
- 7 That type of guitar is usually expensive, but he got it _____ ooO.
- 8 After all the hype, the book was a bit of a _____ Oo.
- 9 This controversial film is going to _____ oOoO.
- 10 She plays six instruments, but her favourite is the _____ ooO.
- 11 The critics say it's a really _____ Ooo exhibition.
- 12 It's a new piece for _____ oOo guitar.
- 13 I just loved the lead actor's _____ oOo.
- 14 When he saw the costs involved, he _____ OoO.

B  **10.2** Listen and check. Then listen again and say the sentences with the speakers.

3A **CONNECTED SPEECH: two-part phrases** Complete the nonsense rhymes by adding one word.

- 1 **Sooner or** _____
I'll catch an alligator!
- 2 I'm tired of this riot.
I need **peace and** _____!
- 3 Statues made of bronze
Have their **pros and** _____.
- 4 **One way or** _____
I'll beat my little brother!
- 5 The trouble with John
Is that he goes **on and** _____!
- 6 'Please – some **give and** _____!'
Said the mouse to the snake.
- 7 I'm **sick and** _____
Of getting fired!
- 8 'You've come on **leaps and** _____!'
Said the fox to the hounds.

B  **10.3** Listen and check.

C  **10.4** Listen and repeat the two-part phrases only. Concentrate on the rhythm and make sure you use the weak form of *and*.

10.3

4A  **10.5 INTONATION IN COMMENTS**

Listen to these lines from a tour. Where is the tour taking place?

- 1 **As I'm sure you know**, Nelson Mandela spent 27 years in prison.
- 2 **As a matter of fact**, 18 of these years were spent here on Robben Island.
- 3 **Apparently**, when Mandela arrived here, a warden told him, 'This is the island. This is where you will die.'
- 4 **The story goes**, Mandela often protested about the treatment of the prisoners and his punishment was to be locked up in isolation.
- 5 **Interestingly**, the prisoners were allowed to take educational courses.
- 6 **Believe it or not**, many of Robben Island's prisoners later returned to work here as tour guides.

B Which parts of the words/phrases in bold are stressed?

C  **10.6** Listen to the underlined words/phrases in bold and copy the intonation.