speakout PRONUNCIATION EXTRA

UPPER INTERMEDIATE UNIT 9

9.1

1A CONNECTED SPEECH: elision Match the crimes in the box to witness statements 1–8.

> pickpocketing   stalking   vandalism
> identity theft   counterfeiting   mugging
> arson   shoplifting

1 He smashed ten windows and a door.
2 He burned down the factory.
3 The man kept turning up at my house.
4 She put her hand deep into my bag.
5 I stopped to help the poor lady on the floor.
6 They made dozens of documents – all fakes.
7 She pretended to be me.
8 She stole loads of things from that department store.

B ▶ 9.1   Listen to the statements and cross out letters at word endings that are not pronounced. Then listen again and repeat.

2A ▶ 9.2   **WEAK FORMS: dependent prepositions** Listen to the radio news headlines and write the missing prepositions.

1 A company has banned smokers _____ its offices.
2 A manufacturer has been criticised _____ its treatment of workers.
3 A jury has cleared the President _____ bribery.
4 A doctor dreams _____ becoming Olympic champ.
5 An actor has been rescued _____ a mugging.
6 A pilot is being blamed _____ a fatal crash.
7 A sports star is suspected _____ tax evasion.
8 A CEO has apologised _____ pollution to the rainforest.

B How are the prepositions pronounced in fast, connected speech? Listen again and repeat the sentences.

9.2

3A CONNECTED SPEECH: past modals Look at the photo and read the sentences about it. Which do you agree with?

1 It must have been an earthquake.
2 It couldn't have been a bomb.
3 The photo could have been taken around 1900.
4 The people in the photo might have lived there.
5 They can't have expected such a disaster.

B Underline the modal verb forms in the sentences in Exercise 3A. Then match them to the phonemic symbols below.

a) /maɪtəv/   b) /kʊdəntəv/   c) /kɑːntəv/
d) /kʊdəv/   e) /mʌstəv/

C ▶ 9.3   Listen and repeat the sentences. Focus on the past modals.

9.3

4A CONSONANT CLUSTERS Read the Pronunciation tip and do the task.

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Consonant clusters are groups of two or more consonant sounds that occur together and can be difficult to pronounce. For example, **tr**ip has the cluster 'tr' (/tr/), **cl**oud has the cluster 'cl' (/kl/) and **spl**a**shed** has two clusters: 'spl' /spl/ and 'shed' /ʃt/. Underline the consonant clusters in these words. Which word has two consonant clusters? How are the words pronounced?

pinch   throw   crab   bathes   accept   scrape strain   angle   filth

B Two words in each sentence are missing the same consonant cluster. Complete the sentences.

1 That Fre_____ restaurant does a very good lu_____.
2 They will attem_____ to ado_____ a baby.
3 October is the te_____ mo_____ of the year.
4 I've watched this _____iller _____ee times!
5 You'll need a _____ong piece of _____ing to tie around it.
6 Walking through the ju_____, I didn't see a si_____ animal.
7 Hea_____ is more important than wea_____.
8 You need stre_____ to walk the le_____ of the country.
9 The recent bir_____ and dea_____ are listed in the paper.
10 This tiny insect's wi_____ is just one hundre_____ of an inch.
11 She _____eamed because of one little _____atch!
12 It was a _____endid feeling to _____it the lottery winnings.
13 He brea_____ more easily when wearing light clo_____.
14 In the _____ing these birds _____ead all over the continent.

C ▶ 9.4   Listen and check. Then listen and repeat.