

Listening

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a) open-minded b) conscientious c) prejudiced
- 2 Speaker B is _____.
a) inquisitive b) thoughtful c) gregarious
- 3 Speaker C is _____.
a) conservative b) obstinate c) mature
- 4 Speaker D is _____.
a) temperamental b) considerate c) obsessive
- 5 Speaker E is _____.
a) perceptive b) inspirational c) easygoing
- 6 Speaker F is _____.
a) impetuous b) solitary c) circumspect

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Pronunciation

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Vocabulary and Grammar

3 Complete the sentences.

- 1 My given name is Diane Deidre but everyone calls me DD.
- 2 Although I was born in England I have a German sounding _____ – Mueller.
- 3 My parents gave me three _____ names but I don't use any of them except on official documents.
- 4 When I got married I decided to keep my _____ name instead of taking on my husband's name.
- 5 I was named _____ my great-aunt because everyone loved her.
- 6 It's hard to live _____ to your name if you're born into an illustrious family.
- 7 Peter has _____ a name for himself in the publishing industry and is very well respected.
- 8 At one time Tommy Cooper was a _____ name but no-one remembers him now.
- 9 Who'd like to _____ their name forward for chairman of the committee?
- 10 Gary spent years trying to _____ his name after he was wrongly accused of stealing from the company.
- 11 As Harry's wife my _____ name is Williams.

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4 Complete the sentences with the words from the box. Not all the words are necessary.

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- 1 I first posed for a family portrait when I was very small and didn't really enjoy the experience.
- 2 There's clearly a _____ of light in the eyes. You can really feel the humour.
- 3 I'm happy to say I found your picture of me on my 50th birthday really _____ for once.
- 4 You can almost feel the _____ of the artist in the picture. It's a very powerful connection.
- 5 Yet another _____ representation of me. I wish I were more photogenic.
- 6 Well, that's hardly the _____ on me where I look bad-tempered and irritable.

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5 Correct the underlined words.

- 1 I've got a vestal interest in make sure my clients are happy.
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- 2 I don't have an sword to grind with you so I don't know why you're being so defensive.

- 3 At least if you told your mind we'd know where we are.

- 4 Ben enjoys playing devil's attorney because he likes to see people getting worked up.

- 5 I wish you wouldn't always sit on the wall. Can't you take sides for once?

- 6 We can't hit about the bush any longer. We need to stop talking and take action.

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6 Complete the text with the words from the box.

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When I was a child I ¹would happily spend hours on end reading. I never minded ²_____ left to my own devices and as a result I'm able to enjoy my own company as an adult. ³_____ time to reflect is very important to me. My neighbour, ⁴_____ the other hand, is ⁵_____ having people round and she ⁶_____ to have parties most weekends. She ⁷_____ usually ask me to join her and she probably thinks I'm a ⁸_____ blanket because nine times out of ⁹_____ I'll turn her down. Mind you, as my 30th birthday is coming up, I'm ¹⁰_____ of throwing a party myself. We'll see. If I don't organise anything, I'll probably ¹¹_____ it.

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7 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use the word in capitals.

- 1 I'm always losing my glasses. ON
I keep on losing my glasses
- 2 Dan never used to do any sport at school
WOULD

- 3 I didn't listen so I didn't know what to do. HAD

- 4 I hate it when you shout at me. BEING

- 5 Tim is sorry that he didn't study harder.
REGRETS

- 6 Julia arrived an hour ago. WAITING

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Speaking

8 Underline the correct alternative.

- 1 I would think that Graham's in his fifties / fifties, wouldn't you?
- 2 Don't you think Paul's behaviour is a kind of / kind of strange?
- 3 We've got to clean the house, tidy up the garden and such / and so on before we can go out.
- 4 I've had a couple of / a couple ideas for Jackie's birthday surprise.
- 5 There's no need to rush as we've got loads / loads of time.
- 6 Don't worry about getting more food in. There's plenty of / plenty at home.
- 7 What's all that stuff / thing about you wanting to give up your job?
- 8 I've just got one or two / a lot of things to finish off so give me a few minutes and I'll be ready.
- 9 There must have been more or less / about a hundred people at Tony's wedding.
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- 1 It's highly *unlikely* that Stephen will back down now.
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- 4 I don't know _____ you but I'd like to postpone any decisions until after the next meeting.
- 5 Whether John is telling the truth or not is _____. We'll have to wait and see.
- 6 To my _____ Fred has always been scrupulously fair in his dealings with me.

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Reading

10 Match gaps 1– 6 with sentences a)–g). There is one extra answer.

Things I wish I'd known at 18

I have often been asked what I regret most in my life and ¹ *while it's pointless to have regrets given that we can't change the past*. I do occasionally look back and wonder how different my life might have been if I'd known at eighteen what I know now. How different all our lives would be with the benefit of hindsight, of course.

I wish I'd known that it doesn't matter if you make mistakes. ² _____ They wanted to realise all of their dreams through their daughter. I became a perfectionist, always striving to be the best in the class. 99 percent was just not good enough. I suppressed my rebellious streak and became that dutiful daughter. My grades were good enough to get me into one of the best universities and I passed all of my exams with flying colours. When I look back I realise I didn't even think to question what it was that I wanted to do.

³ _____ My life was mapped out for me: university, career, marriage, children, security and retirement and the inevitable 'if only'. I started out as planned with no surprises: a secure job with good pay and prospects. All of my friends were on the same path but deep down I knew that there was something missing. Was this all there was? I've always loved travelling and started to live for those precious weeks of holiday. I'd pore over brochures and travel guides and search out the most obscure untouched places. ⁴ _____

I wish I'd known that you always have choices. You can choose to be happy and you can choose to be sad. You can choose to stay and you can choose to go. And in my case, I finally chose to go. After a particularly stressful week at work I decided to quit and that was quite simply the best thing I've ever done. ⁵ _____

I wish I'd known that everything happens for a reason. The reason might not initially be obvious but when we look back we can understand.

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- a) while it's pointless to have regrets given that we can't change the past,
- b) Increasingly I felt more and more alive whenever I was away from my normal environment.
- c) I've learned not to question but to accept whatever comes my way and that is one of the most valuable lessons that life has taught me.
- d) I was brought up by parents who were very ambitious, perhaps over-ambitious, particularly when it came to me.
- e) After all, you only live once so you have to make the most of every opportunity.
- f) I can honestly say from that moment on, my life turned into an adventure.
- g) I wish I'd known that it's the journey that matters, not the final destination.

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- Manolova is an interesting sounding _____. Where do you come from?
- Laura has made a _____ for herself in the local community so everyone knows her now.
- At one time Andy Williams was a _____ name but who talks about him now?
- Who'd like to put their name _____ to be secretary?
- Everyone in our family is named _____ a famous explorer.
- It's hard to live up _____ your name if you're born into an illustrious family.
- Gary spent years trying to _____ his name after he was wrongly accused of stealing from the company.
- I was born Sally Williams but I now have my husband's name so my _____ name is Johnson.

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- There's clearly a _____ of light in the eyes. The model must have a good sense of humour.
- My wedding photos were really _____ for once. The photographer managed to get me at my best angle!
- Yet another _____ representation of me. I wish I were more photogenic.
- John's new portrait doesn't _____ of him that is usually held i.e. that he's arrogant and cold. In fact he looks positively charming!

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