

## Listening

### 1 Track 5 Listen to six recordings. Are the statements True (T) or False (F)?

- 1 Speaker A believes it's the governments' responsibility to tackle the population explosion.  
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- 2 Speaker B believes there will soon be no wild animals.  
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- 3 Speaker C believes that the media influence our views in a positive way.  
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- 4 Speaker D believes that water is more precious than oil.  
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- 5 Speaker E believes that punishing industry is the only way forward.  
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- 6 Speaker F believes that technological advances deprive us of independent thought.  
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## Pronunciation

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- 1 Where did you put my dictionary?
- 2 I didn't want to tell Paul what had happened.
- 3 Please make yourselves comfortable.
- 4 Which vegetables would you like with your fish?
- 5 I feel compelled to take issue with what you said.
- 6 You have never really had faith in me, have you?

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## Vocabulary and Grammar

### 3 Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.

- 1 You need to slow down and think over where you're going.
- 2 The meeting was called \_\_\_\_\_ when Dan found \_\_\_\_\_ what had been going on behind his back.
- 3 I enjoy messing \_\_\_\_\_ in the kitchen but not putting stuff \_\_\_\_\_ afterwards.
- 4 Jan always stands \_\_\_\_\_ in the crowd because of her crazy hair and she certainly brightens \_\_\_\_\_ her environment.
- 5 When I think \_\_\_\_\_ to my schooldays, it brings \_\_\_\_\_ happy memories.
- 6 Please calm \_\_\_\_\_ and switch \_\_\_\_\_ your computer for a while.

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### 4 Complete the sentences with the words from the box.

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- 1 The anti-war movement is certainly gathering pace.
- 2 The figures \_\_\_\_\_ to a sharp rise in the level of unemployment.
- 3 Plastic bags will soon become a \_\_\_\_\_ of the past.
- 4 The \_\_\_\_\_ are that things will get worse before they improve.
- 5 There'll be an \_\_\_\_\_ in the use of biofuels.
- 6 The \_\_\_\_\_ of materialism and greed will soon be over.

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### 5 Add the letters to complete the words.

- 1 Could you just stop talking for once and allow me to get a w o r d in edgeways?
- 2 I think we've been talking at cross p \_\_\_\_\_ as I certainly didn't realise what you were getting at.
- 3 As usual you've got the wrong e \_\_\_\_\_ of the stick.
- 4 Why do you always have to talk s \_\_\_\_\_ when you're with your colleagues? It's so boring for the rest of us.
- 5 Ben is really out of control. He needs a g \_\_\_\_\_ talking to.
- 6 What on earth was Tom talking about? I couldn't make h \_\_\_\_\_ or tail of anything he said.

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**6 Complete the text with one word in each gap.**

When I was growing up <sup>1</sup>*it* was always assumed that I'd become a musician like my parents. <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ I enjoyed my piano lessons, I <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ very motivated. I was <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to spend at least three hours a day practising and wasn't <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to go out with friends until I had done so. Finally, \_\_\_\_\_, I managed to persuade my parents to <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ me give up. So you see, my reluctance to do what <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ expected of me can be <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ back to those early days and it's <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of that that I don't <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ my children to do any music or sport.

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

- 1 We had to wear school uniform.  
COMPULSORY  
*It was compulsory to wear school uniform.*
- 2 They've built a lot of new houses in the village.  
BEEN  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 There's a chance that someone saw what happened. MIGHT  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Our car is being repaired at the moment.  
GETTING  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 I kept Josie's secret although everyone knew she was getting married. NEEDN'T  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Although we've enjoyed the party, it's really time we left. MUCH  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**Speaking**

**8 Put the words in the correct order.**

- 1 feel / do / about / How / you modern technology?  
*How do you feel about* modern technology?
- 2 are / things / There / I'd / say / a / about / of / to / like / couple  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 carefully / That's / we / should / consider / which / something  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 with / I'm / what / not / that's / to / sure / do / got / the state of the economy  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 about / what / you / So / think / do conspiracy theories  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 I / on / minute / to / that / Hold / wanted / a / say / I'm actually in agreement with you.  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**9 Cross out the extra word in each sentence.**

- 1 Basically ~~so~~ I don't see how we can move forward from this impasse.
- 2 So, what that I'm really saying is, let's not do anything too hasty.
- 3 So, as overall I think we can be pleased with the outcome of today's meeting.
- 4 In a conclusion, we shall be contacting our solicitors in due course.
- 5 To sum it up, George will be approaching local businesses while we focus on our media contacts.
- 6 All in an all, I would say the event has been a great success.

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## Reading

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

### Lara

I'm not sure that honesty and openness are always necessarily the best policy. <sup>1</sup> Surely there are extenuating circumstances when it's best to keep quiet. Take classified information as an example. Some might argue that those in power have a duty to their citizens to keep them informed but others would say that ignorance is bliss. We have no idea what really goes on behind closed doors and how would it help us to know? I think we have to trust that the decision makers have our best interests at heart.

### James

<sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ If you knew something about someone and that secret could potentially harm others, what then? Is there always a case for divulging the information? How much right do we have to interfere in other people's lives? After all, looking in from the outside, we never know the whole picture and people's motivations, so I think it's better to keep schtum.

### Sam

I think it depends on the situation and the kind of secret it is. <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Once you have been burdened with the knowledge, and it often can be a burden, you have to be mindful that you don't somehow inadvertently let the cat out of the bag. For example, if you're in on a secret surprise birthday party, you certainly wouldn't want to be the one to give the game away but it wouldn't be the end of the world. <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

### Kate

As someone who has had secrets of her own, I must say that it's always very liberating if you feel you can share rather than keeping everything hush-hush. <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ As long as your motivations for having a secret are clearly understood, I don't see a problem.

### Mark

My best friend once confided in me and when he found out that I'd told someone else, he never spoke to me again. <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Of course now that I'm older I can see that it wasn't so much about the secret itself, more about the fact that I wasn't to be trusted in his eyes. Once that trust has gone, there's no going back and to this day I'm sad that we fell out over such a trivial thing.

- a) Surely there are extenuating circumstances when it's best to keep quiet.
- b) If, however, your knowledge could jeopardise someone's safety, then that's a different matter.
- c) I can't excuse what I did but I really didn't think that his secret was such a big deal.
- d) I think it's a lot to ask of someone.
- e) I would never knowingly betray a confidence.
- f) I take your point on a national security kind of level and that's why we have the Official Secrets Act after all, but what about personal secrets?
- g) Obviously you have to know your confidant(e) very well and be sure that they're entirely trustworthy.



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- 4 The concert was called \_\_\_\_\_ when the organisers found \_\_\_\_\_ that a hurricane was on its way.
- 5 Switch \_\_\_\_\_ your mobile for a while and just calm \_\_\_\_\_. You're really stressing me.
- 6 I enjoy messing \_\_\_\_\_ in the garden but I'm not good at putting all my tools \_\_\_\_\_ afterwards.

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- 3 There'll be an \_\_\_\_\_ in the sale of goods manufactured in China.
- 4 The \_\_\_\_\_ of materialism and greed will soon be over, or at least that's what I hope.
- 5 DVDs will soon become a thing of the \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 The \_\_\_\_\_ are that unemployment levels will continue to rise for the foreseeable future.

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- 3 Why do you always have to to o o o shop even when you're not at work?
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\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 what / about / Going / you / back / saying / to / were / yesterday's meeting  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 is / Getting / to / back / point / the / which / the mayor's decision to resign  
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