

## Listening

### 1 Track 7 Listen to six recordings. Which speaker ...

- remembers a unique experience very vividly?  
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- has only a vague holiday memory?  
\_\_\_
- associates smells with memories?  
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- has a very vivid memory of a life-changing event?  
\_\_\_
- is bad at remembering names?  
\_\_\_
- can't remember anything possibly due to trauma?  
\_\_\_

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## Pronunciation

### 2 Track 8 Listen to six extracts and underline the stressed syllables.

- Let's hang out.
- Slow down, Martin!
- Take it easy.
- Why don't you let your hair down?
- It's hard to switch off.
- I'm going to have a breather.

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## Vocabulary and Grammar

### 3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in the box.

~~release~~ trap strand refuge plan flee

- Kevin *was released* from prison last week after serving one year of his sentence.
- Everyone took \_\_\_\_\_ in their cellars as the hurricane approached.
- All flights in and out of New York were cancelled so we were \_\_\_\_\_ with nowhere to stay.
- Fearing for his life, Philip \_\_\_\_\_ the country in the dead of night.
- The prisoners spent days hatching an escape \_\_\_\_\_.
- It's easy to feel \_\_\_\_\_ by one's responsibilities and obligations.

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

- I feel there's a b o u t to be a major breakthrough in our research.
- There was so much hope and optimism at the d \_\_\_\_\_ of the new millennium.
- I don't have any plans to travel for the f \_\_\_\_\_ future but who knows.
- I wonder how we'll be viewed in y \_\_\_\_\_ to come.
- I knew from the o \_\_\_\_\_ that the plan was flawed.
- Max was on the v \_\_\_\_\_ of a new career when he had a bad accident.

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### 5 Complete the sentences with a preposition and the words from the box.

~~pushed~~ just hands spare yourself world

- I'm really pushed for time at the moment so can this wait?
- What do you like to do when you're lucky enough to have time \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- We got to the cinema \_\_\_\_\_ time to catch the start of the film.
- I always like to get to the airport \_\_\_\_\_ plenty of time to \_\_\_\_\_.
- There's no rush. We have all the time \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, so just relax.
- I can't imagine having time \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_ as there's always so much to do.

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### 6 Complete the text with the words from the box.

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<sup>1</sup>Having been brought up in a small village, Clare wanted to experience life in the big, wide world so <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ she decided to do <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ take a gap year after school. She wanted to travel with a friend but her parents didn't want her <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of all the arguing, Clare was on the <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of giving up her dream when her mother had a change of heart. The reason <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ she changed her mind was that she'd seen herself in her daughter. She'd obeyed her parents and <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ never have the chance to live out her dreams. She'd <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to travel later in life but never <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. Clare was <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to benefit from her mother's wisdom and regrets!

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### 7 Correct one mistake in each sentence.

- 1 Martin was on the verge to leave his job when his boss gave him a bonus.  
Martin was on the verge of leaving his job when his boss gave him a bonus.
- 2 What I would like to know is why wasn't I informed.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 I expect so we'll have more time next week.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Dreamt of a romantic holiday in the sun, Julia booked her flight to the Greek islands.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 It was Ken he borrowed your laptop.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 We are supposed to meet up with our cousins yesterday but they cancelled at the last minute.  
\_\_\_\_\_

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### Speaking

#### 8 Add the missing word in each sentence.

- 1 The point ↑ that we need to take action now.  
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- 2 Oh, come, you can't really believe that nonsense!
- 3 That's whole point! We need to lead by example.
- 4 All I'm trying say is that you need to be patient.
- 5 Surely you think that I'm choosing not to work!  
I'd love a job.
- 6 I just think too easy to blame everything on poor parenting.

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

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- 1 A: Anything to add?  
B: No, I think we've covered everything.
- 2 A: Can you \_\_\_\_\_ of anything \_\_\_\_\_?  
B: Well, we haven't arranged another meeting yet.
- 3 A: Is \_\_\_\_\_ anything we've \_\_\_\_\_?  
B: No, I don't think so.
- 4 A: Anyone \_\_\_\_\_ to come \_\_\_\_\_ with other ideas?  
B: We could always approach the council.
- 5 A: Can you \_\_\_\_\_ into more \_\_\_\_\_?  
B: Not at this point, no.
- 6 A: Can you \_\_\_\_\_ us \_\_\_\_\_?  
B: Well, I have just had a call from the local paper so I'll be following that up ...

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## Reading

10 Read this competition entry. Are the statements True (T) or False (F)?

### A chance encounter

I remember the day as clearly as if it had been yesterday even though the events I'm about to relate took place fifteen years ago. We were driving along those wonderful winding English country lanes on a crisp, winter's afternoon. The sky was a January deep blue and frosts lingered on bare branches. We'd been on the road for a few days just going where the mood took us, with no plan and no deadlines. I was at a metaphorical crossroads in my life and was looking for a new direction so this road trip had been arranged to help me clear my head and show me the way forward.

As we approached a hidden turning in the road, I spotted an old wooden sign with barely legible writing on it. Intrigued, we decided to explore and drove up the path to find ourselves in front of an imposing old country house. We parked and got out, wondering whether we were trespassing but curious to find out more. As we were looking at the majestic façade we heard some rustling behind us and we turned to see a dishevelled man with wild hair and staring eyes. He asked if he could help us and in response we said we were interested in finding out more about the house. As the office was closed, we couldn't pick up any brochures so he offered to take us on a personal tour.

The house was cloaked in silence. We stepped through the door and found ourselves in front of a sweeping staircase with family portraits lining the walls. We followed our guide and discovered that the house was used for residential workshops. It is strange to relate now, but I distinctly remember feeling as though I'd lived there before. It all seemed so familiar and yet clearly I had never been there before. There was a sense of peace and coming home. I knew that this place would somehow feature in my life. 'I could really see myself living here.' I heard myself utter those words without any thought. 'We're always looking for people to come and work here,' was the immediate reply.

I contacted the office the next day with no clear idea why I was calling but was asked to send in a handwritten letter, which I duly did. A week later I was invited to stay at the house for a probationary period during which time I helped out in all the different areas and having successfully completed my time, I was offered a permanent job. Who could have predicted that a chance encounter with the gardener would lead to such a life-changing experience?

- 1 The writer has a hazy recollection of the chance encounter. F
- 2 The temperature was below freezing. \_\_\_
- 3 They are apprehensive about approaching the house. \_\_\_
- 4 The writer feels the tranquillity of the place. \_\_\_
- 5 The writer wants to get a job there. \_\_\_
- 6 The writer has to undergo a trial period. \_\_\_

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- has vivid food memories?  
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- has a name on the tip of their tongue?  
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- remembers nothing about an early experience?  
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- remembers the event as if it were yesterday?  
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- can easily return to the time and place of the vivid memory?  
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- Kevin *was released* from prison last week after serving one year of his sentence.
- People were encouraged \_\_\_\_\_ refuge in their cellars as the hurricane approached.
- Two of the men made a \_\_\_\_\_ for it but only one of them got over the prison wall.
- It's easy to feel \_\_\_\_\_ by a job and family responsibilities.
- Fearing for his life, Philip has decided \_\_\_\_\_ the country tomorrow night.
- The prisoners spent weeks hatching an \_\_\_\_\_ plan.

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

- I feel there's a *b o u t* to be a major breakthrough in our research.
- I don't have any plans to travel for the foreseeable f \_\_\_\_\_ but things can change so quickly.
- I wonder how our civilisation will be viewed in years to c \_\_\_\_\_.
- I felt from the o \_\_\_\_\_ that things would go horribly wrong.
- Max was on the v \_\_\_\_\_ of reaching the summit when he was involved in a terrible accident.
- There was so much hope and optimism at the d \_\_\_\_\_ of the new millennium.

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- I'm really *pushed for* time at the moment, so can this wait?
- What do you like to do when you're lucky enough to have time \_\_\_\_\_?
- We have all the time \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ this weekend, so just relax.
- How nice it would be to have time \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_. I envy people who don't work as there are never enough hours in the day it seems.
- We got to the station \_\_\_\_\_ time to catch our train.
- When Sam goes away on business he always likes to get to the airport \_\_\_\_\_ plenty of time to \_\_\_\_\_.

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- We are supposed to meet up in town but Rob had made other arrangements.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- What I would like to know is why did you lie to me.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- I expect so we'll be really busy over the summer.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Fallen down in the street, Julia felt really embarrassed.  
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- Surely you think that I'm as superficial as that.
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B: No, I don't think so.
- A: \_\_\_\_\_ managed to come up \_\_\_\_\_ other ideas?  
B: We could always approach the council.
- A: Can you \_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_ detail?  
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- 2 The sun was shining. —
- 3 They are curious to find out more about the house. —
- 4 The writer feels ill-at-ease. —
- 5 The writer phones to ask for a job. —
- 6 The writer has to be versatile. —

