

Listening

1 Track	11	Listen to	o six	record	lings.
Which	sp	eaker is	desc	ribing	•••

1 someone who is set in their ways?	<u>A</u>
2 a dark horse?	
3 a busybody?	
4 a black sheep?	
5 the life and soul of the party?	
6 a chatterbox?	
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Pronunciation

- 2 *Track 12* Listen to six extracts and mark the breaks in each sentence.
- 1 It is of the utmost importance | that we take action now.
- 2 A surprising number of people are completely unaware of the threat to the environment.
- 3 Nothing I read in the papers could have prepared me for what I witnessed yesterday.
- 4 Not for the first time have I been reminded just how fragile our planet really is.
- 5 In her own way, Gemma is a remarkable woman who has always followed her dreams.
- 6 I've always tried to lead by example.

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Vocabulary and Grammar

- 3 Complete the sentences.
- 1 Tom really thinks he's a big <u>cheese</u> in the company even though his role is minor.
- 2 Don't worry about Stella she's a _____ cookie who can look after herself.
- 3 Peter is a total _____ potato. I don't know how he can just lounge around all day doing nothing.
- 4 You can be such a wet _____ sometimes. Why do you always have to spoil my fun?
- 5 That Sally's a rotten _____ to be sure. She always manages to spoil the atmosphere.
- 6 Greg's a bit of a _____ cannon. You can't ever be sure how he's going to react to things.



4 Correct the underlined prefixes.

- 1 Do you believe in <u>sub</u>natural forces? super
- 2 Our team was overplayed and we lost 10-1!
- 3 It's hard to read the <u>under</u>titles when the screen's so small.
- 4 The terms of this contract are <u>un</u>-negotiable I'm afraid.
- 5 Your trust in Tom is completely <u>implaced</u> as he's nothing but a fraudster.
- 5 There were thousands of people on the <u>progovernment</u> rally. The President is nervous.

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5 Unscramble the words.

- 1 <u>theWi-ocrall remic</u> happens in the business world.
 - White-collar crime
- 2 The level of *itricallye* in some developed countries is quite shocking.
- 3 It's hard to believe that *greden iquatenliy* still exists where men earn more than women for doing the same work.
- 4 Although Simon is still able to work, at 68 he has been a victim of *ismage*.
- 5 If you are brought up in <u>tropyev</u>, you don't have enough money to cover even your basic needs.
- 6 Our neighbours have been repeatedly warned about their *ascoltinai avirbouhe* but they take no notice.

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6 Match sentence beginnings 1-6 with endings a)-f) below.

- 1 The meeting was held \underline{b} 2 Phil almost let
- 3 I can't believe Sam gave
- 4 Perhaps Mark has
- 5 Come on, spill
 6 Steve finally divulged ____
- a) the game away without even realising.
- b) behind closed doors for security reasons.
- c) the beans and tell us what's going on.
- d) his secret and felt much better afterwards.
- e) something to hide. He's looking guilty.
- f) it slip that he was leaving his job.



speakout Advanced Mid-course Test A

7 Complete the sentences with the words in	the Speaking
box. wouldn't always inclined kept will ten	10 Put the phrases in italics in the correct order. 1 Kevin being / gives / impression / of / the in
	control but he's quite untight underneath
1 My parents <i>would</i> allow me to stay out late v I was a teenager.	gives the impression of being
2 John always tell you the truth even if	it's 2 I'd/to/had/that/a/If/make/I/guess/say
unpalatable.	Luke's in his early thirties.
3 I trying to get hold of Pat but in the en	and I $\frac{1}{you're/reckon/about/I}$ ten years older than
gave up.	you look
4 Lucy's complaining about something 5 Max to sulk if he doesn't get his own	WON
6 Phil's to get headaches when he has to	on
much to do.	
	5 maybe / me / makes / that / It / think Paul and
8 Complete the second sentence so that it m	
the same as the first. Use the word in capi 1 I overslept because I went to bed late. IF	6 $\frac{100k / say / doesn't / she / I'd}{100k / say / doesn't / she / I'd}$ a day over thirty.
If I hadn't gone to bed late, I wouldn't have	
overslept.	
2 I'm sorry that I didn't follow my dream. Wh	
3 It's a shame Stephen isn't here today. ONL'	Y 11 Complete the text with the words in the box.
. 	background long-term feasible instance
4 I lost my wallet. I don't have my credit cards	s. IF plan objective
5 Fred feels bad about being angry with you.	Just to give a bit of ¹ background information, I
REGRETS	represent local small businesses. The main ²
	of our proposal is to raise our profile so what we
6 We didn't listen to you so we got lost. HAD	to do is set up a series of networking
	events. This idea is ⁴ because we have been given an excellent venue for free. In the first
	given an excellent venue for free. In the first this would mean that we only have to
9 Underline the correct alternative.	advertise in the local press but once the events are
1 William will have been <u>teaching</u> / taught for	established, there will be ⁶ benefits for all
years by the end of this academic year.	concerned.
2 How long have you <i>been waiting / waited</i> ? 3 Maria <i>has / had</i> been working as a teacher for	or 5
years before I met her.	12 Match sentence beginnings 1-6 with endings
4 When do you think you'll have finished / bed	en a)-f) below.
finishing the book I lent you?	1 Given the choice \underline{b}
5 I appear to have mislaid / been mislaying my	, <u>—</u>
glasses again!	3 If I found myself in
6 I didn't realise that you've <i>been knowing / kn</i> each other for years.	<u>—</u>
each other for years.	5 My preference would be
	6 If it was up to
	a) this situation, I'd call my parents.
	b) I would stop working.
	c) me, I'd call the meeting off.
	d) to avoid confrontation.
	e) far the best option.
	f) watch a DVD as listen to music.
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Reading

13 Match quotations a)-f) with paragraphs 1-6.

Words of wisdom

by Anita Drake

¹ Years teach us more than books.

I have always been interested in self-development and have a huge library of so-called self-help books on subjects ranging from the power of positive thinking and visualisation through to yoga and meditation. All of them have given me comfort to a greater or lesser extent but I realise that there is no substitute for experience and as I grow older, I become more aware of the value of that experience.

2

When you are young it's very easy to think that your way is the best or only way. We look at others and wonder why they're behaving they way they are. How could they be so silly? How come they don't see what they're doing? And of course we don't stop to apply the same rules to our own behaviour.

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As we grow older, however, we realise that we worry unnecessarily about a lot of things. We fret about the past, we worry about the future and we neglect the present. It is clear that there are certain things over which we have no control and yet we persist in stressing. What a waste of energy and time. The key is to spend that energy on making changes to areas of our lives that we can indeed affect: personal relationships, work and the local environment for example.

- a) Years teach us more than books.
- b) The more a man knows, the more he forgives.
- c) It is easier to be wise for others than for ourselves.
- d) By associating with wise people you will become wise yourself.
- e) The art of being wise is knowing what to overlook.
- f) The seat of knowledge is in the head; of wisdom, in the heart.

Society today is very much a left-brain society with more attention and focus being placed on science and fact rather than intuition and creativity, which come from right-brain existence. This in turn has led to a certain distance growing up within communities and many people are now rather emotionally aloof.

In order to become a wiser, more rounded, person, I believe it is important to find people from whom you can learn. Everyone has something to teach so you don't need to find a guru as such but by surrounding yourself with those who've thought deeply about life, you can certainly benefit.

Humans are by their very nature fallible so it's important that as we go through life we learn to admit to our mistakes and move on. If we didn't make mistakes, we wouldn't evolve but the key is to acknowledge the error and to be forgiving of others and ourselves.



Writing

14 Underline the correct alternative.

- 1 We're trying to revise for exams, <u>hence</u> / therefore the need for silence.
- 2 What you believe is up to you. I would, *however / thus*, prefer you to keep your thoughts to yourself.
- 3 I'm really happy for you. *Nevertheless / In fact*, I'm over the moon.
- 4 George works more productively in the morning. Sam, *in addition / conversely*, prefers the afternoons.
- 5 There are a lot of empty shops in town and *what is more / as a result*, the number is going up all the time.

	the time.
6	As you will realise, we <i>obviously / accordingly</i> need to rethink our strategy.
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1	5 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.
- 1	eventually subsequently immediately afterwards meanwhile ever since
1	Although I was initially apprehensive, I <u>eventually</u> grew to like Paul.
2	Laura,, had decided to stay at home and study.
3	I was affected by what I'd seen for ages
4	Dan started out at the bottom and went on to become CEO.
	When Greg saw the blaze he called the fire brigade.
6	I've been afraid of wasps I was stung as a child.

16 A discursive essay: Fast food is to blame for rising levels of obesity. Write 200–250 words.

Total:

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100

Speakout Advanced Mid-course Test B

4 Correct the underlined prefixes. Listening 1 Do you believe in *sub*natural forces? 1 Track 11 Listen to six recordings. <u>super</u> Which speaker is describing ... 2 I'm afraid the decision is unreversible. 1 someone who is set in their ways? 3 These jackets are co-changeable so take 2 a black sheep? whichever one you want. 3 a chatterbox? 4 a busybody? 4 There were thousands of people on the pro-5 a dark horse? government rally. The President is nervous. 6 the life and soul of the party? 5 Your plan is ridiculously unpractical but I wish you luck. **Pronunciation** 6 That restaurant is really rather underrated in my 2 Track 12 Listen to six extracts and mark the opinion. I can't see what all the fuss is about. breaks in each sentence. 1 It is of the utmost importance | that we take action now. 5 Unscramble the words. 2 A surprising number of people are completely 1 <u>theWi-ocrall remic</u> happens in the business unaware of the threat to the environment. world. 3 Nothing I read in the papers could have prepared White-collar crime me for what I witnessed yesterday. 2 We're lucky to be able to say what we think as 4 Not for the first time have I been reminded just there's little *sporsniche* in this country. how fragile our planet really is. 5 In her own way, Gemma is a remarkable woman 3 It's hard to believe that greden iquatenliy still who has always followed her dreams. exists where men earn more than women for 6 I've always tried to lead by example. doing the same work. 5 **Vocabulary and Grammar** 4 There's a lot of adsnogire micer in countries with a culture of bribery and corruption. **3** Complete the sentences. 1 Tom really thinks he's a big *cheese* in the 5 If you live in *tropyev*, you don't have enough company even though his role is minor. money to cover even your basic needs. 2 You can be such a _____ blanket sometimes. Why are you always so negative? 6 Our neighbours have been repeatedly warned 3 That Ben's a ____ apple to be sure. He always about their ascoltinai avirbouhe but they haven't manages to create a bad atmosphere. changed. 4 Greg's a bit of a loose You can't ever be sure how he's going to react to things. 5 Don't worry about Stella – she's a tough ____ 6 Match sentence beginnings 1-6 with endings and is pretty scary when under attack. a)-f) below. 6 Peter is a total couch _____. I don't know how 1 The meeting was held he can just lounge around all day doing nothing. 2 Phil has always kept 3 I can't believe Sam gave 4 Perhaps Mark has 5 What was said yesterday 6 Steve finally blurted a) the game away without even realising. b) behind closed doors for security reasons. c) must remain between you and me. d) out his secret and felt much better afterwards.



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unpalatable.	ell you the truth even if it's	3 <i>I'd / to / had / that / a / If / make / I / guess / say</i> Luke's about to retire.
3 I taking painkil	llers even though they	
didn't really help. 4 Lucy's compla other.	nining about something or	4 maybe / me / makes / that / It / think I should reconsider your offer.
	too fast especially when	5 guess / I'd / that / a / hazard the prime minister
6 Phil has an to s		will resign soon.
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