

Listening

1.15

- 1 **A** A turkey and cheese sandwich, please.
B That's \$9.15.
- 2 **A** So, Anna, your classes are on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.
B What? Sorry?
- 3 The JetBlue flight to Burbank is now boarding at gate number 5.
- 4 **A** Where to?
B 16 Manchester Road, please.
- 5 **A** Here's your key. Room 12.
B Thank you.
- 6 **A** Here we are.
B Oh, no! It's closed.
A Look, it says "Closed on Monday"!

1.23

- 1 **A** Hi. Where are you from?
B We're from Fortaleza, in Brazil.
A OK. Good luck to the Brazilian team!
B Thank you!
- 2 **A** Hello. I'm Mike from USA News. Where are you from?
B I'm from Australia.
A Are you from Sydney?
B No, I'm not. I'm from Cairns.
A Where's Cairns? Is it near Sydney?
B No, it isn't. It's north. Am I on TV?
A Yes, you are.
B Wow!
- 3 **A** Hi. Are you American?
B No, we aren't. We're from Japan.
A Oh, sorry!

1.30

- 1 **Announcer** The 6:12 train to Poughkeepsie, making stops at Harlem, Beacon, New Hamburg, and Poughkeepsie is departing from track 30.
A That's our train. Track 30. Come on.
B OK. Let's go.
- 2 **A** Excuse me! How far is it to Austin?
B It's about 40 miles.
A Thanks a lot.
- 3 **A** Just one more set. Come on!
B 15-love.
A Great serve!
- 4 **A** Will all passengers on Delta flight 1182 to Portland please go to gate 16 immediately.
B Gate 16. Is that our flight?
C No, it's to Portland, Maine, not Portland, Oregon.
- 5 **A** How much for this?
B Two slices of pizza, a salad, and a soda. That's \$17.
- 6 **A** What's your address?
B It's 80 Park Street.
A Sorry?
B 80, eight-oh. Park Street.
- 7 **A** OK, be quiet, please. Open your books to page 90.
B What page?
A Page 90.

1.41

- Mark** Hello? Hello? Can you hear me?
Micaela Hi, yes, fine. I can hear you.
Mark Good! I'm Mark, from English House Language School.
Micaela Hi, Mark.
Mark OK, can I check your information first?

- Micaela** Yes, of course.
Mark What's your first name?
Micaela Micaela.
Mark How do you spell it?
Micaela M-I-C-A-E-L-A.
Mark M-I-C-A-E-L-A – is that right?
Micaela Yes, that's right.
Mark And what's your last name?
Micaela Vazquez.
Mark Vazquez. Is that V-A-S...?
Micaela No, it's V-A-Z-Q-U-E-Z.
Mark V-A-Z-Q-U-E-Z. OK. And how old are you?

- Micaela** I'm 20.
Mark Where are you from?
Micaela I'm from Argentina.
Mark Where in Argentina?
Micaela From Buenos Aires.
Mark What's your address?
Micaela It's Florida one six five.
Mark Florida's the street? Number one six five?
Micaela Yes.
Mark What's your zip code?
Micaela Sorry?
Mark You know, the zip code?
Micaela Ah yes. It's C- one zero zero five A-A-C.
Mark C- one zero zero five A-A-C. Great. What's your email address?
Micaela It's m dot vazquez at mail dot com.
Mark And what's your phone number?
Micaela My cell phone or my home phone, my landline?
Mark Both – cell and landline.
Micaela My cell is one one, one five, eight nine three four, five five six eight.
Mark One one, one five, eight nine three four, five five six eight. Great. And your landline?
Micaela Five four, one one, six zero two three, five four four two.
Mark Five four, one one, six zero two three, five four four two.
Micaela That's right.
Mark OK, that's great. So, what do you do, Micaela?
Micaela I'm in college. I'm a nursing student...

1.45

Snoop Dogg isn't his real name. His real name is Calvin Cordozar Broadus. He's American. Shakira is her real name. Her full name is Shakira Isabel Mebarak Ripoll. She's from Colombia.

2.5

- 1 On my desk, I have my computer. I have some pens and pieces of paper. I have a lamp, and a photo of my family. Oh, and a phone. It's very neat.
- 2 In my study, I have a desk, a table, and two chairs. I have a lot of books and a big dictionary on the desk – it isn't very neat! And I have a map of the world on the wall.
- 3 I have a lot of things in my bag. I have my phone. I have the charger for my phone. I have my sunglasses, tissues. And I have my house keys and my change purse.

2.15

- Lisa** The Highland Hotel's 20 miles from here. Let's go there.
John 20 miles? No problem.
Lisa John! Slow down!

- John** Oh no!...Here she comes.
Police Officer Good evening. Turn off the engine, please. Thank you.
John What's the problem, officer?
Police Officer The problem? Well, 70 miles an hour is the problem. That's very, very fast. The speed limit on this road is 50 miles an hour. Can I see your driver's license?
John 70? Oh. Uh, I'm very sorry, officer.
Police Officer Ah, what a beautiful baby! What's his name?
Lisa Henry. He's very tired, officer. And it's 20 miles to our hotel.
Police Officer Well...OK...go to your hotel. But please slow down.
John Yes – thank you, officer.
Police Officer Goodbye, sir, ma'am. Goodbye, Henry!

3.14

Part 1

- Host** And now your favorite radio show, *His Job, Her Job*.
Host Good evening and welcome again to the jobs quiz *His Job, Her Job*. And our team tonight is David, a teacher...
David Hello.
Host Kate, who's unemployed...
Kate Hi.
Host ...and Lorna, who's a writer.
Lorna Good evening.
Host And our first couple tonight is...
Alex Alex.
Host And?
Sue Sue.
Host Welcome to the show, Alex and Sue. OK team, you have one minute to ask Alex questions about his job and then one minute to ask Sue about her job, starting now. Let's have your first question for Alex.
David Hi, Alex. Do you work in an office?
Alex No, I don't.
Lorna Do you work in the evening?
Alex It depends. Yes, sometimes.
Kate Do you make things?
Alex No, I don't.
Lorna Do you wear a uniform or special clothes?
Alex Uh, yes – I wear special clothes.
Kate Do you drive for your job?
Alex No, I don't.
Lorna Do you work on a team?
Alex Yes, I do. With ten other people.
Kate Do you have any special qualifications?
Alex Qualifications? No, I don't.
David Do you speak foreign languages?
Alex No, only English.
Host You only have time for one more question, team...
David Uh, do you travel?
Alex Yes, I do. On weekends. Well, not every weekend...
Host Your time's up.

3.15

Part 2

- Host** Now team, you have a minute to ask Sue about her job.
Kate Hello, Sue. Do you work outside?

Sue It depends. Outside and inside.
Lorna Do you work on the weekend?
Sue Yes, I do.
David Do you work with the public?
Sue No, I don't.
Kate Do you get vacation time?
Sue No, I don't. I never get vacation time.
Kate Do you work at night?
Sue Sometimes. It depends.
Lorna Do you earn a lot of money?
Sue No, nothing! I don't have a salary.
David Do you like your job?
Sue Yes, I do! I love it.
Host That's time. OK, team...

3.17

Becca He's beautiful. Is he a fox terrier? Sorry, he or she?
Dave She. Yes, she's a fox terrier. Her name's Dolly. And your dog?
Becca He's a Labrador.
Dave What's his name?
Becca Barry. Barry come here!
Dave Dolly. Here. Stop it.
Becca I think Barry likes her.
Dave Yes! Sorry, I'm Dave. What's your name?
Becca Becca. Hi.
Dave Nice to meet you, Becca! How old is Barry?
Becca Uh...He's, uh, two. And Dolly?
Dave Uh...The same. Hey, Dolly! Come back!

3.20

Becca Hi, Dave.
Dave Hi, Becca. Hi, Barry! So nice to see you both again!
Becca What a cute restaurant. I really like it. And look at all the dogs.
Dave I know, right! It has good food, too...for people and for dogs!
Becca Mmm. Sit Barry. Good boy. Uh, where's Dolly?
Dave She isn't here. Uh, Becca, I need to tell you something. Dolly isn't my dog. She's my friend's dog. I sometimes help and take her for a walk.
Becca You don't have a dog?
Dave No. Uh...I don't like dogs very much. And my apartment's so small. I'm so sorry. I know you love dogs.
Becca Phew! Don't worry! Barry isn't my dog either! He's my sister's dog. I like dogs, but...in fact...I have two cats. How do you feel about cats?
Dave I love cats – in fact, I prefer cats to dogs! Let's sit down and order lunch.
Becca Great! So, what's good here?
Dave The spaghetti carbonara is fantastic—and so is the homemade chocolate ice cream!
Becca Yum! All for me this time!

4.6

Anna Who's that?
Grace That's my boyfriend, Mark.
Anna He's good-looking. How old is he?
Grace 26.
Anna What does he do?
Grace He's a medical student. He finishes this year – I hope!
Anna Where does he study?
Grace At Indiana University School of Medicine.
Anna Does he like it?
Grace Yes, he loves it. And this is my sister Celia and her kids.
Anna Ah. She looks like you.
Grace Yes, she does.
Anna How old is she?
Grace She's 35.

Anna How old are the kids?
Grace Carlos, the little one, is two, and Daniel, the older one's, uh, six, I think. They live in Chile, so I don't see them very often.
Anna Is that another sister?
Grace No, she's my sister-in-law, Miriam. She's married to my brother Tim.
Anna What does Tim do?
Grace He's a lawyer, and Miriam's a teacher.
Anna How old are their children?
Grace Alex is four, and Helen's 13 months now.
Anna They're so cute!...So how about you and Mark? When's the wedding?
Grace Wedding! No, thanks! I'm too young!

4.11

Interviewer What time do you get up in the morning?
Darius I get up at about seven-thirty.
Interviewer How do you feel when you get up?
Darius I know seven-thirty isn't that early, but it's early for me, and I usually feel tired and in a little bit of a bad mood.
Interviewer Do you have breakfast?
Darius Absolutely. I have cereal and milk, and some bread with honey or jam. I love honey!
Interviewer Do you walk to school?
Darius No, it's very far away. I go to school by Tube. I usually get to school about eight twenty. I like to be early.
Interviewer What time does your first class start?
Darius It starts at nine. I have four or sometimes five classes before lunch.
Interviewer Where do you have lunch?
Darius I usually have lunch at school at about one o'clock. I know people usually say that school food is terrible, but actually at my school the food is really good.
Interviewer And after lunch?
Darius We start classes again at 1:45. I usually have two or three classes in the afternoon.
Interviewer What time does school finish?
Darius At 4:15. But I don't go home then. I stay at school to do extra things – I study in the library or play music.
Interviewer What kind of music?
Darius Well, I sing in the school choir on Tuesdays, and on Thursdays, I play percussion in the orchestra. I love music – it's my main hobby.

Interviewer So what time do you usually get home?
Darius At about six o'clock.
Interviewer What's the first thing you do?
Darius I take a shower, and then I have dinner. And then, of course, homework.
Interviewer How much homework do you have?
Darius Two or three hours. It's my last year at school and I have my A levels this summer. I need to do really well to get into a good university.
Interviewer Do you watch TV in the evening?
Darius No, never. I don't have time. When I finish my homework, I practice the piano and then I go to bed.
Interviewer What time do you go to bed?
Darius At about ten-thirty. I'm usually so tired I go to sleep right away. All I really do these days is study, eat, and sleep.
Interviewer So no social media or anything like that?
Darius Well...I do spend a little bit of time on Facebook. But not much, I promise!

5.2

Amy 12:30. In a long line outside the Conference Center in Portland.

Guard Remember, you need ID. You can't come in if you don't have ID.
Amy Here's my passport.
Guard Thanks "Amy Jones." Yup, that's you! OK, come in. Next, please!
Amy 12:45. In the waiting area with 350 other singers!
Organizer 1 OK Amy, sit here and wait until we call your name.
Amy Thanks.
Organizer 1 Are you here for the audition, too?
Friend No, I'm not. I'm Amy's friend. Can I wait with her?
Organizer 1 Yeah, sure.
Friend Thanks.
Amy Let's sit here. I'm so nervous...
Organizer 1 Mike Smith, Pat Jones, Tony Cash, come with me. This way.
Amy Good luck!
Amy 4:00. Three hours later! My turn at last!
Organizer 2 Amy Jones, Naomi Williams, Justin Elliot? Can you come with me, please? It's your turn now.
Amy Oh my goodness! It's my turn.
Friend Good luck, Amy! You can do it!
Amy Excuse me. Can my friend come with me?
Organizer 2 No, she can't. She can wait there. And you can't take your bag into the audition. Leave it with your friend.

Amy OK.
Amy 4:15. In the audition, with three judges. Really nervous!
Judge Amy...Jones? What's your song?
Amy *One Day*.
Judge We can't hear you. Is the microphone on?
Amy Sorry...Sorry. Can you hear me now?
Judge Yes, that's fine.
Amy My song's *One Day*.
Judge Can you start, please?
Amy Oh no! I can't remember the first line.
Judge Take your time.
Amy I'm OK now!

5.11

Woman Oh, hi Paul. Jack, it's Paul, from next door. Come in! We're having a party. It's my birthday.
Paul Oh! Uh, Happy Birthday!
Woman Thanks. Would you like a drink?
Paul Actually, I want to talk to you about the noise.
Woman Sorry?
Paul The NOISE. It's very noisy.
Woman Yes. We're having a great time! Do you want a soda? Or a glass of iced tea?
Paul Oh, well, yes, OK. A soda, please.
Woman Here you are. Come and meet our friends. Hey, everyone, say hello to Paul. He's our neighbor.
All Hello, Paul.
Paul Hello.
Woman Do you want to dance, Paul?

5.15

A Good afternoon. How can I help you?
B Hello. I have a reservation for two nights.
A Your name?
B Carter.
A Carter. Here we are. Can you sign here, please?...Here's your key card. You're in room 212, on the second floor.

5.16

1 A Can I help you?
B Yes, I'd like a latte, please.
A Regular or large?
B Large, please.
A To have here or to go?



- B To have here.
 A That's \$3.40, please.
 B Here you are. \$3.40.
- 2 A Where are my car keys? I can't find them anywhere.
 B I don't know. In your jacket pocket?
 A No, they aren't there.
 B How about on the hall table?
 A No.
 B Are you sure you don't have them?
 A Absolutely sure.
 B Look in the living room.
- 3 A Oh no, it's 20 minutes late.
 B Is there a waiting room somewhere? It's really cold here on the platform.
 A No, I don't think so.
 B What time is it now?
 A 6:15. We can take the 6:20, but it's a slow train.
 B No, let's wait then.
- 4 OK, come on everyone, out here. Stand together under the tree. OK! Are you ready? Carole, I can't see you. Can you stand next to Jim? OK, ready? Say cheese!
- 5 A ...So, Mr. Bartlett, do you have any questions you'd like to ask?
 B Uh, yes. On the website, it says the hours are from 10 to 6. What about the weekends?
 A The hours are 10 to 6 on the weekends too, but you get paid overtime on Sundays. Saturday counts as a normal day. But if you work on a Saturday, you have a weekday free. The contract clearly says five days a week, with possibilities of overtime.
 B Oh right.

5.19

The best (or worst) thing about the weather in Chicago is that it's always changing. It can be very hot or very cold. In the summer, it's mostly sunny and sometimes cloudy, with temperatures of about 84 degrees. And of course, sometimes it rains.

In the winter, the temperature is usually between 29 and 14 degrees. It can be below freezing (32 degrees) for weeks at a time. Brrr! It snows about 38 inches a year.

In the spring and the fall, the weather is very changeable. You can have all four seasons in one week. It can be cold and snowing on Monday, cool and foggy on Tuesday, and warm and sunny on Wednesday. I always tell tourists to bring a winter coat, gloves, sunglasses, sandals, and an umbrella when they visit Chicago in the spring and the fall—that way they are prepared for any kind of weather!

But one thing that isn't always true about Chicago is the wind. Even though Chicago's nickname is "The Windy City," it's not always windy there. In fact, Boston has more windy days a year than Chicago. Some people think Chicago's nickname is from politicians who talk too much!

6.5

Part 3 Walid walks for five days through the mountains. The sun shines, and at night it's very cold. Then one evening, he finds the palace. The prince welcomes him and gives him food and drink, and a comfortable bed. But Walid can't sleep. He's thinking about the 1,000 gold coins.

The next morning, he says to the prince, "I want to say thank you to you. Please have this silver ring. It's my mother's."

The prince is very happy. "This is a beautiful ring," he says. "Thank you. Let me give you something in return."

He gives Walid a box. "Don't open this until you get home," he says. "Be careful with it. It's very, very valuable."

Walid runs through the mountains, and after three days, he arrives home. "Where's my silver ring?" shouts his mother. "Don't worry about your ring!" says Walid. "Look at this!" Hassan and their mother watch as he opens the box. Inside he finds...

6.14

- 1 A Hi, Kim. Do you want come to the theater with me this Saturday?
 B Saturday? I can't – it's my brother's 21st birthday! We're having a big party at my parents' house.
 A Oh, that sounds great! Have a wonderful time – and say "Happy Birthday" from me!
- 2 A Are you in the office next week?
 B No, I'm on vacation.
 A Where are you going?
 B Australia!
 A Lucky you! When do you get back?
 B On the 30th.
 A Wow! That's a long vacation.
 B Yeah, three weeks! I can't wait.
- 3 A You drink a lot of coffee!
 B Yes, this is my fifth this morning.
 A It's not good for you, you know.
 B I know, but I can't wake up without it.
- 4 A Where's the restaurant?
 B It's not far. It's on the corner of Park Avenue and 53rd.
 A Great. See you there at 7:30.
- 5 A Good morning. I'm here to see Maria Diaz. My name's Brian Sanders.
 B Just a moment, sir, I'll call her...Hi, Maria. There's a Mr. Sanders here to see you...OK, sir. Could you sign in here? Great. You can go right up. She's on the sixth floor. The elevators are over there.
 A Thank you.

7.1

This painting is a self-portrait by the Dutch painter Vincent van Gogh.

Van Gogh was born in the Netherlands on March 30th, 1853. His parents weren't poor – his father was a church minister, and his mother was an artist. Van Gogh's first job was in his uncle's company, selling paintings, but later he was a teacher, and finally a painter. We only really know what he looked like because of his many self-portraits. Only three photographs of him exist, and they are all from when he was young. This portrait is from his time in Arles in the South of France, in 1888, when he was 35. He was very poor, but he was happy because of the beautiful light and colors there. This portrait was a present for his friend, the painter Paul Gauguin. Gauguin and van Gogh were together in Arles for a month. Van Gogh was not strong mentally, and the relationship between them was difficult. After a big fight, van Gogh cut off his ear, and was in a mental hospital for some time. He died on July 29th, 1890. He was only 37 years old. His paintings weren't popular during his lifetime, and he was never rich or famous. But today, people think that Vincent van Gogh is one of the greatest painters in the world, and his paintings, like *Sunflowers* and *The Starry Night*, sell for millions of dollars.

7.6

Edward Gamson lives in Washington, D.C. A few years ago, he and his friend Lowell decided to go on vacation to Granada in Spain. Edward wanted to visit the Alhambra, a famous palace. They researched flights online and booked tickets for the two of them. Their tickets were expensive, but Edward decided to spend extra money on first-class seats. On the day of their flight, they arrived at Dulles Airport and parked their car in the long-term parking lot. Edward and Lowell

checked in for the first part of their trip. They traveled safely to London, changed planes at Heathrow Airport, and settled into their second flight. Twenty minutes into the flight, Lowell looked at Edward with surprise.

7.7

Lowell Edward, I think we're going west and not south to Granada.

Edward Hmm. Let's ask the flight attendant. Excuse me, why aren't we going south to Spain?

Flight Attendant Spain? We're not going to Spain. We're going to Grenada, the island in the Caribbean.

Edward The Caribbean? But I booked tickets to to Granada, Spain.

Flight Attendant Let me check your ticket. Oh, I see. I'm really sorry, but your ticket isn't for Granada, Spain. It's for Grenada, in the West Indies.

Edward No, it can't be.

Flight Attendant I'm very sorry, but it is. Look, it clearly says Grenada – it's spelled correctly.

Lowell I don't believe it. Edward, did you check the airport when you booked?

Edward Well, no, I didn't. I was in vacation mode and I didn't think about it.

Lowell Ugh! What are we going to do?

Flight Attendant When we land, you need to book new tickets to fly from Grenada in the Caribbean to Granada in Spain.

7.17

Friend What was your best ever New Year's Eve? One you always remember?

Denisa Oh, definitely 2014, when I was in Rio.

Friend Who were you with?

Denisa I was with my boyfriend Marcelo, who's Brazilian.

Friend Why was it so special?

Denisa Well, Brazil has special traditions for New Year's Eve, and they were all new for me. For example, it's a Brazilian tradition to wear white clothes for New Year's Eve because white is a symbol of peace, so I wore a beautiful white dress that Marcelo's mother bought me. I have a photo somewhere on my phone. Yes, here, look!

Friend How pretty. So what did you do?

Denisa Uh, let me think. Well, first we had a typical New Year's Eve dinner with Marcelo's family. And then, I guess it was about ten, we got a bus to Copacabana.

Friend What was the atmosphere like there?

Denisa Oh, it was amazing! The streets were already full of people. We went to a show at a place near the beach. It was great, and we danced the samba.

Friend Wow. Were you there at midnight?

Denisa No, no. When we saw it was almost midnight, we went to the beach, and the typical countdown started, you know – ten, nine, eight...Happy New Year! Everywhere we heard the sound of people celebrating, and we watched the wonderful fireworks.

Friend It sounds great. What did people do when the fireworks finished?

Denisa Most people went to other parties, or they went home.

Friend And what about you?

Denisa We decided to go to a different beach, a beach called Praia do Arpoador, and we took our first swim of the new year. It was magical.

8.4

Then the detective questioned Barbara Travers.

Detective What did you do after dinner yesterday evening?

Barbara After dinner? I played cards with Gordon, and then I went to bed.

Detective What time was that?
Barbara It was about eleven thirty. I remember, I looked at my watch.
Detective Did you hear anything in your father's room?
Barbara No. I didn't hear anything.
Detective Miss Travers, did you have any problems with your father?
Barbara No, I didn't have any problems with him at all. Daddy was a wonderful man and... a wonderful father. I'm sorry, Detective.
Detective Don't worry, Miss Travers. No more questions.

8.5

Next, the detective questioned Gordon Summers.

Detective What did you do after dinner, Gordon?
Gordon I played cards with Barbara. Then she went to bed.
Detective Did you go to bed then?
Gordon No. I stayed in the living room, and I had a cup of tea. Then I went to bed.
Detective What time was that?
Gordon I don't remember exactly. I didn't look at the time.
Detective Did you hear anything during the night?
Gordon No, I didn't. I was very tired. I slept very well.
Detective You and Mr. Travers were business partners, weren't you?
Gordon Yes, that's right.
Detective And it's a very good business, I understand.
Gordon Yes, Detective, it is.
Detective And now it's your business.
Gordon Listen, Detective, I did not kill Jeremy. He was my partner, and he was my friend.

8.6

Finally, the detective questioned Claudia Pasquale.

Detective What did you do yesterday evening, after dinner?
Claudia I went to my room and I took a bath and I went to bed.
Detective What time was that?
Claudia About 11 o'clock.
Detective Did you hear anything?
Claudia Yes. I heard somebody go into Jeremy's room. It was about 12 o'clock.
Detective Who was it?
Claudia It was Amanda, his wife.
Detective Are you sure? Did you see her?
Claudia Well, no, I didn't see her. But I'm sure it was Amanda.
Detective You were Mr. Travers's secretary, Claudia.
Claudia Yes, I was.
Detective Were you just his secretary?
Claudia What do you mean?
Detective Were you in love with Mr. Travers?
Claudia No, I wasn't.
Detective The truth please, Claudia.
Claudia Fine, Detective. Yes, I was in love with him, and he said he was in love with me. He said he wanted to leave his wife – Amanda – and marry me. I was stupid. I believed him. But he didn't leave her. He used me, Detective! I was very angry with him.
Detective Did you kill him?
Claudia No, Detective. I loved Jeremy.

8.12

Barbara Let's go upstairs. Follow me...Be careful. The ceiling is very low here.
Leo It's a very old house.
Barbara Yes, the house is 300 years old. My family lived here for nearly 80 years. There are six bedrooms. This was my father's bedroom.

Kim Is there heat in the house?
Barbara Yes, there is. Why do you ask? Are you cold?
Kim Yes, it's very cold in here.
Leo That's because we're from California.
Barbara Let's go and see the other bedrooms.
Leo Yes, of course.
Leo Well, what do you think, Kim? I love it! Don't you?
Kim I'm not sure. There's something about the house I don't like.
Leo Kim, it's perfect for the kids. Think of the yard. And it's a real, authentic country house. What do you say?
Kim I guess so. If you're sure.
Leo I am sure! Miss...uh, Barbara. We want it. We want to rent the house.
Barbara Excellent.
Leo When can we move in?
Barbara As soon as you like.

8.14

Leo Hello.
Waiter Good evening, sir, madam. What can I get you?
Kim How about a coffee? I'm still cold.
Waiter Yes, madam. And you, sir?
Leo You know, I'm cold, too. I'll also have a coffee, thanks.
Waiter Here you are!
Leo Well, here's to our new house!
Kim Yes!
Waiter You're new around here, aren't you?
Leo Yes, that's right.
Kim We just rented the big house on Darwin Road.
Waiter Which house? The Travers family house?
Leo Yes.
Waiter Oh.
Leo Is something wrong?
Waiter Who showed you the house?
Kim Barbara. The old lady who lived there before.
Waiter Ah, Barbara. Old Mr. Travers's daughter. Some people thought that she was the one who did it.
Kim The one who did what? What happened?
Waiter Didn't she tell you?
Kim Tell us what?
Waiter About the murder.
Leo & Kim Murder?
Waiter Yes, Mr. Travers was murdered in that house in 1965...in his bed.
Kim Oh, how horrible!
Waiter The man who killed Mr. Travers was Barbara's lover. The family never lived there again. They tried to sell the house, but nobody wanted to buy it. Not after a murder. That's why that house is always rented. Barbara never married, of course.
Leo Kim?
Kim Yes?
Leo Are you thinking what I'm thinking?
Kim Yes – I don't want to live in a house where somebody was murdered. Come on. Let's go.
Waiter Hey, hey, your coffee! You didn't drink your coffee...Ah, well.

8.19

1 We stayed at The Roosevelt Hollywood for two nights. It's a really nice place – a very elegant, very LA hotel. The service, atmosphere, and room were excellent, and we really enjoyed our stay. But we had a really strange experience. On the first night, we woke up at

3:30 in the morning. There was a strange noise outside our door, like someone softly playing a trumpet. To tell you the truth, we were a little bit frightened. Why would someone play the trumpet in the middle of the night? Then we thought that it was probably another guest in the hall, and maybe they were listening to music on their cell phone or something, and we went back to sleep. But on the second night, the same exact thing happened. So we just thought, strange, maybe it's because it's an old hotel and the walls are thin. But when we got home, we told the story to a friend, and he told us that The Roosevelt Hollywood is haunted. We looked on the internet, and we read that people say that room 924 has a ghost! And our room was 922, the next room! We sent an email to The Roosevelt Hollywood and told them about it, and they sent us some really interesting information about the ghost stories. We'd really like to stay in this fantastic hotel again, but maybe not in room 924!

2 I stayed at The Roosevelt Hollywood in May of last year with my husband. It's a beautiful hotel, with a great location. It's right on Hollywood Boulevard. We were in a room on the eighth floor. We knew that people said there were ghosts, and we knew about room 924, but we weren't worried at all. We had a nice meal at a nearby restaurant and then we went to bed. But in the middle of the night – about 3:00 in the morning – we suddenly woke up and we could hear loud noises from the room above us. They were really loud noises – like people were dropping their heavy suitcases on the floor. Anyway, after two or three minutes, the noises stopped and we went back to sleep. There weren't any more strange noises, and we slept for the rest of the night. The next morning, we went to reception and said, "We slept very poorly last night – the people in the room above us made so much noise." The man at reception asked for our room number and said, "Let me check." He looked on the computer and he said, "The room above you is empty." So I said, "Are you sure?" And he said, "Yes. The room above yours is room 924. There wasn't anybody in that room last night." We checked out of the hotel the same morning. Never again!

9.3

Woman We need food for the weekend – can you go to the store on your way home this evening?
Man OK, I guess so. What do we need?
Woman Let's see. We need some coffee, we don't have any.
Man OK...coffee...
Woman And some milk. And some juice.
Man Orange juice?
Woman Yeah. And maybe apple juice, too.
Man OK. What else?
Woman Get a pineapple if they have them.
Man One pineapple...
Woman And some oranges – four or five oranges – and some bananas. And I want to make a vegetable curry, so get some onions, some potatoes, some tomatoes...
Man Hold on, wait a minute...! Potatoes...
Woman Yes, two or three big ones. Oh, and forget the tomatoes – we have some in the refrigerator. And a bottle of soda.
Man Coke? Pepsi?
Woman Any kind is fine. Oh, and some lettuce, I want to make a salad.
Man Some lettuce...Do we need any tomatoes?
Woman No, I said no tomatoes!
Man Sorry, yes, you did. Is that everything?
Woman Yes, I think so. And don't forget anything!



9.4

- 1 This is for my foodie friends. In case you thought lettuce was only for salads, here I'm cooking it in some butter with an onion. Then I add some mushrooms, chicken, fresh tomatoes, and some other things – not sure yet. Lettuce is also great in soups, or you can grill it and serve it with blue cheese.
- 2 We didn't feel like cooking last night, and besides, we didn't have any food in the house, so we decided to order some take-out salads from our wonderful local pizzeria. They were all very good, but my favorite was a chicken salad with carrots, tomatoes, peppers, lettuce, and some pieces of fried bread.
- 3 Brunch Sunday afternoon at a restaurant in the East Village, called Timna. We had lots of different sharing plates. I loved everything, especially this dish called *shakshuka*, which is North African, and it's basically eggs in a tomato sauce, but the mixture of herbs and spices makes it taste great. And the bread we had to dip in the sauce was wonderful, too. Go there. Soon.
- 4 OK guys, this is it! Our Thanksgiving dinner – which we had at 6:30 last night. All the usual things: turkey with cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, lots of vegetables, and more...and more...Mom said, "why not go to a restaurant this year, maybe have seafood," but I said, "no – I want it homemade and traditional" – so she did it. Thanks, Mom. I now need to spend a few hours on the sofa before I even think about going to bed. So how was yours?

9.7

- 1 A Hi. I'd like a bottle of oil.
B Olive oil?
A Yes, please.
- 2 A Can I help you?
B Yes, I'm looking for a package of rice.
A Ordinary rice, basmati, brown rice?
B Uh, basmati, please.
- 3 A Excuse me. I need a can of tomatoes, but I can't find them anywhere.
B They're over there, next to the pasta.
A Thanks.
- 4 A Hi. I want a box of chocolates – a nice one. It's for my girlfriend's birthday.
B How much do you want to spend?
A Oh, not very much, I mean, nothing too expensive...
- 5 A A carton of juice, please.
B Apple juice? Orange juice?
A Uh, orange juice.
B That's \$2.59, please.

9.13

- Host** Question 1. What is the population of the Canada? Is it approximately a, 27 million, b, 37 million, or c, 57 million?
- Contestant** I think it's b, 37 million.
- Host** B is the right answer! Question 2. How far is it from New York City to Los Angeles? Is it a, about 1,500 miles, b, about 2,500 miles, or c, about 3,100 miles?
- Contestant** About 3,100 miles.
- Host** Are you sure?
- Contestant** Yes. I'm sure.
- Host** C is the right answer! Question 3. How many politicians are there in the British Parliament? Is it a, 450, b, 650, or c, 750?
- Contestant** I think it's c, 750.
- Host** Final answer? I'm sorry, the right answer is b. There are 650 politicians in the British Parliament.

9.16

- Host** Good evening. Welcome to *Quiz Night*. Our first contestant is Eddie from Washington, D.C. Hi, Eddie. Are you nervous?
- Eddie** No, not really. I think I'm, uh, ready.
- Host** Well, let's hope so. The rules are the same as always. I'm going to read you some sentences, and you have ten seconds to say if the sentence is true or false. If you get the first answer right, you win \$100. Then for each correct answer, you double your money, so if you get the second answer right, you win \$200, and for the third correct answer, you win \$400. For eight correct answers, you win \$12,800. But if you get an answer wrong, you lose all the money. Remember, you can also call a friend, so if you're not sure about one of the answers, you can call your friend to help you. Is that OK, Eddie?
- Eddie** Yeah, OK.

9.17

- Host** OK, Eddie, first question for \$100. A whale can make a louder noise than a lion. True or false?
- Eddie** A whale can make a louder noise than a lion. Uh, true.
- Host** Correct. Blue whales can make a sound of up to 188 decibels whereas a lion's roar is never more than 114 decibels. Ro-a-rrrr. Now, for \$200, World War I was shorter than World War II. True or false?
- Eddie** Uh, I think it's true.
- Host** Correct. It's true. World War I lasted four years, from 1914 to 1918, but World War II lasted six years, from 1939 to 1945. Next, for \$400, the American movie industry is bigger than the Indian movie industry.
- Eddie** I think it's false. You know, Bollywood and all that is huge. I think it's false.
- Host** Correct. The Indian movie industry is much bigger than the American one. It produces about 1,000 movies every year, which is double what Hollywood produces. In fact, the US isn't even the second country that makes the most movies, which is Nigeria. Next, for \$800, in July, Seattle is hotter than Sydney. True or false?
- Eddie** In July, Seattle is hotter than Sydney. Uh, true.
- Host** Correct. The average temperature in July in Seattle is 75 degrees Fahrenheit, and in Sydney it's 62 degrees Fahrenheit. Of course, Australia's in the southern hemisphere, so it's winter there. Next, for \$1,600, silver is heavier than gold. True or false?
- Eddie** Uh, true. No, uh, false.
- Host** Do you want to call a friend?
- Eddie** I think it's false. I remember from science class at school. Gold is heavier than silver.
- Host** Correct. Gold weighs about 10.16 ounces per cubic inch and silver weighs only 5.53 ounces. That means that gold is almost twice as heavy as silver. OK, for \$3,200, the mountain K2 is more difficult to climb than Mount Everest.
- Eddie** Uh, true.
- Host** Correct. 30% of the people who try to climb K2 die, usually on the way down, whereas only 5% of the people who try to climb Everest die. OK, Eddie, now for \$6,400, driving in Italy is more dangerous than driving in the US. True or false?
- Eddie** Uh, I think that's a trick question. We all think Italians drive really fast, but maybe they're good drivers. I think it's false.
- Host** Good job, Eddie! It may be hard to believe, but in fact, out of every 100,000

people, six people died because of car accidents in Italy, compared to approximately 12 in the US. And finally, the last question. Be very careful, Eddie. If you get it right, you win \$12,800, but if you get it wrong, you get nothing. Are you ready?

Eddie Yes, ready.

Host OK, for \$12,800, it's better to exercise in the morning than in the afternoon.

Eddie Uh...uh...

Host Quickly, Eddie, your time is almost up.

Eddie I think it's false, but I'm not sure. I want to call a friend.

Host OK, Eddie. So, who do you want to call?

Eddie Sandra.

Host Is she your girlfriend?

Eddie Yes, she is.

Host OK, then. Hello, is this Sandra?

Sandra Yes, it is.

Host I'm calling from *Quiz Night*. Eddie needs some help. You have 30 seconds, Eddie. Here she is.

Eddie Hi. Sandra?

Sandra Yes.

Eddie Listen. It's the last question. "It's better to exercise in the morning than in the afternoon." True or false? I think it's false.

Sandra Uh, I think it's true. I always see people running in the park in the morning...

Eddie Google it. Quickly. On your phone.

Sandra What do I put in?

Eddie That sentence and see what comes up! "It's better to exercise in the morning than in the afternoon." Come on!

Sandra OK, I'm typing it. Oh sorry, I just got a message.

Eddie Hurry up, Sandra!

Host Time's up, I'm afraid. OK, Eddie. So, true or false?

Eddie Uh. True.

Host Final answer?

Eddie Final answer. True.

Host I'm sorry, Eddie, it's false. It's better to exercise in the afternoon, between 4:00 and 5:00. Eddie, you had \$6,400, but now you go home with...nothing.

Eddie Why did I call Sandra? Why didn't I call my friend Dave?

10.10

Interviewer Gunnar, can you give us a quick update on your trip?

Gunnar OK, so we left Istanbul 20 minutes late, at 1:30 in the morning – not a good start. But we arrived in Casablanca more or less on time. We visited the mosque at 4:30 in the morning. We couldn't go inside though – we just saw it from the outside! Then we went back to the airport and flew to Paris. When we arrived, we rushed outside and took some photos, and then went back in to a different terminal. It was really stressful, the most stressful part of the trip – but we got to the gate just in time for our flight to Punta Cana. When we got there, we went to a beach that was about 12 miles from the airport, and we relaxed there for a little bit, and then went back to the airport and got our flight to Caracas. And we arrived here at 10:00 at night, and we officially entered the country at 10:15. So – five continents in one day! We did it!

10.12

If you're thinking of taking a vacation or traveling somewhere nice, the planning can be complicated. The internet is full of reviews of hotels, restaurants, and attractions. There are so many different ways of traveling, and thousands of places to go. Where do you start? Why not follow these three simple steps to find the right vacation for you.

Step 1. Think about what you want to do on your vacation. The first thing people usually try to decide is *where* they want to go, but it's probably

better to start by thinking about *what* you want to do. Do you want to relax? Then think about *how* you relax. For example, do you like reading, or doing yoga, or do you like doing something more active? Do you want to go somewhere completely different? Do you want to visit an exciting new city, or see some scenery and animals that are different from where you live? Seeing something completely new is a great way to forget about your normal life. Do you want to go on an adventure? Perhaps you're dreaming about climbing Everest or living with an African tribe. You could use your vacation to make one of those dreams come true. Do you want to learn something new? Not everybody wants to sit in a classroom learning Spanish or be in a kitchen learning to cook when they're on vacation, but some people love it. And nowadays, you can take courses in many countries and experience a different culture at the same time.

So now, Step 2. Think about the people you're going to go with. Are they family or friends? Do they have children? What do they want to do? People have different needs and interests, and if you're all going to enjoy the vacation, you need to make sure you all want the same things. But if what you really want to do is to meet new people, maybe it would be better to travel alone.

And finally, Step 3. Think about good vacations you had in the past. Why were they good? Maybe it was the people you were with. Maybe it was something you learned, or an experience you had. What can you repeat from those vacations? Of course, there are always other things you need to consider, like how much money you can spend, and how much time you can be away. But first, follow these three steps, and then you're ready to start thinking about where you want to go!

10.15

Part 2

Jane Well, I have a problem with my boyfriend. We argue all the time. I'm not sure that he loves me. I want to know if we're going to stay together.

Jim Please choose five cards, but don't look at them...Ah, this is a good card. This means you're going to be very lucky.

Jane But am I going to stay with my boyfriend?

Jim Maybe...We need to look at the other cards first.

10.17

Part 4

Jim Now I can see everything clearly. You're going to leave your boyfriend and go away with the other man, with Jim...to another country. And very soon, you're going to get married.

Jane Married? To Jim! But am I going to be happy with him?

Jim You're going to be very happy together. I'm sure of it.

Jane Oh no, look at the time. I'm going to be late for work.

11.4

The first thing that I really noticed when I arrived here was how incredibly friendly the people are. The "ticos" – that's what they're called – are much friendlier than people from my home country. They always say *buenos días* to you, even if they don't know you. And if something's good, like a beautiful day or a good meal, they say *pura vida*, which I love. It literally means "pure life," but I think it really means "things are great," or something like that. One thing that can be difficult though, their sense of time is completely different from ours – they call it "tico time." If they have an appointment at, let's say, seven in the evening, they probably leave home

at seven o'clock, so they're always late. Luckily, my school works on what they call "British time," so classes start punctually!

Another thing that surprised me was the weather. I thought Costa Rica was hot and sunny all the time. That's true in the dry season, and the temperature's about 77 degrees all year round, but in the rainy season, especially in September and October, it rains really heavily for maybe two hours a day. Really amazing rain, nothing like at home.

Everyone told me that the scenery was beautiful in Costa Rica, but it was even more beautiful than I expected. Incredible animals, birds, trees – and volcanoes. Some of them are active and smoke quietly, and then suddenly there's a big bang and they start erupting. I was very frightened the first time it happened.

What else? Uh, I thought that life here was going to be very cheap, but in fact, food is very expensive, especially imported food. The only thing that's cheap is fruit, vegetables, and coffee – wonderful, wonderful coffee. And the fruit and vegetables are very different from what we have at home. One day, I went to a market and I didn't recognize any of the fruit.

I like San José. I don't feel that it's dangerous, but it probably is. A colleague of mine was in a taxi the other day, and the taxi driver robbed him of his money! And the roads are terrible, especially in the rain! But in general, I love it here.

11.11

A I What kind of phone do you have?

A I have an iPhone.

I How old is it?

A Uh, about two years old.

I How often do you change phones?

A Not very often, I would say. I like to, uh, I'm not particularly worried about having the latest phone. I just want one that works well. Uh, I usually keep my phone about four years – if I don't lose it, that is.

I What do you use your phone for the most?

A Probably the internet. And messaging. Things like Snapchat, Facebook Messenger.

I So you don't use it much to actually talk to people?

A No, I don't.

I What other apps do you use a lot?

A I use the weather one a lot. And I have a couple of games I like playing. And Skype. I use Skype from time to time to talk to my brother because he lives in Toronto.

I Do you have any unusual apps that you sometimes use?

A I have one to track the food that I eat, but I don't use it every day. And I have a photo-editing app.

B I What kind of phone do you have?

B An Android smartphone. A Samsung, uh, Galaxy, I think.

I Is it new?

B About six months old.

I How often do you change phones?

B About every two to three years.

I What do you use it for the most?

B Receiving phone calls from other people, or looking up things on the internet.

I What apps do you have that you use a lot?

B An online banking app. I use that a lot. Email, of course. And the Kindle app, the e-reader.

I Do you like reading on your phone?

B No, I prefer reading real books, paper books, but I always have my phone with me so there are lots of times like, on the bus or if I'm waiting for somebody, I can read a book on my phone.

I Do you have any unusual apps that you sometimes use?

B Uh, I have an app so I can order a taxi from my local taxi company.

C I What kind of phone do you have?

C An iPhone.

I How often do you change your phone?

C When my contract lets me upgrade it, which is, I don't know, every two or three years.

I What do you use your phone for the most?

C Uh, email, text messages, internet, and phone, I mean, talking. In that order.

I What apps do you use a lot?

C Apart from mail and Google, you mean?

I Yes.

C Uh, Twitter, uh, CNN news, and various transportation apps for buying train tickets or seeing what time they are.

I Do you have any unusual apps that you sometimes use?

C I have a "night sky" app. If it's a starry night, I sometimes use that. You point your phone at the sky and it tells you the names of the stars and planets and things.

12.6

A Yes, I have. I drive a lot for my job, several hours a day, and I like listening to books – it's much better than listening to the radio. I probably listen to a couple of books every week.

B Yes, I've seen *Blade Runner* at least ten times. It's a really great movie, I never get tired of it, I always notice something new.

C No, never. I've definitely fallen asleep watching TV, but never at the movies.

D Yes, I have. When I'm stressed, I sit on the couch with my blanket, turn on Netflix, and spend the evening watching my favorite TV show, *Parks and Recreation*. I can easily watch four or five episodes one after the other.

E No, I haven't. It usually takes me a long time to finish a book, so I never read them again.

F Yes, I bought the soundtrack of *Catching Fire*, you know, *The Hunger Games*, after I saw the movie. It has some amazing music: Coldplay, Imagine Dragons, Christina Aguilera.

12.7

Alison Let's go out for dinner next Saturday. We can celebrate the end of the semester.

Brett Good idea. Where?

Alison Let's try somewhere new, somewhere that we haven't been to before.

Brett Yeah, good idea.

Clare How about that Indian restaurant near the train station, Curry Up?

Joe Curry Up? I've been there. It wasn't very good.

Clare OK. Joe says it's not great. What about Chinese then? Somebody told me The Great Wall is very good.

Alison Yeah, I haven't been there, but people say it's great.

Joe The Great Wall? I've been there. I went there last week. It's good, but I don't really want to go again.

Brett Well, there's a new Thai place, Thai-Chi. It opened just recently.

Joe Thai-Chi? I've been there, too. I went on Wednesday.

Alison Well, I don't know. Have you been to Mexican Wave?

Joe Mexican Wave? Yes, I have.

Alison When did you go there?

Joe Last month. I went for dinner with people from work.

Alison The Acropolis? That Greek place?

Brett I'm sure Joe's been there!

Joe No, I haven't. I haven't been to The Acropolis. But it closed a few months ago.

Brett Oh, this is ridiculous!

Alison OK, Joe, here's the answer. You cook dinner for us!

