

UNIT 1

Exercise 11, parts 1 and 2

Andy and Ed

A = Andy E = Ed

A Hey Ed, aren't you getting married soon?

E Yeah, next month.

A Are you nervous?

E Yes, definitely. It's a big step. You're a happily married man. What's your secret for a happy marriage?

A No big secret. It's love. We just fell in love.

E So ..., was it love at first sight?

A Nearly. I was just 21 and at this boring party. I wanted to leave then I saw this girl – Janice – come into the room with a friend.

E Another girl?

A No, a boy. He was a friend but not a boyfriend, if you know what I mean. At least that's what she told me. I could see she was bored with him. Anyway, our eyes met, and she just walked over. We chatted all evening till the party finished at midnight, and it all started from there really.

E What happened to the 'boyfriend'?

A I have no idea. I never saw him again. The best thing was that when we talked we discovered that we had, and still have, so many things in common.

E Like what?

A Well, music of course. She's a great singer, and I play the guitar.

E Oh, of course, you two do gigs together.

A Well, now we have the kids we don't do as many gigs as before.

E Oh, yes, you have twins, don't you? Wow!

A Yeah ... It was really difficult when we first had the twins. Janice couldn't travel abroad with me on work trips any more. I felt bad about going away, but she was really good about it.

E Huh! Marriage! There's lots to think about.

A Are you having a big wedding?

E Huge! 200 people!

A Good luck, Ed. I'm sure it'll be a fantastic day. Just try to enjoy it. I enjoyed my wedding a lot. It was small but really romantic.

Exercise 12, part 1

- 1 car
- 2 foot
- 3 fun
- 4 cat
- 5 mean
- 6 work
- 7 win
- 8 walk

Exercise 12, part 2

- 1 too
- 2 meat
- 3 four
- 4 son
- 5 board
- 6 peace

Exercise 12, part 3

- 1 I have two sons.
- 2 I like your new shoes.
- 3 I work until five o'clock every day.
- 4 Would you like a piece of cake with your coffee?
- 5 I'm bored. I want to go home.
- 6 I don't eat meat.

UNIT 2

Exercise 10, parts 1 and 2

The best things in life are free

K = Kirstie F = Fiona N = Nigel

B = Ben

K Mum, muum, can I have a new ...?

F No, you can't. Nothing else today. You're always asking for things.

N Sssh Kirstie, you can't have everything you want when you want it. We can't afford it. Come on now, let's think of some of the things we have in our family that are free. What's the best thing for you, Ben?

B Er- What's the best free thing? I know, it's my dog

K It's my dog too ...

B OK, it's our dog, Boris. He's the nicest member of our family. He cost nothing because he came from the dogs' home. He's the best thing because, em ... I love taking him for walks. I love the crazy way he runs around the park and the fields.

K I love him too. I love the way he just loves us. Do you all want to know what my best free thing is?

B Huh! I'm sure you'll tell us.

K Well, it's Amy.

N and F Aaah! How nice. We all love Amy.

K But I think she loves me best! And I love her because she always laughs when she sees me, and she holds out her hands for me to pick her up. And her first word

was my name, she says 'K, K, K'.

B That's the only word she says. She says it for everything and everyone.

K No, she doesn't. She ...

B SSh Kirst! What about you dad? What's your best free thing?

N That's easy. All day long I work in the dirty, noisy city, among crowds of people ... so my best thing is when we all go walking in the countryside at the weekend.

K I hate walking!

N I know you do ... but it's good to do things for others. The reason I love it is ... well, it makes me so happy when we go for walks as a family and take Boris and a picnic. I love eating outdoors. Food tastes better.

K Oh, yeah, I love the picnics. What about you mum?

F Ooh, there are lots of things I like that don't cost anything. There's my family of course – er no, perhaps not, they cost a lot – 'specially you Kirstie.

K That's not fair I don't.

B Sssh! Go on mum.

F Let's see ... what do I like? I know -er, the first signs of spring because I love to see the trees turning green and the garden coming into life after winter. I find it exciting every year. Oh ... and sunsets. That's another thing I love. There's nothing more beautiful than a glorious red sunset at the end of the day.

K Boring!

N Don't be rude Kirstie! I think your mother and I like the same kind of things. One day you'll change your mind. The best things aren't always the things you buy.

Exercise 13, part 1

works
plays
buses
Pete's
Peter's
loves
watches
wants
runs
languages
relaxes
hates
Anna's

Rick's
George's
tickets
starts
teachers
flats
clothes
pieces
rains
Henry's
goes
finishes

Exercise 13, part 2

- 1 Ann's sister finishes work at 3.00 on Mondays.
- 2 It always rains on Sundays.
- 3 Rick's mother speaks six languages.
- 4 George's daughter loves clothes and horses.
- 5 Mary's boyfriend runs twenty miles over hills and fields.

UNIT 3

Exercise 3, part 2

- | | |
|-----------|--------|
| 1 paid | said |
| 2 saw | wore |
| 3 cut | put |
| 4 read | said |
| 5 heard | made |
| 6 could | stood |
| 7 broke | took |
| 8 ate | met |
| 9 won | ran |
| 10 caught | bought |

Exercise 9

Someone stole my bag!

P = Policeman M = Margot Clements

P Good morning, Madam. Can I help you?

M Oh Yes. Hello officer. Oh dear, it's terrible. I'm still shaking.

P Now try and calm down and tell me what happened.

M OK. I'll try. Well I was walking along the High Street and -er I was hot so I took off my jacket and er ... I was carrying it in my right hand, I think, no, it was my left hand, yes, my left, and then suddenly my mobile phone rang. I heard it ring but I couldn't find it in my bag and ...

P Now, please slow down and first tell me your name and address?

M Oh sorry. It's Mrs Clements, Margot Clements, and I live at 13 Marlins Close, Potten End.

P Thank you Mrs Clements. Now, you were carrying your jacket and you were looking for your phone in your bag, yes?

M Yes. Oh, and it's a new phone. I only got it two days ago.

P Could you please tell me what happened?

M Of course, sorry. Mmmm I couldn't find my phone so I stopped walking and put my bag on a bench to have a proper look. I wasn't holding my bag, 'cos my jacket was in the other hand, and my mobile, it was ... it was still ringing, -er and then suddenly there was this man, he was walking towards me and as he passed he picked up my bag and ran off. Oh, it was awful ... He took my bag, my mobile ... it was still ringing ... he took everything. It all happened so quickly.

P I know, these things are very upsetting. Did you see the man? What did he look like?

M Well, unfortunately I didn't get a good look. It was all so quick, but I think he was quite young – about 18 or 20 and he had long brown hair.

M Did you see what he was wearing?

M Mmmmm. I think he was wearing blue jeans and a t-shirt – a red T-shirt, I think.

P And ... what time did the incident occur?

M Oh! It happened 20 minutes ago at 1 o'clock.

P Could you describe your bag please and tell me what's in it?

M It's quite big -er not very big. It's grey and black with lots of pockets – that's why I couldn't find my phone – too many pockets! My purse was in the bag – it's blue – and there was £50 in it ... er ... and my driving licence. Oh dear! And my house keys! They were in the bag too!

P Well Margot, it's your lucky day! Someone handed in a handbag fitting that description just 10 minutes ago. The thief obviously dropped it as he was running away. But please be more careful in future. Keep a tight hold of your bag.

M Oh thank you officer. That's fantastic!
What a relief.

Exercise 10, part 1

- 1 father
- 2 thinks
- 3 wash
- 4 watch
- 5 Asian
- 6 just
- 7 English

Exercise 10, part 2

weather
shop
thirty
drink
brother
thing
measure
catch
revision
teacher
station
danger
sure
January
Chocolate
wrong

UNIT 4

Exercise 11

My favourite kind of meal

Dave

My favourite food is my mum's home cooking. I like everything she makes, but the thing I miss most when I'm away from home is mum's roast dinner on a Sunday. It's my favourite because my mum's Sunday dinners are the best in the world. She always cooks a roast – lamb, pork, chicken – but my favourite is roast beef with roast potatoes and Yorkshire pudding and usually a green vegetable – broccoli, I don't like that so much, or peas – I like peas – and then some of her delicious gravy poured over it all. Fabulous!

Sally

My favourite food is egg and tomato sandwiches ... BUT ... I only like them when I go for picnics in the summer. I like them so much because I love eating food

outdoors – when you're in the countryside, sitting in a field or by a river, it tastes fantastic whatever it is. But egg and tomato sandwiches taste best of all. They're simple and delicious. Just chopped eggs and tomatoes mixed with a bit of mayonnaise and some salt and pepper in white sliced bread. Yummy! It's no good eating them in the house or in the garden. They only taste good in the open air in the summer sunshine.

Freddie

I know it's terrible ... but ... my favourite meal is hamburgers and chips. And I only like the hamburgers from places like McDonalds and Burger King. I think it's because I ate so many when I was a kid. I loved them then and I still do! I really love the Big Mac with all the trimmings – a big juicy burger, cheese, gherkins and some salad, not a lot, and a big portion of chips with ketchup. I go to a McD's two or three times a week. I don't tell my girlfriend – she thinks I'm mad!

Lizzie

I learnt to cook my favourite meal when I was living in East Africa – a delicious chicken curry! I had friends from all over the world there, but I worked with two Asian sisters, and their mum was a fantastic cook. When I tasted her curry I couldn't believe how good it was, so the girls asked their mum to show me how to make it. You mix lots of spices with garlic, a little tomato paste and yoghurt – the chicken cooks in this with fried onions and potatoes on top. You eat it with boiled rice. I still make it when I have friends for supper. It's my favourite because it doesn't taste like the curries in Indian restaurants. It's quite different. Everyone loves it.

Exercise 15, part 1

- 1 steak
- 2 Coke
- 3 pie
- 4 cow
- 5 toy
- 6 beer
- 7 pear
- 8 more

Exercise 15, part 2

- | | |
|---------|-------|
| 1 steak | cake |
| 2 phone | grown |
| 3 wine | sign |

- | | |
|--------|-------|
| 4 loud | crowd |
| 5 oil | boil |
| 6 near | here |
| 7 hair | care |
| 8 poor | sure |

Exercise 15, part 3

- 1 I'd like a rare steak, please.
- 2 Can I have four ripe pears?
- 3 Five more beers, a white wine, and a Coke, please.
- 4 A slice of white bread goes well with mild cheese.
- 5 I like the same meal every day – olive oil, potatoes, and soy sauce.

UNIT 5

Exercise 11, part 1

- | | |
|---------|-------|
| 1 won't | want |
| 2 work | walk |
| 3 chip | cheap |
| 4 live | leave |
| 5 fill | feel |
| 6 can | can't |
| 7 full | fell |
| 8 hurt | hit |

Exercise 11, part 2

- 1 How do you feel today?
- 2 I want a drink.
- 3 Can I have a chip?
- 4 Would you like to go for a walk?
- 5 Don't ask him. He won't help you.
- 6 It's a very cheap restaurant.
- 7 The music's very loud. I can't hear you.
- 8 I need to fill the car with petrol.
- 9 Where do you work?
- 10 Please don't leave me!
- 11 I live in a cottage near the sea.
- 12 I fell down the stairs.
- 13 I hit my head.
- 14 I hurt my leg.
- 15 My suitcase is full.
- 16 I can speak Portuguese very well.

Exercise 14, parts 1 and 2

Frankie Meazza, 17

I lived with my mum until she married again. I didn't get on with my stepdad, we fought all the time, so I left. At first I slept in friends' houses but then I got a place in this hostel. It's really OK here, not too bad

at all. I have lots of new friends and I'm now studying for my exams. I really want to make something of my life. I'd really like to be a mechanic and work with cars. Cars are my passion. I'm learning to drive at the moment. I'm thinking of joining the army. That's because you get good training in the army, but it's not easy to get in. I'm going to try though.

Isabel Blair, 18

A few years ago, when I was about 14 or 15, my mum and dad were really worried about me. I was so lazy. I just wanted to be with my friends all the time and I didn't do my schoolwork. But Mum and dad were cool, they didn't get angry. Dad just said 'You're a bright girl but a silly girl. You're throwing away your chances.' And finally I thought OK, he's right so, I started to work hard and now I've got good exam results. I don't know what I want to study yet so I'm going to give myself a year to think about it. I have cousins in Canada so I'm going stay with them for a few months. I'd like to get a job over there if I can. My uncle owns and runs two care homes in Toronto for retired people. I hope to work there. I'm really looking forward to going.

James Owen, 17

I know exactly what I want to do. You see, my dad died four years ago, when I was 13. He was ill for a couple of years – it was a really difficult time. But the doctors and nurses were so wonderful looking after him that I decided that I wanted to be a doctor. I'm studying for my final school exams at the moment I hope to do well, my teachers say that they think I will. If I get good grades I'm going to Newcastle University to study medicine. It's a long and difficult course and a lot of my friends can't imagine studying for six more years but I really want to do it. I know I can. I'd like to be a surgeon eventually. I want to make my mum proud – she says she's proud already. She says, 'Go for it, James. You'll be a great doctor.' She's lovely, my mum.

UNIT 6

Exercise 10, parts 1 and 2

Visiting London

A We're from Australia. It's our first time in London. We arrived a week ago, and I

think we know London pretty well already.

- B** Nah, not really – we know the tourists' spots. London's a huge city – we only know the centre.
- A** Well, we thought a bus tour was the best way to start so we took a tour of all the best-known landmarks. It was called The Big Bus Tour. It was open top and we sat upstairs and ...
- B** It didn't rain thank goodness, but it was cold on top of that bus.
- A** Yeah, but we saw so much – it was amazing, we saw all these places that you know about from pictures and on TV and in the movies. We began at Piccadilly Circus and ...
- B** Yeah, the Statue of Eros was a lot smaller than I thought.
- A** Yeah it was but I thought it was cute. There were lots of people sitting round it on the steps. You know they say if you stand in Piccadilly Circus long enough you'll meet nearly everyone you ever knew.
- B** I don't believe that ...
- A** Well that's what they say. Next stop was Trafalgar Square – Nelson's Column was as big as I expected.
- B** Yeah, it was. Lots of people sitting round there too.
- A** And I loved the drive down the Mall to Buckingham Palace. But the flag wasn't up so we knew the Queen wasn't there.
- B** She was probably in one of her other palaces. I think she has a few.
- A** I liked Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament. Big Ben was big and it was striking eleven when we drove past. What did you think of Big Ben?
- B** Yeah, good but I liked the London Eye more, it's right by the river there. We're going on it tomorrow.
- A** You get the best views in London from the Eye.
- B** I read that, and I also read that 4 million people a year go on it. It's the most popular tourist attraction.
- A** Really? More popular than the museums and galleries?
- B** Yup.
- A** But do you know what I liked best?
- B** Seeing Westminster Abbey where Prince William and Kate married?
- A** That was interesting, but best for me are

the parks. We have a Hyde Park in Sydney, Australia, and I love the one in London too. There are parks everywhere so when you just can't walk another step seeing the sights, you can sit down on a bench or some grass in the park.

B Well, you can if it's not raining. Yeah, I liked the parks too.

Exercise 12, part 1

beautiful
Japanese
romantic
ambitious
interesting
expensive
magazine
difficult
sociable
wonderful
afternoon
successful
apartment
surprising
customer
religious
understand
important
delicious
yesterday
Mexican

Exercise 12, part 2

- 1 We had a delicious meal in a Japanese restaurant.
- 2 Jennifer didn't understand the religious ceremony.
- 3 Christopher has a beautiful apartment in America.
- 4 The president of Portugal is a very important person.
- 5 Jonathon is a successful businessman in Switzerland.
- 6 Patricia is a journalist for a Mexican magazine.

UNIT 7

Exercise 11, parts 1–3

Till death us do part

Ethel and Norman

I = Interviewer **E** = Ethel
N = Norman

- I** Congratulations on your golden wedding anniversary!
- E** Thank you so much ...
- N** Well, thank you. It makes us feel very proud to say we've been married for 50 years.
- E** Times goes so fast. When you're first married, a year seems a long time. But then you have kids, the kids grow up, and suddenly they've left home ...
- I** Was that difficult? When it was just the two of you ...?
- E** Oh, no. We've always been best friends, so we have lots of things to do together.
- I** Do you ever argue about anything? You know, have a few bad words ...?
- N** Sure we have arguments! But then we say sorry.
- I** Tell me ... where did you two meet?
- N** We met at a dance, on a Saturday night ...
- E** I saw this good-looking boy on the other side of the room ...
- N** Oh, I saw her as soon as she walked in. It took me a while to ask her to dance.
- E** We started going out together, and two years later we got married.
- I** And ... where did you live?
- E** We bought a house – a lovely semi-detached with a nice garden – and we've lived in the same area all our married life.
- I** Wow! So you've never moved away?
- N** No, we've always lived around here.
- E** He's the only boyfriend I ever had, and he's the only man I've ever loved.
- N** You daft old thing!

Shirley Meldon

I = Interviewer S = Shirley

- I** I'm sorry that you and Bruce didn't make your golden wedding anniversary ...
- S** That's all right. It's been a couple of years now ... Bruce died two years ago, so I've ... I've been on my own now for two years. It was very difficult at first.
- I** How long ... were you married?
- S** We were married for 48 years, so that's not bad, is it?
- I** It's very good!
- S** We were childhood sweethearts. We met at school when we were both sixteen, and he was the only man I ever loved.
- I** 48 years ... is an awfully long time. What do you think is the secret of a good

- marriage?
- S** It's easy. You keep trying. Don't give in! Every marriage has its ups and downs.
- I** Did you argue? Did you and Bruce ever have arguments ...?
- S** No, we didn't. We never had an argument about anything. Not once.
- I** That's incredible! How have you found living without Bruce? You said it was hard ...
- S** It was awful. I can't tell you how hard it was. But time goes by, and each day, each month gets a little easier.
- I** And you've moved house!
- S** Yes. We lived in a cottage near the sea, and it was beautiful. But it was too big for just me. So I've moved to a flat in a small town. It's much more convenient. It isn't as pretty, but it's better for someone my age.
- I** Well, you look fantastic to me!
- S** Thank you! That's so kind!

Exercise 12

I = Interviewer N = Norman

E = Ethel

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- N** We met at a dance, on a Saturday night ...
- E** I saw this good-looking boy on the other side of the room ...
- N** Oh, I saw her as soon as she walked in. It took me a while to ask her to dance ...
- E** We started going out together, and two years later we got married.
- I** And ... where did you live?
- E** We bought a tiny cottage in a village, and we've lived in the same area all our married life.
- I** Wow! So you've never moved away?
- N** No, we've always lived around here.
- E** He's the only boyfriend I've ever had, and he's the only man I've ever loved.
- E** You daft old thing!

UNIT 8

Exercise 11

The train driver

I = Interviewer S = Sue

- I** Sue, how long have you been a train driver?

- S** I've been a driver now for over 4 years.
- I** Do you earn a good salary?
- S** I earn about £37,000 a year. That's without Sundays. If I work Sundays I get paid more!!
- I** What's the best thing about the job?
- S** It's obvious. I love trains, and it's amazing earning money for driving them. But ... maybe the best part is the kids who wave from bridges or fields as we go past. They are so excited when they see the trains, especially if you sound your horn! I remember doing the same when I was small.
- I** Are there any disadvantages?
- S** The hours. I have to work a 35 hour week. But this is at different times. Sometimes I have to start work at 2 in the morning, but then I finish before lunch. Other days I have to start at 11 at night when the rest of the world is going to bed.
- I** How did you become a train driver?
- S** By accident. I was a shop manager at a clothes shop. I hated it. A friend's wife who worked for the railway said I should try that, so I did. I took a job as a ticket inspector! I loved it, and after 6 months a colleague told me that I should take the exam to be a driver – I passed and I never looked back!
- I** Do you meet any interesting people?
- S** Sometimes you meet famous people. I've met TV stars, and lots of politicians use the railway.
- I** Do you have to wear a uniform?
- S** Yes, I do, and it's awful, really awful, but it has to be really ... you can't look like an air hostess if you have to climb in and out of trains.
- I** Is it difficult for a woman in what is usually a man's job?
- S** It's OK. Of course most of the drivers are men, but we're all good friends. Sometimes they make fun of me, but I give as good as I get!
- I** What's your advice to young women who are interested in the job?
- S** There are now quite a few female drivers, but we need more. So, I'd say 'go for it' if you are interested, but don't think that it's going to be a glamorous job. It's exciting but not glamorous ... you'll probably hate the uniform! But it's a great job and the money isn't bad

either!

Exercise 13, part 1

- 1 friend
- 2 learn
- 3 war
- 4 good
- 5 food
- 6 free
- 7 kind
- 8 cake
- 9 now

Exercise 13, part 2

- | | |
|----------|--------|
| 1 word | bird |
| 2 bread | said |
| 3 height | white |
| 4 beat | meet |
| 5 ball | Paul |
| 6 should | wood |
| 7 find | signed |
| 8 soon | June |
| 9 crowd | loud |

Exercise 13, part 3

- | | |
|---------|---------|
| 1 sort | fourth |
| 2 hurt | world |
| 3 fruit | through |
| 4 mine | height |
| 5 slow | joke |

UNIT 9

Exercise 7

Things we never said

P = Peter A = Amanda

P Hello, Amanda.

A Peter!

P I'm surprised you recognized me.

A Really? Have you moved back here?

P Good heavens no. I work in London now. I've come back for my dad's 70th birthday. He's having a huge party.

A That's great. I'm sure it'll be a lot of fun.

P And your parents? Are they well?

A Fine. They're excited about my sister's wedding tomorrow. That's why I'm back in town.

P That's nice. Are you in a hurry?

A No, not really.

P Well, let's go for a coffee.

A So, Peter. Did you travel the world?

P Ah no, I didn't. I studied law instead. I'm a lawyer.

A Do you enjoy it?

P Yes, I do. And what about you? Do you still paint? I loved your paintings.

A I haven't painted anything for years. I've just had a few temporary jobs in offices. Oh Peter, I don't know why I left you that day.

P It's OK. We were very young, too young. It happens. People break up.

A Yes, you're right. Well, I must go. I have to help mum with the flowers for the wedding. Goodbye Peter.

P Bye, Amanda. Nice to see you.

Exercise 10, part 1

- heat
earth
team
bread
great
mean
fear

- bear
health
bean
steak
read (past)
pear
head
year
earn
read (present)

Exercise 10, part 2

- | | |
|----------|--------|
| 1 dear | clear |
| 2 pear | earth |
| 3 health | wealth |
| 4 learn | mean |
| 5 wear | bear |
| 6 great | meat |
| 7 meat | steak |
| 8 break | beard |
| 9 fear | bread |
| 10 dead | head |
| 11 learn | pear |
| 12 year | team |

UNIT 10

Exercise 8, parts 1 and 2

Internet dating disasters

1 Cathy's story: Too good to be true

This was last summer. I was bored, and I was at home with the parents before going back to music college so, I thought I'd like to try internet dating.

I started emailing this guy called Tim, and he seemed just fine online. We had some pretty good conversations on the phone as well. After a few days we arranged a first date – a meal in an expensive French restaurant. It sounded good. I couldn't wait.

So date night came and he arrived in this fabulous car. Now, here is the only good part, he was better looking than his photograph. He was really good-looking, film-star good looks. But ... then he started driving – so fast. And he began shouting, 'Go, go, go!' and swearing. There was no conversation just loud rock music as we raced along. He'd told me, before we met, that he loved Vivaldi and the classics. LIAR!

The rest of the night was just more

speeding, more awful loud music. There was no French restaurant. He took me to a drive-through, a Wendy's Hamburger place, and he had a huge hamburger. I didn't want anything. He said, 'Come on! It's the best. It's real "cowboy food".'

I told him to take me home. And thank goodness he did. Never again. He lied about everything.

2 Michelle's story: Nightmare meeting

I was chatting online to this guy for about 6 months. I felt that we were actually falling in love. We sent lots of photos of each other and soon were talking and texting everyday. Finally we decided to meet in a hotel bar. I didn't want to go alone so I took my sister.

We walked into the bar and I was shocked. The person smiling at me from the bar didn't look like the person in the photos. He was a guy in his early 50s. He was wearing a pair of shorts, tennis shoes and a football shirt with a baseball cap turned backwards, I was horrified and he had thick, round glasses. I couldn't believe it. Then he said, 'I've got something to show you. Look at these.' And he got out some pictures of his wife and family, 'Aren't my kids the cutest?'. My sister and I looked at each other, said nothing, turned, and ran out of the bar. It was wonderful to be outside – we couldn't stop laughing all the way home. I'm so glad she came with me.

3 Adrian's story: It wasn't in the stars

I posted an ad, really just for fun. One reply seemed interesting. I responded, and we chatted online for a while, and then on the phone. The normal 'getting to know you' stuff. Eventually, we arranged a date. Just a movie and maybe dinner. Well, she looked OK, quite pretty and we had fun at the movie, and decided to go for a meal and chat some more. It was here it started to go wrong. I found out that she also talks to my cousin online, and all she wanted to do was to talk about him. Not only was she talking about another guy, but one related to me! I was a bit annoyed. But, after the meal we talked some more and then walked to a nice park with a wonderful view of the river. She said 'Isn't this romantic?' Then she asked me about my birthday. 'That's nice,' I

thought ... but she became really quiet and suddenly she said: 'I don't think we can see each other again.' I didn't understand. 'Why not?' 'Because I'm a Scorpio and you're a Gemini. It won't work.' Well, I sometimes read my horoscope but I don't use it to see who to date!

So that was it. The end. But note this, she did eventually date my cousin. He's a Virgo.

4 Shona's story: Mr Ego

A guy called Michael responded to my ad. He sent a picture of a nice-looking man in his 20s. We chatted on the phone a bit. He said he was a 'world famous artist and author.' So, I tried to look him up on the Internet. I couldn't find any information about him. But I was a little bored so I decided to meet him for dinner and drinks during the week. He picked a really expensive restaurant. He arrived late. He came towards me saying, 'Darling, I'm so sorry. I had a meeting with my publisher.' He was about thirty years older than his picture – at least 60, I'd say. The service was slow, and as we waited and waited he talked and talked about ... himself. I was told about all the beautiful young models who wanted him, and all the famous people he knew in the art and music industry. I was surprised that there was room at that table for me and his ego, truly.

At the end of the meal, he turned to me and said, 'You weren't nearly as boring as I thought you would be.' Harrumph! I had eaten well so I smiled sweetly, said 'thank you very much' and walked out of the restaurant into the lovely rain.

Exercise 11, part 1

- 1 know
- 2 listen
- 3 climb
- 4 island
- 5 foreign
- 6 farm
- 7 walk
- 8 wrong
- 9 autumn
- 10 could
- 11 sandwich
- 12 daughter

Exercise 11, part 2

- 1 walk
- 2 farm
- 3 island
- 4 could
- 5 climb
- 6 autumn
- 7 foreign
- 8 listen
- 9 sandwich

UNIT 11

Exercise 12, parts 1 and 2

My kind of music

A = Amy M = Mum

A Mmmm, I like having the same name as Amy Winehouse. It was so sad when she died. She was only 27, and she had such a fabulous singing voice.

M She did. It seems pop stars often die young. Look what happened to Brian Jones!

A Who was he?

M He was one of the Rolling Stones. He drowned in a swimming pool. That was years ago. He was 27 too.

A Poor guy! Do you still like the Stones, mum?

M Of course I do. They're my favourite group. They're still amazing after all these years.

A Yeah – they're even older than you are.

M Hey, they are all a lot older than me but I've always loved them and their music. They've been singing together for nearly 50 years. Imagine that! I can't believe that any of the groups you like today will be together in 50 years' time.

A Hmm! I can't begin to imagine anything 50 years from now. I'll be 65! Impossible!

M I once thought like that. Not any more.

A What were dad's favourite groups? Did he like the Stones?

M No, he's never been a Stones fan. He didn't like the Beatles much either. In fact your dad has never really liked pop music at all. He's more of a blues man. And jazz.

A Yeah, I know. I hate the music he plays in the car when he takes me to school.

It's all miserable blues stuff, you know, it kind of goes 'Oh, I'm so lonely and life is soooo bad and I can't find my socks in the morning. Oh miseryyyyy!' (Laughter)

M Mmm, Blues is a bit like that. It's the kind of music you either love or hate.

A Well, I hate it. I like all kinds of music but not the blues.

M Well, when you were very small we had to play your favourite children's songs all the time when we drove anywhere. If we put on any of our music you just screamed. The same songs again and again. It drove us crazy!

A Oooh, I remember all those songs. Hey, it's good that I'm such a well-behaved child now, isn't it mum?

M Well, I don't know about that.

A Come on! Let's sing one those songs now. It will cheer us up on a Monday morning. What was my favourite?

M It was Old Macdonald had a farm – over and over and over again.

A OK, then. Here we go, one two, three, ...
'Old Macdonald had a farm, e i e i oh!
And on that farm he had a -er ...

M -er a cow, e i e i oh

M and A 'With a moo, moo, here and a moo moo there. Here a moo, there a moo everywhere a moo, moo ...'

Exercise 13, part 1

- 1 fair
- 2 been
- 3 know
- 4 where
- 5 hear
- 6 wait
- 7 caught
- 8 piece

Exercise 13, part 2

- 1 would
- 2 blew
- 3 weak
- 4 through
- 5 rode
- 6 knows
- 7 by
- 8 sore

Exercise 13, part 3

- 1 I'm not very well. I've got a sore throat. I've been off work for a week, and I still

feel tired and weak.

- 2 I want to lose weight, so I won't have another piece of cake, thank you.
- 3 That's a lovely blue dress. Where did you buy it?
- 4 The boys rode their bikes along the road to school.
- 5 We walked through the dark wood then out into the lovely sun.
- 6 He threw the ball high into the air, and I caught it.

UNIT 12

Exercise 10, parts 1 and 2

The meaning of dreams

1 Robert

I had a terrible dream – a nightmare really. I dreamt I was riding a horse, and I've never ridden a horse in my life, so that was strange, but anyway, I was riding this large brown horse and I was being chased down the motorway by a police car with sirens blaring. nee naw, nee naw! I knew if they caught me it would be the end, and I galloped faster and faster, and the horse was out of control and then ... CRASH! I fell off into a field and I woke up shouting 'Where's my horse?' And I could hear my wife saying, 'Robert, you've never had a horse! Go back to sleep!'

2 Sonia

I dreamt I was walking through this house. It was my house, but it wasn't my house, if you know what I mean. So ... I went down the stairs, and I saw this door and I thought 'That's funny. I don't remember that door in my house. Anyway, I opened it, and it was a room I'd never seen before, and the light in it was really bright, but it wasn't sunlight. And in my dream I thought 'this is really strange – a new room in my house.' I liked the room. It made me feel good, but I can't remember what it looked like.

3 Harry

I have this dream often. I'm back at school, and I have a really important exam. As I walk into the exam room I realize that I haven't done any revision. In the dream I think maybe I'll be OK, I might know the answers but when I turn over the paper nothing makes sense. Then I wake up with my heart pounding and think 'Thank goodness it was just a dream'.

4 Lucy

This is my favourite dream. I have it a lot. I dream that I can fly. I just push down on my legs and go up, up into the air – as high as I want. Every time I come down I just push up again, and when I'm up there I look down on the world below, and it looks beautiful. It is such a wonderful feeling. I can fly over towns and villages. In my dream I always say to myself, 'This is so amazing. Why don't I do it more often? Why doesn't everyone do it?' I feel so disappointed when I wake up and realize that I can't.

Exercise 12

lottery
understand
wallet
envelope
president
advantage
decision
universe
agree
ambitious
direction
forever
system
ocean
accident
business
remember
practice
musician
programme
award
passionate
different
reply
happiness
divorced
entertain
become