

## UNIT 4 RECORDING 10

- 3 I'd like to nominate American Mark Zuckerberg for the Inspiration Award. He's the founder and president of Facebook. I want to nominate him because he's changed the way we live and how we communicate. And he's done all this while he's still a young adult.
- Zuckerberg's also done a lot for education. In 2010, he gave \$100 million to schools in Newark in the USA. He's very rich, so it's probably not a lot of money for him, but it still shows that he cares about other people. He's an excellent role model for young people everywhere, because he wanted to change the world – and he succeeded.

## UNIT 4 RECORDING 11

- 4 My nomination for the Inspiration Award is Aung San Suu Kyi. She's a politician and leader in Burma. She won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1991, but she's spent most of her life since then under house arrest.
- What's amazing about Aung San Suu Kyi is her courage and her strength. She's got strong principles and she inspires respect. Um, I think she deserves to win because she has led and inspired people for more than 20 years, even when she has been unable to walk outside of her front door.

## UNIT 4 RECORDING 12

- 5 My choice for the Inspiration Award is Jamie Foxx. Jamie is an American actor, singer-songwriter, comedian and radio show presenter. He's won many awards for his acting, including an Oscar for the film *Ray*, and his music has gone to the top of the charts in lots of different countries. He's one of only four artists to have won an Oscar and had a number one album in the USA.
- What's amazing about Jamie Foxx is the number of things that he is good at. Apart from all his performing skills, he's also a talented sportsman. I think he deserves to win because he is simply incredibly talented.

## UNIT 6 RECORDING 1

When Tamara Rabi met Adriana Scott at a local McDonald's® restaurant, their lives changed forever. 'I didn't know what to say except "hi". I was just so shocked – it was like seeing myself,' says Adriana. They were both students at neighbouring universities in Long Island, New York, and they had grown up only 30 kilometres apart. They shared a birthday, they were exactly the same height and both loved hip hop. But the most important thing they shared was the same Mexican mother. Both girls grew up knowing that their mother had given them up for adoption when they were born, but they had no idea that they had an identical twin. Then, Justin Lattore, a friend of Adriana's, went to Tamara's 20th birthday party. When he walked in and saw Tamara, he couldn't believe his eyes. 'I was just shocked – she looked so much like Adriana,' says Justin. Then it got clearer – they had to be sisters. In fact, Tamara had already noticed that strangers on her university campus often smiled and said hello, clearly mistaking her for someone else.

Following the birthday, Justin put the two girls in touch and they arranged the McDonald's meeting by email. 'As she came towards me, she was walking like me, talking like me,' says Tamara. 'We have the same mannerisms, the same interests and got the same grades at school,' adds Adriana. The girls even discovered that as children they had often had the same nightmare: of a really loud noise followed by a very quiet one. They had another sad factor in common. Both of their adoptive fathers had died a few years before they met.

Now the twins are finishing their studies, and they meet often. 'I feel she's my sister, but our relationship right now is more like friends,' says Tamara. She's optimistic and excited that their futures will be together: 'We will always have each other. We don't have any other brothers and sisters – we'll grow old together!'

## UNIT 6 RECORDING 2

- 1 She lived in Paris.
- 2 I'd left my umbrella at home.
- 3 I left my umbrella at home.
- 4 They sold all the tickets.
- 5 My uncle had reserved a table.
- 6 She'd lived in Paris.
- 7 They'd sold all the tickets.
- 8 My uncle reserved a table.

## UNIT 6 RECORDING 3

J = Josh    M = Maria    HZ = Hui Zhong    L = Liam

- J: A few years ago I had an argument with my girlfriend. She said that I was obsessed by work. As I was driving home, I turned on the radio and the first thing I heard were the lyrics 'She said it wasn't working, she told me she was leaving'. When I got home there was a voicemail from my girlfriend. She said that she didn't want to see me anymore. And that was the last I heard from her.
- M: My favourite coincidence story is about Mark Twain, the American author. He was born in 1835, two weeks after Halley's Comet appeared. In his autobiography, Twain said that he had come in with the comet and he expected to go out with it (Halley's Comet comes back every 76 years). Sure enough, Twain died in 1910, the day after the comet reappeared.
- HZ: A few months ago, I was thinking about an old friend from university. His name was Jung Xiu. He always said that we would get married one day. The next day I checked my email as usual. To my amazement, there was an email from Jung Xiu. He asked me if I was still living in Beijing and he told me what he was doing. He said he'd just had a dream about me and had found my email address online. We've met up a couple of times since then. Who knows, perhaps he was right after all!
- L: My friend and I from Thomas Abney Secondary School in South London did a gap year together when we were 18. We went to Australia and found a job in a small insurance office in Melbourne. It was really boring work but quite well paid. One day the manager said he was hiring another worker to help us. The next day a guy of about 20 walked into the office. He looked familiar. We asked him where he was from and he told us he was from South London. Then we asked him which school he'd gone to and he said Thomas Abney. We were so surprised. He'd been in the class two years above us.

## UNIT 6 RECORDING 4

- 1 Do you often tell jokes? Can you tell any jokes in English?
- 2 Do you have an elder brother or sister? Did he or she tell you what to do as a child?
- 3 Can you say hello, goodbye and thank you in four different languages?
- 4 If you hated your friend's hairstyle and she asked your opinion, would you tell the truth?
- 5 Can you tell me something about your last holiday?
- 6 In your family, do you usually say a prayer before meals?
- 7 Did your teachers in primary school tell you off a lot?
- 8 If you had a minor car accident and it was your fault, would you say sorry to the other driver?
- 9 Can you tell the difference between British and American English?
- 10 If one of your classmates was cheating in a test, would you say something to the teacher?
- 11 Do you think it's always wrong to tell lies? When is it acceptable?
- 12 If a homeless person asks you for money, do you usually say yes or no?