# **1 All Aboard**

The Southampton is cruising around the Mediterranean Sea. There are a lot of tourists on the ship. Most of them are English, but some of them are American, Australian, or Canadian. It's the sixth day of the cruise, and their ship is sailing from Genoa to Naples. All of the passengers and most of the crew are on deck for the Captain's party.

**A** Hello. My name's Charles Beatty. I'm from Chicago.

**B** Pleased to meet you. I'm Wendy Hillman.

**A** Where do you come from?

**B** I come from Stirling.

**A** Oh, where's that?

**B** It's in Scotland.

**C** What an awful party!

**D** Oh, do you think so?

**C** Yes, I do. Oh, by the way, my name's Green.

**D** My name's Nelson.

**C** I work in a bank. What do you do?

**D**. Well, I'm the captain of this ship. It's my party.

**C** Oh, I'm terribly sorry!

**E** Would you like another drink?

**F** Pardon?

**E** Would you like another drink?

**F** Oh, yes, please ... I'd like an orange juice.

**E** With ice?

**F** No, thanks.

# **2 Telephoning**

**A** Directory Enquiries. Which town, please?

**B** Oxford.

**A** What name, please?

**B** Oxford University Press. Walton Street.

**A** That's Oxford 56767.

**B** Thank you. Can you tell me the code for Oxford?

**A** 0865.

**B** Thanks. Goodbye.

**C** MacDonald and Company. ... Can I help you?

**D** I'd like to speak to Mr Walker, please.

**C** Mr Walker? Which department is he in?

**D** Accounts.

**C** Hold on ... trying to connect you ... all right ... you're through.

**F** Number, please?

**G** Oh, I'd like to make a transferred charge call.

**F** Where to?

**G** Stratford.

**F** What number?

**G** 17414.

**F** What's your name, please?

**G** Joan Fitzgerald.

**F** Can you spell that?

**G** F-i-t-z-g-e-r-a-l-d.

**F**.... and where are you calling from?

**G** 01-992-6636.

**F** Right. Hold the line, please.

**H** Who are you telephoning?

**I** Nobody.

**H** Well, why are you holding the phone?

**I** My watch has stopped.

**H** I don't understand!

**I** I'm phoning the 'speaking clock' ... listen ... (At the third stroke, it will be 8.52 and 30 seconds.)

# **3 Fizz is fantastic!**

**Ian Peters:** Let's meet Mrs Edna Campbell, from Glasgow. This is her kitchen, and on the table there are two piles of dirty clothes. Mrs Campbell's got three young children and she has to do a lot of washing. Now, we've got two identical 'British Electric' automatic washing machines in the kitchen. Mrs Campbell's going to wash this pile of clothes in new 'Fizz' detergent, and that pile in another well-known washing powder.

Now both machines are working, and Mrs Campbell's making us a cup of tea!

**Ian** Ah, both machines have stopped, and she's taken the clothes out of them. Well, Mrs Campbell! What do you think?

**Mrs C** Well, I've washed these clothes in 'Fizz' and those clothes in the other powder.

**Ian** Can you see any difference?

**Mrs C** Ah, yes! These clothes are much cleaner. And they're whiter and softer than the others.

**Ian** These clothes? You washed these clothes in new 'Fizz'!

**Mrs C** That's right... oh, it's much better than my usual powder. My clothes have never been cleaner than this!

**Ian** Well ... which powder are you going to buy next time?

**Mrs C** New 'Fizz', of course. It's the best powder I've ever used!

# **4 Olympic Report**

Good evening. It's 11.15 ... and it's time for 'Olympic Report'. Our report tonight is coming live by satellite from the Olympic Games.

**Swimming**

Good evening. Well, today's most important event was certainly the women's 200 metres freestyle. The American, Doris Kennedy, was first and got the gold medal. She swam the 200 metres in a new world record time of 1 minute 58 seconds. The U.S.A. won two gold medals yesterday, and three the day before, so in the first three days they've won six'golds'.

**Javelin**

This is Jack Lumber from Canada. This morning he won the men's javelin final. At his first attempt he threw the javelin over 100 metres. Nobody has ever done this before. Unfortunately there was nearly a terrible accident in the javelin event. Henry Fraser, the British competitor, slipped when he was throwing his javelin and it hit a judge in the foot. Luckily, it didn't hurt him.

**Gymnastics**

Here we are in the Olympic Gymnasium. Olga Ivanov, the fifteen year old Russian gymnast, has just finished her display. We're waiting for the results now.

And here's the result! She's got an average of 9.5 points. That's the best score today! Olga's won the gold medal!

**High jump**

We're just waiting for the last jumper. Ted Kelly, from Britain, is going to jump. The bar is at 2.30 metres.

Now he's beginning his final attempt ...

And he's jumped.

Ooh! He's crashed into the bar!

He's landing. The bar's fallen. Is he hurt?

No, no, he's all right. He's getting up and walking away. But he's a very disappointed man.

# **5 I'll be there**

**A** Psst! He'll be here tomorrow night...

**B** Will he? What time?

**A** About eight o'clock.

**B** Will he be at the station?

**A** No, he'll be at the airport.

**B** Right! I'll be there. Will he be alone?

**A** No, he won't. He'll be with his wife.

**B** Will you be there?

**A** Yes. I'll be outside in the white Rover.

**B** What about the money?

**A** Don't worry. It'll be there.

**B** O.K. I'll see you tomorrow night.

# **6 Monday morning**

**David** What's the matter?

**Sue** Oh, I don't know.

**David** Oh, come on... it's something. What is it?

**Sue** It's just life... it's so boring.

**David** Oh, it's not so bad... you've got Daniel!

**Sue** But he's only a baby! It's all right for you. You'll leave the house in five minutes. I'll be here all day. When'll you come home? You won't come home till seven!

**David** One of us must go to work, dear.

**Sue** Yes, but your day'll be interesting. My day'll be the same as every day.

**David** My work isn't always interesting.

**Sue** I know, but you travel around, you meet different people and you do different things. Who'll I meet today? What'll I do? Eh? I'll wash up, feed the baby, do the washing, clean the house, bath the baby, take the dog for a walk....

**David** But... but... dear.

**Sue** Then I'll go to the supermarket, prepare dinner, meet you at the station, have dinner, wash up again...

**David** But... but... dear.

**Sue** Then I'll feed the baby again, put they baby to bed... What a life! Today, tomorrow, this week, next week, this month, next month, next year...for ever!

**David** It's just Monday, dear... you'll be O.K. later.

**Sue** Will I?

# **7 Doctor Sowanso**

Doctor Sowanso is the Secretary General of the United Nations. He's one of the busiest men in the world. He's just arrived at New Delhi Airport now. The Indian Prime Minister is meeting him. Later they'll talk about Asian problems.

Yesterday he was in Moscow. He visited the Kremlin and had lunch with Soviet leaders. During lunch they discussed international politics.

Tomorrow he'll fly to Nairobi. He'll meet the President of Kenya and other African leaders. He'll be there for twelve hours.

The day after tomorrow he'll be in London. He'll meet the British Prime Minister and they'll talk about European economic problems.

Next week he'll be back at the United Nations in New York. Next Monday he'll speak to the General Assembly about his world tour. Then he'll need a short holiday.

# **8 Sleep and Dreams**

# **9 At the chemist’s**

**A** Good afternoon.

**B** Good afternoon. Can I help you?

**A** Yes. I've got a terrible headache.

**B** How long have you had it?

**A** Only about two or three hours.

**B** Well, try these tablets. Take two with water every three hours.

**A** Thank you very much.

**C** Good morning.

**D** Good morning. I'd like a toothbrush please.

**C** Nylon or natural bristle?

**D** Nylon, please.

**C** Hard, soft, or medium?

**D** Medium, please.

**C** What colour would you like?

**D** It doesn't matter really.... Oh, white's O.K.

**C** There you are.

**E** Could I have a tube of toothpaste, please?

**F** With fluoride or without fluoride?

**E** With fluoride, please.

**F** Is that all, sir?

**E** Yes, that's all, thank you.

**F** Shall I put it in a bag?

**E** Please.

**G** Good evening.

**H** Good evening. Can you make up this prescription, please?

**G** Certainly. Would you like to wait?

**H** How long will it take?

**G** It'll be ready in twenty minutes.

**H** Oh, I'll come back later.

**G** All right, sir.

**H** Shall I pay now or later?

**G** Later'll be all right.

# **10 Lord Worth**

**Lord Worth** Come in!

**Mary** Yes, sir?

**Lord Worth** No, no Mary... I don't want you!

**Mary** Who do you want, sir?

**Lord Worth** I want James... I want him immediately!

**Mary** Yes, sir... I'll go and find him.

**Later**

**Lord Worth** Ah, James!

**James** Did you want to see me, sir?

**Lord Worth** Yes, I wanted to see you twenty minutes ago.

**James** Sorry, sir. I was in the garage.

**Lord Worth** I want a car this afternoon.

**James** Which car do you want, sir? The Rolls, the Mercedes, or the Ferrari?

**Lord Worth** Mmm... the Rolls, I think . Yes, the Rolls.

**James** Where do you want to go, sir?

**Lord Worth** Heathrow Airport Terminal 2.

**James** What time, sir?

**Lord Worth** We'll leave here after lunch ...at two o'clock.

**Later**

**Lord Worth** Ah, Charles!

**Charles** Yes, sir.

**Lord Worth** I want an early lunch today, Charles.

**Charles** Yes, sir... What time?

**Lord Worth** Twelve o'clock... Oh, and I want you to reserve a table at the Savoy... for seven o'clock.

**Charles** Yes, sir.

**Lord Worth**... and I want Mary to prepare the guest room for Sir Thomas. I want her to make a special effort. Sir Thomas is a very important guest.

**Charles** Yes, sir...anything else, sir?

**Lord Worth** No, Charles, that's all.

# **11 Look, feel, taste, sound, smell**

A I like your fur coat, Helen.

B Do you?

A Yes, it looks very expensive.

B Really? It wasn't expensive... it was second-hand.

A Was it? It doesn't look second-hand, it looks brand-new.

C Brrr! It feels cold in here.

D Does it?

C Yes ... is the radiator on?

D. Yes, it is. It'll feel warmer'in a minute.

E Waiter! These vegetables aren't fresh!

F But they are fresh, sir.

E Well, they don't taste fresh to me.

F I'm sorry, sir...but..

E And the wine ... it tastes sweet and I asked for dry!

F I'll get the manager, sir,

H Listen to my new hi-fi, John. Does it sound all right?

G Yes, it sounds fine to me.

H I think the bass is too loud.

G No, it sounds perfect... it sounds better than mine.

I Have you changed your perfume?"

J Yes, why? Do you like it?

I Yes, it smells terrific. What kind is it?

J It's 'Charlie'.

I It smells expensive. Is it?

J I don't know.It was a present.

# **12 A science fiction story**

The spaceship flew around the new planet several times. The planet was blue and green. They couldn't see the surface of the planet because there were too many white clouds. The spaceship descended slowly through the clouds and landed in the middle of a green forest. The two astronauts put on their space suits, opened the door, climbed carefully down the ladder, and stepped onto the planet.

The woman looked at a small control unit on her arm. It's all right,' she said to the man. “We can breathe the air ... It's a mixture of oxygen and nitrogen.” Both of them took off their helmets and breathed deeply.

They looked at everything carefully. All the plants and animals looked new and strange. They couldn't find any intelligent life.

After several hours, they returned to their spaceship. Everything looked normal. The man switched on the controls, but nothing happened. ‘Something's wrong?’ he said. ‘I don't understand ... the engines aren't working.’ He switched on the computer, but that didn't work either. ‘Eve,’ he said, ‘we're stuck here ... we can't take off!’ ‘Don't worry, Adam,’she replied.. ‘They'll rescue us soon.’

# **13 It's much too hot!**

**In the station buffet**

**Michael** Come on, Susan! Hurry up! Drink your coffee! The train's leaving in a minute. We'll be late!

**Susan** I can't finish it. It's much too hot for me to drink.

**Michael** Why don't you put some milk in?

**Susan** I don't like white coffee...oh... O.K.

**Michael** There! Is it cool enough for you to drink now?

**Susan** Yes... but it tastes awful!

**On the platform**

**Susan** Oh! There's the train... bring the cases.

**Michael** Ooh! What have you got in these cases?

**Susan** Only clothes. Why? Are they heavy?

**Michael** Yes, they are!

**Susan** The taxi driver managed to carry them.

**Michael** Well, they're too heavy for me to carry.

**Susan** Well, I'm not strong enough to help you.... Porter!

**On the train**

**Susan** Oh, Michael...I didn't tell you. My sister phoned yesterday.

**Michael** Oh? Which sister? Andrea?

**Susan** Yes... she wants to get married.

**Michael** Married! But she isn't old enough to get married. She's only seventeen. Who's she going to marry?

**Susan Basil** Caraway.

**Michael Basil** Caraway! I don't believe it! He's much too old for her. He's over sixty!

**Susan** I know... but she loves him!

**At their destination**

**Susan** Oh, no! That was the last bus home! And we've missed it!

**Michael** Well, let's walk... It's a nice, warm evening.

**Susan** It's four miles! It's too far for me to walk. Call a taxi!

**Michael** A taxi! My name isn't Rockefeller! We aren't rich enough to travel everywhere by taxi.

**Susan** Michael! You've forgotten something!

**Michael** What?

**Susan** We've got three suitcases. Do you really want to walk?

**Michael** O.K....O.K.... Taxi!

# **14 A phone call**

**Mary** Hello.

**Mike** Mary? Is that you?

**Mary** Yes. Mary here... Who's speaking?

**Mike** It's Mike.

**Mary** Mike?... Mike who?

**Mike** What do you mean 'Mike who?' ... Mike Conners, of course.

**Mary** Oh, Mike... I'm sorry.

**Mike** Yes. We had a date last night. Where were you?

**Mary** Oh, I'm sorry, Mike. I couldn't come.

**Mike** Couldn't come! Why couldn't you come?

**Mary** Well, I had to wash my hair.

**Mike** Wash your hair! Why didn't you phone me?

**Mary** I wanted to phone you, but I couldn't remember your number.

**Mike** But it's in the telephone directory.

**Mary** Yes, I know, but I couldn't remember your surname.

**Mike** Oh... But why did you have to wash your hair last night?

**Mary** Well I had to do it last night because I'm going to the opera tonight.

**Mike** The opera! Who with?

**Mary** George... George Johnson... my boss's son.

**Mike** I see.

**Mary** He asked me yesterday. I didn't want to go but I couldn't say no.

# **15 Army Careers Office**

**Sergeant** Good morning. Are you the new cleaner?

**Briggs** No. I'm not. I want to join the army.

**Sgt.** What! You! In the army?

**Briggs** Yes. I want to be a soldier. This is the Army Careers Office, isn't it?

**Sgt.** Well...er... yes. Sit down. sir.

**Briggs** Thanks.

**Sgt.** Now why do you want to be a soldier? Mr … Mr …

**Briggs** Briggs... Tommy Briggs. Well, I saw the 'ad' on television last night and it looked nice … holidays … money … girls … pension …. travel.

**Sgt.** I see. Yes, it's a good life in the army … it's a man's life.

**Briggs** Ah!

**Sgt.** Now, have you got any questions?

**Briggs** Yes … will I have to get a haircut?

**Sgt.** A haircut. Oh yes, you'll have to get a haircut … and wear a uniform.

**Briggs** A uniform!

**Sgt.** Oh yes. And you'll have to obey orders. But you won't have to clean the toilets, you know. I've never had to clean the toilets.

**Briggs** What about the work? Will I have to work hard?

**Sgt.** Oh yes. You'll have to work hard … but all the girls like a man in uniform, you know.

**Briggs** And what about promotion?

**Sgt.** Oh yes. There are a lot of opportunities. Perhaps you'll be a general one day.

**Briggs** O.K. I'd like to join.

**Sgt.** Yes, sir. Just sign your name here.

**Briggs** There you are...Tommy Briggs.

**Sgt.** Briggs!

**Briggs** Eh?

**Sgt.** Shut up. Stand up. Straight. Now, quick march. Left … right … left … right …

# **16 A traffic survey**

The city of Oxford has got a traffic problem. It's an old town and the streets are narrow. There are too many cars and not enough parking spaces in the city centre. The Planning Department wanted to change the traffic system, and so they conducted a traffic survey. They asked a lot of people these five questions:

**1** How old are you?

**2** Can you drive?

**3** How long have you been able to drive?

**4** Where do you live?

**5** How do you come to town?

Here are some of the results:

Mr Brown's fifty-eight.

He learned to drive when he was eighteen.

He's been able to drive for forty years.

He lives in the country, twenty miles from Oxford.

He always comes into town by car.

Mary Mackintosh is twenty.

She's had a lot of driving lessons. She's taken the driving test three times, but she hasn't been able to pass the test yet.

She lives near the city centre, and she usually walks to work.

Bob Brewer's twenty five.

He's been able to drive for two years, but he hasn't got a car.

He hasn't been able to save enough money.

He lives in a village outside Oxford. He comes into Oxford by train.

Mr and Mrs Wilson are both over sixty-five.

They've never been able to drive.

They've never learned.

They live in a suburb of Oxford and they occasionally come into town by bus.

# **17 Australia House**

**Interviewer** Now, Mr. Jones … why do you want to go to Australia?

**Mr Jones** Well, I'm really thinking about my children. You see, there aren't many opportunities here. I lost my job last year and I haven't been able to find another one. Will I be able to find a job in Australia?

**Interviewer** What do you do?

**Mr Jones** I'm an electrician.

**Interviewer** Oh, you'll be able to find a job easily.

**Mr Jones** What about accommodation? Will I be able to find a house?

**Interviewer** Well, that is a problem … but there are hostels for new immigrants.

**Mr Jones** … and what about my children?

**Interviewer** Oh, you'll be able to find a good school in Australia.

**Interviewer** Come in! Take a seat … Mr Cook, isn't it?

**Mr Cook** That's right.

**Interviewer** Why do you want to go to Australia, Mr Cook?

**Mr Cook** I don't … I just want to leave England.

**Interviewer** Pardon? What qualifications have you got?

**Mr Cook** Qualifications? Oh, I've never been able to pass any exams.

**Interviewer** Well, what will you be able to do in Australia? How will you earn a living?

**Mr Cook** I don't know … but I won't be able to work very hard … I've got a bad back!

**Interviewer** Now, why do you want to emigrate to Australia, Mrs Baxter?

**Miss Baxter** Er … it's Miss Baxter …

**Interviewer** Oh, I'm very sorry …

**Miss Baxter** That's all right … well, you see … I've never been able to find the right man in England …

**Interviewer** Well, Miss Baxter … I can't promise anything … but there are a lot of men in Australia …

**Miss Baxter** Will I be able to find a tall, dark, handsome man there?

**Interviewer** Oh, Miss Baxter … this is Australia House … not a marriage bureau!

# **18 Cheques and credit**

**A** Next, please.

**B** I'd like to cash this cheque, please.

**A** Yes, madam … £30. Oh! You haven't signed it yet, madam.

**B** Haven't I? Oh, I'm terribly sorry … here you are.

**A** Thank you. How would you like the money?

**B** Four fives and ten ones, please.

**C** I'd like to change these francs, please.

**D** Yes, sir. How many francs have you got?

**C** 200. What's the rate of exchange, please?

**D** The current rates are on the notice board, sir.

**E** I'd like to buy this … but I haven't got enough cash with me. Do you take travellers cheques?

**F** Certainly, sir.

**E** Good. How much is that?

**F** It's £30.

**E** What's the exchange rate?

**F** I'm not sure, sir... I'll go and check.

**G** Good morning. Can I help you?

**H** Yes. My name's Davies. I'm expecting some money from my bank in Toronto.

**G** By post, cable, or telex, sir?

**H** By telex.

**G** Let me see. Ah, yes. Davies. £200 from the Royal Bank of Canada, Toronto. Have you got any identification, sir?

**H** Well, I haven't got my passport, but I've got my driving licence. Will that be all right?

**G** Yes, sir. That'll be all right.

# **19 A holiday in Egypt**

**Mr Harris** I looked through this brochure last night, and I'd like to book the summer holiday in Egypt.

**Travel Agent** Yes, sir … the Hotel Cleopatra?

**Mr Harris** That's right … how far is it from the hotel to the beach?

**Travel Agent** … about a two-minute walk.

**Mr Harris** Good. How hot is it in Egypt in July?

**Travel Agent** About 28°C.

**Guide** … and that's the Great Pyramid, Mr Harris.

**Mr Harris** Oh, yes... it looks very high!

**Guide** It's about 137 metres high.

**Mr Harris** How long are the sides?

**Guide** They're 230 metres long.

**Mr Harris** It's incredible! How old is it?

**Guide** It's nearly four and a half thousand years old.

**Sailor** We're going through the Suez Canal now.

**Mr Harris** Hmm … it doesn't look very wide. How wide is it?

**Sailor** About 60 metres … and it's 162 kilometres long.

**Mr Harris** Really? This is a big ship. How deep is the canal?

**Sailor** The average depth is about 10 metres … but they're going to make it deeper.

**Guide** Hello there, Mr Harris. Are you coming on the excursion to Cairo today?

**Mr Harris** Oh, yes! … How far is it?

**Guide** It's about 150 kilometres.

**Mr Harris** Good. How long will it take to get there?

**Guide** Only three hours.

# **20 Comparisons**

Mr and Mrs Kent are old age pensioners. They go to the shops every Saturday. They have to walk up a very steep hill between their house and the shops. They both walk slowly. Mr Kent always has to wait for his wife at the top of the hill, because Mrs Kent walks more slowly tham Mr Kent.

Diana and Margaret work in the same office. They're both good typists because they type carefully. Diana never makes a mistake and Margaret rarely makes a mistake. Diana types more carefully than Margaret. Some drivers occasionally have accidents, but Alan and David are very careless drivers. Alan has already had two accidents this year, and David has had a lot. David drives even more carelessly than Alan.

Both Carlos and Miguel are good students. They speak English well, but Miguel has spent a year in England, so he speaks English better than Carlos.

Tyneside United and Humber Rovers are both near the bottom of the Fourth Division. The football season has nearly finished, and Tyneside have won only one match. They've played very badly. Humber Rovers haven't won a match yet, and they haven't scored a goal. Humber have played even worse than Tyneside.

Tony and Jim work for a construction company. They're very hard workers. They work about twelve hours a day. Tony often works at weekends. He earns more money than Jim because he works harder than Jim.

# **21 A day off work**

Bill Walker works for an import-export company. Last Wednesday morning Bill rang his office at nine o'clock. His boss, Mr Thompson, answered the phone.

**Mr Thompson** Hello, Thompson here …

**Bill** Hello. This is Bill Walker.

**Mr Thompson** Oh, hello, Bill.

**Bill** I'm afraid I can't come to work today, Mr Thompson.

**Mr Thompson** Oh, what's the problem?

**Bill** I've got a very sore throat.

**Mr Thompson** Yes, you sound ill on the phone.

**Bill** Yes, I'll stay in bed today, but I'll be able to come tomorrow.

**Mr Thompson** That's all right, Bill. Stay in bed until you feel well enough to work.

**Bill** Thank you, Mr Thompson … Goodbye.

**Mr Thompson** Goodbye, Bill.

Mr Thompson liked Bill very much. At 12.30 he got into his car, drove to a shop and bought some fruit for him. He went to Bill's flat and rang the doorbell. Bill's wife, Susan, answered the door.

**Susan** Oh, Mr Thompson! Hello … how are you?

**Mr Thompson** Fine, thanks, Susan. I've just come to see Bill. How is he?

**Susan** He doesn't look very well. I wanted him to see the doctor.

**Mr Thompson** I'll go in and see him … Hello, Bill!

**Bill** Oh … hello … hello, Mr Thompson … er … er …

**Mr Thompson** I've brought some fruit for you, Bill.

**Bill** Thank you very much, Mr Thompson.

**Mr Thompson** Well … I had to pass your house anyway. How's your throat?

**Bill** It seems a little better. I'll be O.K. tomorrow.

**Mr Thompson** Well, don't come in until you feel better.

**Bill** All right … but I'm sure I'll be able to come in tomorrow.

**Mr Thompson** Goodbye, Bill.

**Bill** Goodbye, Mr Thompson.

At three o'clock in the afternoon, Mr Thompson locked his office door, and switched on his portable television. He wanted to watch an important international football match. It was England against Brazil. Both teams were playing well, but neither team could score a goal. The crowd were cheering and booing. It was very exciting

Then at 3.20, England scored from a penalty. Mr Thompson jumped out of his chair. He was very excited. He was smiling happily when suddenly the cameraman focussed on the crowd. Mr Thompson's smile disappeared and he looked very angry. Bill Walker's face, in close-up, was there on the screen. He didn't look ill, and he didn't sound ill. He was smiling happily and cheering wildly!

# **22 Applying for a job**

**Interviewer** Come in...come in. It's Mr Chandler, isn't it?

**Mr Chandler** Yes, that's right. How do you do?

**Interviewer** How do you do? Please take a seat.

**Mr Chandler** Thank you very much.

**Interviewer** Well, I've got your application form here. I just want to check the information … is that all right?

**Mr Chandler** Yes, of course.

**Interviewer** Now, you're 31, aren't you?

**Mr Chandler** Yes, I am.

**Interviewer** … and you aren't married, are you?

**Mr Chandler** No, I'm not … not yet.

**Interviewer** Uh, huh. You went to secondary school and technical college, didn't you?

**Mr Chandler** Yes, I did.

**Interviewer** … but you didn't go to university, did you?

**Mr Chandler** No, I didn't. I started work when I was 20.

**Interviewer** I see. You can speak French and Russian, can't you?

**Mr Chandler** Yes, I can... but not fluently. I speak French better than Russian.

**Interviewer** … but you can't speak Spanish, can you?

**Mr Chandler** No, no, I can't.

**Interviewer** You've been to France, haven't you?

**Mr Chandler** Yes, I have … and to Germany and Russia.

**Interviewer** So I see … but you haven't been to the Middle East, have you?

**Mr Chandler** No, I'm afraid I haven't, but I'd like to.

**Interviewer** Good.

**Fill in the spaces**

**Interviewer** Come in. Please sit down. It's Miss Wallace, …?

**Miss Wallace** Yes, that's right. Good afternoon.

**Interviewer** Good afternoon. Well, I've looked through your application. Can I just check the information?

**Miss Wallace** Of course.

**Interviewer** Now, you're 22, …?

**Miss Wallace** Yes, I am.

**Interviewer** You aren't married,…?

**Miss Wallace** No, I'm not, but I'm engaged.

**Interviewer** You didn't go to technical college or university,…?

**Miss Wallace** No, I didn't.

**Interviewer** But you learned to type at secondary school,…?

**Miss Wallace** Yes, I did.

**Interviewer** You can speak French and Italian,...?

**Miss Wallace** Yes, I can, but I can write them better than I can speak them.

**Interviewer** I see. You've been to Switzerland,…?

**Miss Wallace** Yes, I have, And Italy.

**Interviewer** And you can take shorthand,…?

**Miss Wallace** Yes, I studied it at school.

# **23 Four disasters**

Good evening. Our programme tonight is about disasters. This year there have been fires, plane crashes, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions. All our guests tonight have survived disasters.

Hi! I'm Bill Daniels. I live in Chicago. I was working in my office on the 28th floor of a skyscraper. I was dictating some letters to my secretary when the fire-bell rang. I rushed out to the lift-but it wasn't working. The stairs were full of thick smoke. We couldn't go down, so we had to go up to the roof. When we got there some people were waiting calmly. Others were shouting and screaming wildly. A helicopter managed to land on the roof and rescued six of us before the building collapsed

My name's Martha Huggins. I was on holiday in the South Pacific and I was staying on Pogohiti, a small island. I was having a rest when the volcano erupted. The noise woke me up. I looked through the window. Everybody was running towards the harbour. I just put on a coat, and ran to the harbour too. I managed to get on a ship. It was leaving when the lava hit the town.

Hello, I'm George Green. I'm a farmer. I was working in the field behind my house when I saw the plane. It was on fire. Smoke was coming from the engines, and it was coming down fast. I was running towards my house when it crashed into the trees behind me. I heard a terrible explosion … when I woke up, I was lying in a hospital bed.

Good evening. My name's Michael Purt. My wife and I were staying with friends on Santa Monica in the Caribbean. We were having dinner when the earthquake began. Everything shook. All the plates and food fell onto the floor. We were picking everything up when the ceiling fell onto us. We couldn't move, and we had to wait for three hours before help arrived.

# **24 A letter from Paris**

John lives in Manchester. His girlfriend, Mary, is studying French in Paris. She’s been there for five weeks. He wants to visit her in Paris and he wrote to her about it last week. He’s just received this reply from her.

# **25 Travelling by air**

**A** Can I check in here for the British Airways flight to New York?

**B** Yes, sir. May I see your ticket, and your passport?

**A** Here you are.

**B** That's fine. Can you put your suitcase on the scales, please?

**A** Of course. How much does it weigh?

**B** 23 kilos. I'm sorry, but you'll have to pay an excess baggage charge.

**A** Oh! It's only three kilos overweight.

**B** Yes, sir … that's £6 … Thank you. Would you like to go through to the departure lounge?

('British Airways Flight 179 to New York is now boarding at Gate 4')

**A** Excuse me …

**C** Yes?

**A** I didn't hear that announcement. Which flight did they call?

**C** Flight 179 to New York … are you going there?

**A** Yes.

**C** So am I … Gate 4's this way … follow me!

**D** May I search you, sir? It's just a security check.

**A** Of course.

**D** Thank you. Oh, what's this in your pocket?

**A** Oh, yes … I'm sorry. It's just a metal comb.

**D** Hmm … May I see it, sir?

**A** Certainly … here it is.

'Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. Captain Gibson and his crew welcome you aboard British Airways Flight 179 to New York. We're now flying at a height of 30,000 feet. Our speed is approximately 600 miles an hour. We'll land in New York in five and a half hours. The temperature in New York is now minus 3°C. In a few minutes you'll be able to see the Irish Coast. Our stewards and stewardesses will serve lunch in half an hour.'

# **26 I've cut myself!**

**A** Ow! This knife's sharp! I've cut myself.

**B** Let me see it … oh, it's O.K. You haven't cut yourself badly it's only … a scratch.

**A** But my finger's bleeding!

**B** Don't be a baby! It isn't bleeding much. I'll get a bandage.

**C** Did you see the play on television last night?

**D** No, I didn't. What was it?

**C** *Romeo and Juliet.* I cried.

**D** Cried? Why?

**C** Well, it was very sad. At the end, Romeo killed himself and then Juliet killed herself.

**D** It sounds silly to me! Why did they kill themselves?

**C** … for love!

**D** Oh! They were silly, weren't they?

**E** Now, my guests tonight are the two rock musicians, Dean and Darren Osborne.

**F** Hello!

**E** Now, you both play the guitar very well. Did anyone teach you?

**F** No … we just bought some guitars and we taught ourselves.

**E** I see.

**G** Sorry, I'm late …

**H** Oh, that's all right, Mrs Green.

**G** It was our first wedding anniversary yesterday.

**H** Oh, congratulations!

**G** Thank you. We went to that new restaurant in the High Street.

**H** Did you enjoy yourselves?

**G** Oh yes, we had a very good time. We had two bottles of champagne!

**I** Have you seen my new electric cooker?

**J** No, I haven't.

**I** Oh, it's wonderful. It's got an automatic timer. It can switch itself on and off.

# **27 Choosing a pet**

**Shop Assistant** Good afternoon, madam. Can I help you?

**Customer** Yes. I'm looking for a pet for my son. Can you suggest anything?

**Assistant** What kind of pet does he want? A traditional pet … a cat … or a dog? Or something unusual?

**Customer** Well, he'd like a snake or a crocodile, but he isn't going to get one.

**Assistant** We've got a nice Alsatian dog at the moment.

**Customer** An Alsatian? Did you say 'an Alsatian'? Oh no, I've read about them in the paper. They're very big and savage.

**Assistant** Oh, no, madam. They aren't as savage as some dogs.

**Customer** Really?

**Assistant** Oh, yes. Last week we had a small dog. It was only as big as your handbag, but it was as savage as a tiger … it bit me three times!

**Customer** Perhaps not a dog, then.

**Assistant** How about a cat?

**Customer** A cat? Hmm … they aren't as friendly as dogs, are they?

**Assistant** No, but they don't eat as much as dogs either. And they're very clean. They wash themselves every day.

**Customer** Hmm …

**Assistant** Or how about a bird? A parrot or a budgie? We've got both.

**Customer** Which do you recommend?

**Assistant** Well, budgies aren't as easy to train and they never speak as well as parrots.

**Customer** Yes, but budgies don't need as much space as parrots, do they?

**Assistant** That's true. Budgies are very popular because they're so easy to keep.

**Customer** Yes … but they're a bit noisy, aren't they? I want a quiet pet.

**Assistant** A quiet pet? Well, how about a goldfish? There's nothing as quiet as a goldfish.

# **28 Checking an alibi**

There was a bank robbery in central London yesterday. Just before closing time yesterday, a man entered the Butcher Street. Branch of the National Westminster Bank. He was carrying a shotgun, and wearing a stocking mask over his head. There were only a few customers in the bank at the time. He made them lie on the floor, and forced the cashier to put the money in a sack. As he was leaving, the security guard tried to ring the alarm. The robber shot him and the guard is now in St Patrick's Hospital. Surgeons are trying to save his life. Last night the police arrested a man in South London. He is now helping the police with their enquiries.

Now, put in the correct question tags:

You're John Alfred Smithers, aren't you?

**Police Constable** You're John Alfred Smithers, …?

**Smithers** Yes, I am.

**PC** You're 36, …?

**S** Yes, that's right. It was my birthday yesterday.

**PC** You sell cars, …?

**S** Yes, I do. And other things.

**PC** You live in Ealing, …?

**S** Yes, I do. I've lived here all my life.

**PC** You went to Ascot races yesterday, …?

**S** That's right.

**PC** You weren't alone, …?

**S** No, I wasn't. I was with Isadora Bell.

**PC** But you're married, …, Smithers?

**S** Yes, but I haven't seen my wife for three years.

**PC** I see. Now you left your flat at one o'clock, …?

**S** Yes. About one o'clock.

**PC** You were in your Jaguar, …?

**S** Yes, I was.

**PC** You didn't stop for petrol, …?

**S** No.

**PC** You had lunch in an Indian restaurant, …?

**S** Oh, no we didn't. We had lunch in a pub.

**PC** You don't remember the name of the pub, …?

**S** No, I'm afraid I don't.

**PC** You had chicken and chips, …?

**S** No, no, no. We had beer and sandwiches outside.

**PC** You arrived in time for the first race, and stayed until the last race, …?

**S** Yes!

**PC** You were very lucky, …?

**S** Yes, I was.

**PC** You won £5,000, …?

**S** No, I can't remember exactly how much.

**PC** Thele was £5,000 in your flat, …?

**S** Was there?

**PC** You don't know where Miss Bell is now, …?

**S** No, I'm not her husband, …?

**PC** But you left her in Central London, because she wanted to buy some clothes.

**S** Yes, yes.

**PC** It's very interesting, … Mr Smithers. You've got a very fast car, …?

**S** What do you mean?

# **29 Dinner with friends**

**Ken** Hello!

**Rob** Hello, Ken … Hello, Barbara. Come in. Shall I take your coats?

**Ken** Oh, thank you very much. What a lovely house!

**Rob** I'm glad you like it. Dinner's nearly ready.

**Ken** Where's Anna?

**Rob** Oh, she's in the kitchen. She'll be here in a minute. Just go into the dining-room. How about a drink before dinner?

**Ken** That's a nice idea!

**Anna** Here we are … dinner's ready. Sit down everybody!

**Barbara** Thank you very much, Anna. Everything looks wonderful, and it smells delicious, too.

**Anna** I'll put the salad in the middle of the table. Shall I serve you?

**Barbara** No, it's all right. We can help ourselves.

**Anna** Rob, could you pour the wine, please? Ken, help yourself to vegetables, too.

**Rob** Would you like some more brandy, Barbara?

**Barbara** Oh, no thanks … no more for me. I'm driving tonight.

**Rob** Oh, come on … just a small one.

**Barbara** No, really … I mustn't. I'll help Anna with the washing-up.

**Rob** The washing-up! No, no, don't worry. We always leave that until the morning.

**Rob** Here are your coats.

**Ken** Thanks … it's been a marvellous evening. It was very kind of you to invite us.

**Rob** Don't mention it … it was nice to see you again.

**Ken** Well, we enjoyed ourselves very much.

**Rob** I'm glad … you must come again.

**Ken** Goodnight … and thanks again.

**Rob** Goodnight … and drive carefully. It's a very wet night.

# **30 The bad boy of British football**

Stanley Walsh, the Eastfield United football star, is in the news again.

Yesterday he didn't arrive for a training session.

Last night, Brian Huff, Eastfield's manager, was very angry.

Stanley has had a lot of arguments with Huff.

Huff spoke to our reporter last night.

**R** Where is Stanley, Mr Huff?

**H** We don't know.

**R** When did you last see him?

**H** We spoke to each other five days ago. I haven't seen him since then.

**R** How angry are you?

**H** Very. This is the end. Stanley Walsh won't play for us again.

**R** But Stanley's the best player in England, isn't he? Did he give a reason?

**H** No, he didn't.

**R** Has Stanley got any personal problems, Mr Huff?

**H** I don't know … but he's a very selfish man. He only thinks about himself.

Our reporter later spoke to Mrs Lucy Walsh in her £50,000 apartment.

**R** Where is Stanley, Mrs Walsh?

**L** I don't know and I don't care.

**R** When did you last see him?

**L** We haven't seen each other for two weeks.

**R** Have you spoken to each other … or written to each other recently?

**L** No. We never want to see each other again.

**R** But why, Mrs Walsh?

**L** Ask Stanley!

Our reporter found Stanley at his villa in Spain.

He was with Inger Carlson, the Swedish actress.

He seemed very happy.

**R** How long have you known each other, Stanley?

**S** We met each other in a disco three weeks ago. It was love at first sight.

**R** But what about your football?

**S** Oh, football can wait. Inger's the most important thing in my life. We love each other very much and we understand each other.

**R** And your wife, Stanley? What about your wife?

**S** Oh, that finished a long time ago.

**R** What happened?

**S** Well, I was in love with Lucy for a long time. We taught each other a lot, but …

**R** But what?

**S** Well, we started to hate each other. We couldn't even look at each other.

**R** So, what are you going to do next?

**S** I don't know … Ask Inger!

# **31 So am I!**

**A** I'm on holiday next month.

**B** So am I.

**A** I need a change.

**B** Oh, so do I. I'm tired of the same office and the same people every day!

**A** Where are you going?

**B** Spain.

**A** Oh, I went there last year.

**B** So did I. We always go to Spain … but we never go to the Costa Brava.

**A** No, neither do I. There are too many English people there.

**B** Where exactly are you going?

**A** San Pedro … it's a little village on the north coast.

**B** You're joking!

**A** No, I'm not. I've been there three times.

**B** So have we … and we're going there this year, too.

**A** … not to the Hotel del Sol?

**B** Yes … why?

**A** Well, I'll see you. I'm staying there too!

**1 A** I'm happy.

**B** So am I.

**A** I'm not crazy.

**B** Neither am I.

**3 A** I've got a book.

**B** So have I.

**A** I haven't got a Rolls-Royce.

**B** Neither have I.

**5 A** I like music.

**B** So do I.

**A** I don't like snakes.

**B** Neither do I.

**7 A** I was here last week.

**B** So was I.

**A** I wasn't late this morning.

**B** Neither was I.

**9 A** I studied mathematics at school.

**B** So did I.

**A** I didn't go to the cinema last night.

**B** Neither did I.

**2 A** I'm not a student.

**B** I am.

**A** I'm a teacher.

**B** I'm not.

**4 A** I haven't got any money.

**B** I have.

**A** I've got an electronic watch.

**B** I haven't.

**6 A** I don't eat meat.

**B** I do.

**A** I come to school on Sundays.

**B** I don't.

**8 A** Iwasn't at home yesterday evening.

**B** I was.

**A** I was at the cinema last night.

**B** I wasn't.

**10 A** I didn't play sports at school.

**B** I did.

**A** I had wine with dinner last night.

**B** I didn't.

# **32 A family problem**

# **33 The Yes/No Contest**

Good evening! I'm Martin Smiles. Welcome to the 'Yes/No Contest'. Now, the rules are very simple. I'm going to ask questions for 30 seconds. You mustn't answer with 'Yes' or 'No', and you mustn't nod or shake your head. Well, here's our first contestant … Mrs Alice Leach from Nottingham.

**Smiles** What's your name?

**Mrs Leach** Alice … Alice Leach.

**Smiles** Where are you from, Alice?

**Mrs Leach** Nottingham.

**Smiles** Did you say 'Birmingham'?

**Mrs Leach** No, Notting... (dong)

**Smiles** Oh, dear. I am sorry, Mrs Leach. Now our next contestant is Ralph Milton, from Blackpool. It's Mr Milton, isn't it?

**Milton** That's right.

**Smiles** Good … you aren't nervous, are you?

**Milton** I'm not nervous.

**Smiles** Did you shake your head?

**Milton** I didn't.

**Smiles** Are you sure?

**Milton** Yes … (dong)

**Smiles** Oh … I'm dreadfully sorry. Better luck next time, Mr Milton. Now, here's our third contestant. It's Brian Tankard from Bristol. Hello, Brian.

**Brian** Hello.

**Smiles** You work in a bank, don't you?

**Brian** That's correct.

**Smiles** Do you like your job?

**Brian** I enjoy it very much.

**Smiles** Oh, do you?

**Brian** I said 'I enjoy it very much.'

**Smiles** Now, you aren't married, are you?

**Brian** I am married.

**Smiles** Is your wife here tonight?

**Brian** She's at home.

**Smiles** So she isn't here.

**Brian** Of course not.

**Smiles** Have you got any children?

**Brian** I've got two children.

**Smiles** Two boys?

**Brian** A boy and a girl.

**Smiles** and … (ding). That's 30 seconds.

Well done! You've done it! Isn't that wonderful, everybody? He's won tonight's star prize … a brand new fully automatic dishwasher!

# **34 I used to …**

**A** Tom! You never talk to me nowadays.

**B** What did you say?

**A** … and you never listen to me, either.

**B** Pardon?

**A** You used to take me out, you used to buy me presents, and you used to remember my birthday.

**B** But I always remember your birthday, darling.

**A** Do you? Well, it was yesterday! I'm going home to mother!

**C** Dorchester 17908 …

**D** Hello, Angela?

**C** Oh, hello, Mum.

**D** How's the baby today?

**C** Oh, he's crying again. He cries all day.

**D** You can't complain! When you were a baby, you used to cry all day and all night!

**C** Oh, I know, Mum … but I feel so tired … there's so much housework.

**D** But you've got a washing machine, a tumble dryer, a vacuum-cleaner and a dishwasher … I used to do everything by hand.

**C** I know, I know … I've heard all this before!

**D** I'm sorry, dear … I'll come and help you.

**E** Stanley, you used to be the best footballer in England. Are you going to come back and play again?

**F** Oh, no … no, I'm not.

**E** Why not?

**F** Well, football used to be the most important thing in my life … but it isn't any more. For ten years I used to practise every day. I never used to smoke, drink, or stay up late.

**E** Why has your life changed, Stanley?

**F** Well, I was poor then, but I'm not now. I don't need to play football any more!

**G** Dad?

**Η** Yes …

**G** There's a good film on in town.

**Η** Oh, yes … what is it?

**G** *War in Space.*

**H** Are you going to see it?

**G** I'd like to … all my friends are going … but I haven't got any money.

**H** All right, all right. How much do you want?

**G** Three pounds.

**H** Three pounds! When I was your age, I only used to pay five pence for the cinema.

**G** That was a long time ago, Dad.

**H** Yes, but my father used to earn three pounds for a week's work!

# **35 A bust office**

**Mr Power** Yes, Miss Wright? What is it?

**Miss Wright** Mr Hudson wants to speak to you, sir.

**Mr Power** I'm very busy at the moment. Ask him to ring later.

**Miss Wright** Yes, sir.

**Mr Power** Oh, and Miss Wright? Tell Chris to photocopy the Director's report.

**Miss Wright** Yes, sir. Anything else, sir?

**Mr Power** Yes. Tell Miss Davis not to ring her boyfriend on the office phone.

**Miss Wright** Yes, sir.

**Hello? This is Mr Power's secretary …**

**Mr Hudson** Yes Hudson, here.

**Miss Wright** I'm afraid Mr Power's busy at the moment. Can you ring later?

**Mr Hudson** All right … what about this afternoon?

**Miss Wright** Yes, that'll be all right.

**Miss Wright** Oh, Chris?

**Chris** Yes, Miss Wright?

**Miss Wright** Mr Power wants you to photocopy this report.

**Chris** Oh, yes … I'll do it later.

**Miss Wright** No, Chris … do it now … I know it's important.

**Miss Wright** Miss Davis! Did you ring your boyfriend on the office phone yesterday?

**Miss Davis** Well, yes … I did … but it was urgent.

**Miss Wright** Hmm … I think Mr Power heard you. He wasn't very pleased about it. Don't use the office phone for personal calls.

**Miss Davis** No … no, Miss Wright … I won't do it again … I'm sorry.

**Mr Power** Miss Wright? Did you speak to Mr Hudson?

**Miss Wright** Yes, I did. I asked him to ring later. He says he'll ring you this afternoon.

**Mr Power** That's fine. Has Chris photocopied that report yet?

**Miss Wright** Not yet … but I told him to do it immediately. I think he's doing it now.

**Mr Power** Good. Did you tell Miss Davis not to ring her boyfriend from here?

**Miss Wright** Oh, yes … I told her not to use the office phone for personal calls … she says she won't do it again. I'm sure she won't.

**Mr Power** I hope she won't … her boyfriend lives in Australia!

# **36 The smuggler**

Sam Lewis was a customs officer.

He used to work in a small border town.

It wasn't a busy town and there wasn't much work.

The road was usually very quiet and there weren't many travellers.

It wasn't a very interesting job, but Sam liked an easy life.

About once a week, he used to meet an old man.

His name was Draper.

He always used to arrive at the border early in the morning in a big truck.

The truck was always empty.

After a while Sam became suspicious.

He often used to search the truck, but he never found anything.

One day he asked Draper about his job.

Draper laughed and said, 'I'm a smuggler.'

Last year Sam retired.

He spent his savings on an expensive holiday.

He flew to Bermuda, and stayed in a luxury hotel.

One day, he was sitting by the pool and opposite him he saw Draper drinking champagne.

Sam walked over to him.

**Sam** Hello, there!

**Draper** Hi!

**Sam** Do you remember me?

**Draper** Yes … of course I do. You're a customs officer.

**Sam** I used to be, but I'm not any more. I retired last month. I often used to search your truck …

**Draper** … but you never found anything!

**Sam** No, I didn't. Can I ask you something?

**Draper** Of course you can.

**Sam** Were you a smuggler?

**Draper** Of course I was.

**Sam** But … the truck was always empty. What were you smuggling?

**Draper** Trucks!

# **37 I’m bored**

**Jim** I'm bored.

**Jean** Well … do something interesting.

**Jim** What, for example?

**Jean** Go to the cinema.

**Jim** The cinema bores me.

**Jean** Always?

**Jim** Yes. All the films are so boring. I'm not interested in sex and violence.

**Jean** Well, what interests you then?

**Jim** Nothing!

**Jean** You need some fresh air!

**Helen** Have you heard the news, Bill?

**Bill** No, why?

**Helen** A war has just started in Mandanga.

**Bill** Mandanga? Where's that?

**Helen** I don't know exactly... but it's worrying. They showed a television report last night.

**Bill** Well, I'm not worried about it. I never watch the news these days. I prefer sports programmes.

**Helen** Why aren't you interested in the news?

**Bill** Well, all the news is bad. I just want entertainment in the evenings.

**Peter** What are you doing tonight, Mike?

**Mike** I'm staying in. There's a good horror film on the 'telly'.

**Peter** What is it?

**Mike** *The Blood of Frankenstein.*

**Peter** Oh, that sounds frightening.

**Mike** Not really … I think horror films are amusing.

**Peter** Amusing? Horror films?

**Mike** Yes. I went with Anne to see *Dracula* last week. I was very amused. I laughed from beginning to end.

**Peter** What about Anne?

**Mike** Oh, she was terrified. She was under the seat.

**Nick** Did you go to the football match on Saturday?

**Ben** Yes, I did.

**Nick** It was very exciting, wasn't it?

**Ben** Yes it was. Both teams attacked.

**Nick** Yes. 1-0 … 1-1 … 2-1 … 2-2 … 2-3 … 3-3 …

**Ben** My brother was so excited near the end that he threw his hat in the air when Manchester scored their fourth goal.

**Nick** Did he find his hat?

**Ben** Yes, but it was a bit embarrassing. He had to ask a policeman for it.

# **38 Advice**

**Andrea** What's the matter, Jenny? You look worried.

**Jenny** Yes … I'm trying to lose weight.

**Andrea** Oh, you don't need to lose weight.

**Jenny** Oh, I do! I've just bought some new jeans and I can't get them on. They're too tight.

**Andrea** Well, you should go on a diet.

**Jenny** I know, but what kind of diet?

**Andrea** You should eat lots of salad and fruit.

**Jenny** Yes, but I don't like salad … I prefer meat.

**Andrea** Well, you can eat meat, but you shouldn't eat too much. You shouldn't eat bread or potatoes, either.

**Jenny** What about alcohol? Can I drink wine?

**Andrea** Oh, no, you should never drink alcohol.

**Max** What's the matter, Peter? You don't look very happy.

**Peter** I'm not. I'm worried about my English.

**Max** What's the problem?

**Peter** I'm not practising enough.

**Max** Why not?

**Peter** Well, it's difficult to meet English people.

**Max** You should go out more.

**Peter** Where should I go?

**Max** You should go to pubs, you should join a club.

**Peter** But … English people never speak to me.

**Max** Ah! You should speak first.

**Peter** What can I talk about?

**Max** The weather! English people are always interested in the weather!

**Wendy** Hello, Charles … you look tired today.

**Charles** Yes, I'm working too hard.

**Wendy** You should take a holiday.

**Charles** Yes, I know I should … but we're just too busy. I'm working twelve hours a day.

**Wendy** Twelve hours! You're going to kill yourself!

**Charles** Well, what can I do?

**Wendy** Perhaps you should change your job.

**Charles** I can't … I need the money!

# **39 An evening out**

**Steve** Shall we go out tonight?

**Carol** O.K. Let's go to a restaurant.

**Steve** Which one?

**Carol** How about 'The Flamenco'?

**Steve** 'The Flamenco'? Which one's that?

**Carol** Don't you remember? That's the one that serves sea-food …

**Steve** Oh, yes!

**Carol** Look over there!

**Steve** Where?

**Carol** In the corner … It's Jack West, isn't it?

**Steve** Where? I can't see him …

**Carol** There! He's the one that's wearing a black suit.

**Steve** Oh! The one that's talking so loudly … what about him?

**Carol** He used to be at college with us. He was the only one that didn't pass the exams.

**Steve** Hmm, he looks very successful. What does he do now?

**Carol** Nothing. He doesn't have to work.

**Steve** Why not?

**Carol** Well, you remember, don't you? He married Patty Hetty.

**Steve** Patty Hetty?

**Carol** Yes, the girl that inherited a fortune. Her father was a millionaire.

**Steve** Ah, yes … isn't she the one that killed herself?

**Carol** That's right … and he got all the money!

# **40 I’ve been waiting …**

**Chris** Hello, Miss Wright. Is the boss in?

**Miss Wright** Yes, Chris, he is. He's in his office … and he's waiting for you.

**Chris** Oh … what time did he arrive?

**Miss Wright** He arrived at twenty to ten.

**Chris** Twenty to ten! So he's been waiting for twenty minutes!

**Diane** Hello, Judy. You've been sitting here for an hour! Where's your husband?

**Judy** Oh, he's dancing with Mrs Winston.

**Diane** Oh, yes … he's dancing very well. Has he been dancing all evening?

**Judy** Yes, he has … but he hasn't been dancing with me!

**Mrs Baker** Hello, Mrs Parker … are you waiting to see Doctor Savage?

**Mrs Parker** Hello, Mrs Baker. Yes, I am.

**Mrs Baker** How long have you been waiting?

**Mrs Parker** I've been waiting since nine o'clock.

**Mrs Baker** Ah, so you haven't been waiting long. It's only ten past nine now.

**Mrs Parker** No, no, I haven't. I've been reading this magazine. It's very interesting. There's an article about operations.

**Pam** Eric! Call the waiter again!

**Eric** I've been trying to call him.

**Pam** Eric! We've been sitting here for twenty minutes … and I'm not going to wait any longer!

**Eric** I'm sorry, dear … but he's talking to that girl.

**Pam** Yes, he's been talking to her since we came in.

**Eric** Waiter!

**Waiter** Yes, sir … Do you want the bill?

**Eric** The bill! We haven't seen the menu yet.