

## Vocabulary | personality

- 1 Choose the correct word in *italics* to complete the sentences.
- 1 She's really *kind-hearted/sulky* – she'll do anything to help anyone.
  - 2 Once when I was a child, my twin brother got better birthday presents than me. I was so *dependable/jealous*, and didn't speak to him for days!
  - 3 My piano teacher is very *encouraging/mean*. She tells me I will be really good if I practise.
  - 4 He's a very *upbeat/generous* person, and is always in a good mood.
  - 5 After we had that argument, she became really *encouraging/sulky*, and didn't speak to me.
  - 6 She said she forgot my birthday, but I think she's just too *kind-hearted/mean* to buy a present!
  - 7 We are looking for a hardworking, *dependable/selfish* person to join our team of nurses at Free United Hospital.
  - 8 My work colleague Paul is very *pleasant/jealous*, and always fun to be around.

## 2 Choose the correct answer, a or b.

- 1 If someone is *sulky*, what does this mean?
  - a They are in a bad mood, and might not speak to you.
  - b They want to help people.
- 2 Someone who is *upbeat* is ...
  - a helpful and kind.
  - b cheerful and positive about life.
- 3 Two words with opposite meanings are ...
  - a *generous* and *mean*.
  - b *upbeat* and *dependable*.
- 4 Someone who thinks of themselves before they think of someone else is ...
  - a selfish.
  - b jealous.
- 5 A person who helps someone else to feel more confident is ...
  - a encouraging.
  - b dependable.

## Pronunciation | sounds and spelling: ea

- 3 a Each sentence has four words with 'ea'. Three of them have the same sound, and one of them has a different sound. Circle the one with the different sound.

*She only buys cheap meat – she's really mean.*

- 1 The teacher was upbeat about her heart disease.
- 2 I'm fearful that it will take a year to clear this frozen meat.
- 3 I'm jealous, because each day you have a healthier breakfast than me.
- 4 My colleague realised she had ear problems when she was in the theatre.
- 5 I've read that the weather is very pleasant every season in the Canary Isles.

## b 3 Listen and check.

c Complete the table with the 'ea' words in exercise 3a according to their sounds. Listen again and check.

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cheap meat mean each	year read (st)	really theatre	heart

## How to... | start a conversation with a stranger

- 4 Complete the conversation starters with a word from the box.

are couldn't do do have haven't

- 1 Hello, we haven't met, have we? I'm Anthony.
- 2 So are you enjoying the party?
- 3 Have you tried these snacks?
- 4 Sorry, I couldn't help overhearing. You said you've just been to Delhi?
- 5 Do you know many people here?
- 6 So what do you think of this music?



- 5 Match the conversation starters (1–6) in exercise 4 with the replies (a–f).

- a To be honest, I think it's a bit too loud! 6
- b Yes, I am. There's a great buffet, isn't there? 2
- c No, I don't think we have. My name's Ivan. 1
- d No, I haven't actually. But they look delicious – what are they? 3
- e Not really. Just the hosts, and a couple of their friends. What about you? 5
- f Yes, that's right. I was there on holiday. It's an amazing place. Have you been? 4

## Grammar | Present Simple and Present Continuous

### 6 Find and correct the mistakes in four of the sentences.

- 1 I'm not understanding you – can you say it again, please?
- 2 Are you wanting to go home yet?
- 3 What do you mean?
- 4 He's having a very good job.
- 5 Excuse me, do you know the time?
- 6 They want to get married.
- 7 Do you have a large family?
- 8 I'm knowing a lot of people through Facebook.

### 7 Complete the sentences with the Present Simple or Present Continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 A: How is your English? *improving*  
B: Not bad. It is (get) better.
- 2 I usually ~~finish~~ *finish* work at six o'clock, and it ~~take~~ *takes* me ten minutes to walk home.
- 3 You should turn your lights on. It is getting (get) dark.
- 4 Do you always ~~listen~~ *listen* to music in the car?
- 5 I am (live) with my parents until I can find an apartment to buy.
- 6 A: Shall we go out for a walk?  
B: Not now. It is (rain). *is raining*



## Listening

### 8 a 4 Cover the audioscript. Listen to the psychologist. What is she talking about?

- 1 girlfriends and boyfriends
- 2 online relationships
- 3 work relationships

### AUDIOSCRIPT

The friends you have on a social networking site can help you enjoy your day at work, but don't expect too much from them as many of these 'online friends' prefer to stay online only.

My friend Patricia, met a friend of a friend, Howard, at a conference. They got on really well and started an online relationship. They found that they had a lot in common. They shared memories, and talked about their workmates. Sometimes they swapped more than twelve messages a day. Patricia looked forward to receiving Howard's messages when she arrived at work.

After a few weeks, however, Patricia asked Howard if he wanted to meet up after work, but he always found an excuse not to. Then she received a really strange message from him explaining how he didn't want to have a relationship and how he had decided to stop contacting her. That was the end of the story, and she never heard from him again.

You see, an online relationship takes a lot less energy than a face-to-face relationship. So a lot of people who don't really want the responsibility will try online friends instead. It's easier and, if you have an argument, you can always just shut down your computer!

### b Listen again. Choose the correct answer, a or b.

- 1 Online friends are good for ...  
a going out with after work.  
b spending time with while you are at work.
- 2 Patricia and Howard ...  
a were old friends. b met at a conference.
- 3 They talked about ...  
a their colleagues. b their problems.
- 4 They usually sent ...  
a lots of messages every day.  
b one or two messages a day.
- 5 Patricia asked Howard to ...  
a meet her after work. b stop contacting her.
- 6 Howard ...  
a wanted to go to the cinema with Patricia.  
b didn't want to meet her in person.
- 7 Online relationships use ...  
a more energy than face-to-face relationships.  
b less energy than face-to-face relationships.
- 8 The advantage of an online relationship is that if you argue, you can ...  
a switch off your computer. b meet for a coffee.

