

1/1.**An Interview at the Airport**

Interviewer: Good morning Sir. I'd like to ask you a few questions if I may.

Jack: Well, I'm waiting to catch my flight so I guess I can answer a few questions.

Interviewer: Thank you. First of all, how often do you travel?

Jack: I travel about three times a month.

Interviewer: Where are you flying to on this trip?

Jack: I'm flying to Paris, France.

Interviewer: ... and where did you fly on your last trip?

Jack: I flew to Berlin, Germany. I've already been there six times!

Interviewer: Really! Do you enjoy travelling on business?

Jack: Yes, although I prefer staying in the office.

Interviewer: Do you always travel alone?

Jack: No, my wife often comes with me. Sometimes she stays only for a few days, but she is my big companion, we spend as much time together as we can.

Interviewer: You have visited many countries and cities, but would you live in another country for the rest of your life?

Jack: There is no place like home, but if my family came with me, I could imagine my life anywhere.

Interviewer: What are some things that you always take with you on a trip?

Jack: I always take my notebook, my camera, a guidebook and swimsuits with me.

Interviewer: Has the airline ever lost your luggage?

Jack: Although I travel a lot, it has never happened to me.

Interviewer: What do you like most about travelling?

Jack: I like visiting new cities and trying out new food.

Interviewer: Do you have any special habits when you travel?

Jack: I do. I always buy some souvenirs, my daughter loves them.

Interviewer: Is there a place you would like to visit and haven't visited yet?

Jack: Yes, I'd like to go to Hawaii! I love going to the beach!

Interviewer: Thank you very much for your time today.

Jack: You're welcome. My pleasure.

1/2.

Listen to the following text and decide whether the sentences are *True or False*.

National Hugging Day

Do you know what we celebrate about January 21, 1986? Well, National Hugging Day. Kevin Zaborney from the USA created the day to promote the advantages of hugging. This celebration has moved beyond America's borders and people now celebrate the good things about a hug all over the world. In America, National Hugging Day is big in schools and hospitals. It is a wonderful way of letting people know how you feel about them and for showing your love. So, as this is National Hugging Day, give everyone a big hug and make them feel good. A word of advice – ask before you hug!

There is a lot of research that shows hugging is good for us. Dr. Jay Gordon wrote a book called 'Brighter Baby', which said hugging a child every day is more likely to make him or her more intelligent. Hugging is tolerated in most countries. It can be a form of greeting between friends, a way of celebrating a victory, or a way of showing your support for someone. It doesn't matter what age, race, sex or religion you are; hugs can take place between any two people. Hugging also takes place in the animal world. Monkeys are very fond of a hug to show their friendship. We even see the Teletubbies TV characters showing off their hugging skills as they give each other a "big hug".

2/1.**Buying a Shirt**

A: Good afternoon.

B: Good afternoon.

A: May I help you?

B: Yes, I'm looking for a shirt.

A: What colour would you like?

B: Green.

A: And what size are you?

B: I'm not sure. What do you think?

A: I think medium would be good. Let me see. How about this one?

B: What material is it?

A: Wool.

B: Do you have anything in cotton?

A: Yes, sure. Here you are. It is a bit more expensive, but the material and the brand are better.

B: Can I try it on?

A: Of course. The fitting room's over there.

B: It does not really fit me. Do you have anything larger?

A: Here you are.

B: Now this one is perfect.

A: We have a special day today, which means that if you buy two, you only pay for one shirt.

B: Oh, wonderful. Then I'll take two. Can I have the other one in red?

A: Certainly. Would you like something else?

B: No, thank you. Can I pay by credit card?

A: Unfortunately, this special offer is only good for cash.

B: That's not a problem. How much is it altogether?

A: 12 pounds.

B: Here is 15 pounds.

A: Thank you. Here is your change. Have a nice day.

B: You too.

2/2.

Listen to the following text and decide whether the sentences are *True or False*.

Let's Go on Holiday

Bob: Where shall we go for our vacation this year, Tammy?

Tammy: How about Florida? It's cheap, and good weather is guaranteed. And I'd love to go to Disneyland.

B: I'd rather do something more exciting this year. Something historic. Have you seen this ad for holidays in London?

T: I prefer lying on a beach to just sightseeing.

B: But we do that every year. I'd prefer to do something different this time. We haven't been to London. Not even to England.

T: Well, you have a point. Actually, I have always wanted to see Buckingham Palace.

B: How about The Tower, too? We should go on a sightseeing tour on a double-decker.

T: Sounds OK to me. Would you prefer to stay in a hotel or a youth hostel.

B: A hotel would be much more comfortable.

T: There is one other thing that I would really like to do.

B: What's that?

T: I would like to see The Phantom of the Opera.

B: That sounds very good.

T: How many days shall we spend in London?

B: One week would be enough.

T: Good. I'll go and book our ticket. Do you want to fly first class?

B: Sure. Why not? Let's enjoy life.

3/1.**An Interview at the Shopping Mall**

Interviewer: Good evening, I hope you don't mind answering a few questions.

Alice: How long will it take?

Interviewer: Just a few minutes.

Alice: I guess I can manage to answer a few questions. Go ahead.

Interviewer: I'd like to ask your opinion about electronic goods. What do you think is the best brand?

Alice: I'd say that Panama is the best brand.

Interviewer: Which brand is the most expensive?

Alice: Well, Panama is also the most expensive brand. I guess that's why it's the best.

Interviewer: Which brand do you think is the worst?

Alice: I think Blonde is the worst. I really can't remember using any of their products that I liked.

Interviewer: How important are brands to you?

Alice: I always buy quality products because I think cheap products wear out in a short period of time and then you have to buy new ones. In the end you will spend more if you think you can save money and buy cheap products.

Interviewer: Are expensive products always better?

Alice: I think it *is* true that more expensive products are made from higher-quality materials.

Interviewer: What was the last thing you bought for yourself?

Alice: I bought a new DVD-player with some films last week.

Interviewer: About how much do you spend on electronics?

Alice: I spend about \$900-1000 a year.

Interviewer: And which brand is the most popular with young people?

Alice: That's a difficult one to answer. I think that Sonic is probably the most popular with young people.

Interviewer: One last question, Have you tried using any Hyper products?

Alice: No, I haven't. Are they any good?

Interviewer: I enjoy using them. But I didn't stop you to tell you what I think. Thank you for your time.

Alice: Not at all.

3/2.

Listen to the following text and decide whether the sentences are *True or False*.

Mount Rushmore

Mount Rushmore National Memorial, which is found 23 miles southwest of Rapid City, is something you don't want to miss. It's the greatest attraction in the US!

"Until the wind and the rain alone shall wear them away." Those are the famous words Sculptor Gutzon Borglum used to describe the length of time his most famous work, Mt. Rushmore, will live.

The mountain itself was originally named after Charles E. Rushmore, a New York lawyer. Gutzon Borglum chose this mountain because of its height (2,000 metres above sea level), the material of the rock, and the fact that it catches the sun for the greatest part of the day. Each president symbolizes something. George Washington represents the fight for independence, Thomas Jefferson the idea of government by the people. Abraham Lincoln for his ideas on equality, and Theodore Roosevelt for the 20th century role of the United States. The work on Mt. Rushmore actually began on August 10, 1927, and it was finished 14 years later. The total cost of the project was \$900,000.

The most beautiful program at Mount Rushmore is the evening lighting ceremony held at 9:00 p.m. You must see it when you are touring the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota.

4/1.**Booking a Flight**

A: Good afternoon.

B: Hello. How may I help you?

A: I'd like to book a flight to Singapore, please.

B: Which airline would you like to use?

A: I prefer British Airways. Its planes are very comfortable.

B: When do you want to travel?

A: Next month, around the 20th.

B: Would you like a return ticket?

A: Yes, I'm planning to come back at the beginning of the next month.

B: First class?

A: Yes, please.

B: Let me see..... British Airways has a flight via Istanbul. It costs £399. There is a direct flight from Heathrow, which costs £599.

A: How long does it take via Istanbul?

B: Total time is 14 hours, you have to wait for two hours in Istanbul.

A: Well, then I'd like to have the ticket for the direct flight. I don't want to change.

B: Where would you like to sit?

A: Can I have a window seat?

B: Let's see ... yes. You will sit in the second row by the window.

A: And one more thing. I am a vegetarian, so I'd like to have pasta on the plane.

B: No problem.

A: Can I pay here in advance?

B: Of course.

A: Do you accept credit cards?

B: Certainly.

A: Here is my card. And thank you for your help.

B: You're welcome. Good bye.

A: Bye.

4/2.

Listen to the following text and decide whether the sentences are *True or False*.

Teaching English

Host: Tonight I am going to interview Ms Irene Shell who teaches English to people from all around the world. She is going to tell us about 6 of her students who are currently looking for pen friends. Good evening.

Ms Shell: Good evening. I'm happy to be on the show.

Host: How long have you been teaching foreigners?

Ms Shell: For 25 years now.

Host: I hear that your speciality is to help your students find friends from all around the world.

Ms Shell: That is right.

Host: Can you tell us about your favourite students who you are helping right now?

Ms Shell: Sure. First of all, there is Maria. She is 24 years old. She comes from Spain and would like to find a pen pal who comes from Eastern Europe. She likes playing the piano and listening to jazz music. She is interested in history but does not like politics.

Host: Do you have anybody from Asia?

Ms Shell: Yes, a young lady called Kim Lee. She is 19 years old and comes from Seoul, South Korea. Kim loves travelling and listening to pop music and playing football in her free time.

Host: Do you only have young students?

Ms Shell: No. There is Diego for example. He is 42 years old. He comes from Argentina. He is a businessman. He is married with three children and likes using the Internet in his free time.

Host: Who speaks the most languages?

Ms Shell: Helga, who is 31 years old. She comes from Germany and speaks French, English and Russian.

Host: Who is the youngest?

Ms Shell: Emma. She is 18 and comes from Hungary. She loves riding her horse, Jackie, and listening to jazz music.

Host: That sounds interesting. And how about your 6th student?

Ms Shell: His name is Alessandro and he is 25 years old. He comes from Rome. He likes playing tennis and football in his free time.

Host: Thank you very much. I hope they will find their pen friends soon.

Ms Shell: Thank you for helping us with your programme.

5/1.**An Interview Before the Royal Wedding**

Interviewer: When are Prince William and Catherine Middleton getting married?

Expert: They are getting married at 11am at Westminster Abbey on 29th April 2011.

I: How can I take part in it?

E: If you would like to be part of the wedding in central London and see the royal couple then you can stand somewhere along the road where they will go.

I: Will there be a lot of people?

E: It is possible that a lot of people will wait early on the morning of 29 April.

I: Are there other alternatives?

E: You can also travel to Hyde Park or Trafalgar Square where you can watch a free, live broadcast of the wedding on big screens. This will be open from 7.00 am.

I: What about the programmes?

E: There will be a lot of activities and entertainment, including hatmaking for children, live bands, champagne for sale, wedding cakes and other refreshments.

I: Will there be road closures and when will they be in place?

E: Of course, there will be a lot of roads closed. Information on road closures can be found on the Metropolitan Police website.

I: How can I receive regular updates on the wedding?

E: There are a number of ways of keeping in touch with the latest news and receive lots of interesting videos, pictures, etc. The best way is to visit the Official Royal Wedding website.

I: Who is invited to the wedding?

E: Around 1,900 people are invited to the wedding at Westminster Abbey. Around 650 people to the lunchtime reception at Buckingham Palace given by The Queen. Around 300 people are invited to the dinner at Buckingham Palace given by The Prince of Wales.

I: Thank you very much. I, myself, will be there, not too far from Westminster Abbey.

5/2.

Listen to the following text and decide whether the sentences are *True or False*.

At the Airport

A: Good morning, may I see your ticket, please?

B: Yes.

A: How many bags do you have?

B: One suitcase and this carry-on baggage.

A: OK, that's fine.

B: And can I have a window seat in the smoking section?

A: I'm afraid this is a non-smoking flight, sir. But you can have a window seat. Here's your boarding pass.

B: Thank you.

A: May I ask you about why you are travelling to New York?

B: I'm on business.

A: How long are you planning to stay?

B: 4 days.

A: Where are you staying?

B: In Hotel ABC near Central Park.

A: Are you taking any cigarettes, food or alcohol?

B: Just some wine and cigarettes.

A: How much wine do you have?

B: 2 bottles.

A: That's fine, and how many cigarettes?

B: I have 20 packs.

A: That'll be fine. Well, enjoy your trip and have a safe flight.

B: Thank you. Good bye.

A: Good bye.

6/1.

At a Party

Tom: Hi! How are you?

Kim: Fine. How about you?

Tom: Very well! Let me introduce you to my cousin, Jane.

Kim: Where is she?

Tom: She is there speaking to her friends now. I'll introduce you later.

Kim: Good. Where is she from? I haven't seen her before.

Tom: She lives in England. She is just visiting.

Kim: It is probably quite a change. I mean coming from England to the USA.

Tom: Yes, it is. But she loves it here. By the way, Kim. Do you still play tennis?

Kim: Not as much as I would like.

Tom: Jane does. Maybe we could play doubles tomorrow.

Kim: That sounds great. How about tomorrow morning?

Tom: Sure, say 7 o'clock?

Kim: Isn't it a bit early? What about 10?

Tom: OK, let's make it 10.

Kim: Great. I'll look forward to it.

Tom: Kim, could you pass me that newspaper? Let's see what the weather's supposed to be like tomorrow.

Kim: Sure, here you go.

Tom: Thanks. The forecast says it will be sunny.

Kim: So are you saying it is supposed to be nice tomorrow?

Tom: It says it will be hot and dry, just the perfect weather.

6/2.

Listen to the following text and decide whether the sentences are *True or False*.

Telephone English

Suzanne: Hello, Sunshine Travel Agency. How can I help you?

Martin: This is Martin Jackson. Can I speak to Suzanne Smith?

Suzanne: Speaking.

Martin: This is Martin Jackson. I have some problems.

Suzanne: Hello Martin. What's the problem? Have you arrived home from London?

Martin: Yes, I have. We got home yesterday, and we had a lot of problems with the hotel and the tour guide and I'd like to complain.

Suzanne: Didn't you like the hotel?

Martin: In fact, it was totally different to the one we had seen in the brochure before. We stayed at a dirty hotel, which was really far from the city centre. You said that our hotel would be within a 15-minute walk from the sights. To tell you the truth, we had to travel about one hour to get to the centre every day.

Suzanne: I'm so sorry. And what about the tour guide?

Martin: Your tour guide didn't know anything about the monuments. He didn't know that the museums were closed on Monday, and he didn't speak English fluently, so he didn't understand everything.

Suzanne: That's very interesting. Nobody has had any problems with him so far.

Martin: I hope you believe me. I'm very disappointed and I would like to get my money back.

Suzanne: I can understand your problems, but unfortunately we cannot return your money.

Martin: I think we should find a solution. Can I talk to your manager?

Suzanne: I'm afraid he's out at the moment.

Martin: OK, then could you take a message? Could you ask him to call me at 789456?

Suzanne: Could you repeat the number please?

Martin: Yes, that's 789456.

Suzanne: Thank you Mr Jackson, I'll make sure our boss gets this asap.

Martin: Thanks, bye.

Suzanne: Bye.

7/1.**Getting a Room for the Night**

Receptionist: Good evening. Can I help you?

Guest: Yes, please. We would like a room for three nights.

R: Would you like a twin room, a double room or a suite?

G: Could you give me some more information about the double room and the suite?

R: Of course, Sir. Our double rooms are 18–20 square metres and are located on the lower floors of the hotel. Room features include high speed wireless Internet, an LCD television with satellite and radio channels, tea and coffee-making facilities, an in-room safe, and a hair dryer. A double room costs \$ 150 for one night.

G: I see. And what about the suite?

R: In our VIP suite there is a separate living area with floor to ceiling windows, a huge Plasma TV, a desk area with wireless and hi-speed Internet access, a mini-bar, an in-room safe, and dual phone lines. You can find marble and granite floors and surfaces in the bathroom. There is a smaller LCD TV on the wall, opposite the bath tub.

G: It sounds great. How much does this suite cost?

R: It's a bit more expensive, it costs \$ 210 for one night.

G: Is breakfast included?

R: Yes, there is a restaurant in our hotel, where you can try our national breakfast specialities.

G: Great. Then we would like to stay for three nights, and we're interested in the suite.

R: Certainly. I'll just check what we have available . . . Yes, we have a suite on the 4th floor with a really nice view.

G: Perfect. I have one more question. Can I pay by credit card?

R: Certainly. We take Visa, Master Card and American Express. Could you fill in this form, please?

G: Do you need my passport number?

R: No, just an address and your signature.

G: Here you are.

R: Here's your key. Your room number is 273.

G: Thank you.

R: Thank you. If you need anything, dial 0 for the reception area. Have a good stay!

7/2.

Listen to the following text and decide whether the sentences are *True or False*.

Teen Travel Club

A: Tonight I am going to interview a young businessman who had a brilliant idea, which made him very rich. Phil Jackson is the founder of Teen Travel Club.

B: Good evening.

A: Phil, what is your company about?

B: If you're aged 16, 17, 18 or 19 and would like to go out more often, Teen Travel Club offers the cheapest bus travel. It is only for teenagers who can't pay for expensive trips.

A: What do you have to do to join your club?

B: To join, all you have to do is to fill in a form and take it to your nearest bus station. You will also need to produce your birth certificate and a passport-sized photograph of yourself.

A: And then?

B: You will be given a free Teen Travel membership card, which will allow you to travel at a lower cost.

A: What are the advantages of membership?

B: Once you're a member of the Teen Travel Club you can buy tickets at any bus station, post office or rail ticket office. Each ticket you buy is divided into 10 parts; when you get on the bus you put the ticket into a special machine, which will then stamp one part.

A: How long are the tickets good for?

B: The tickets last as long as you like and it doesn't matter how long it takes you to use up all the journeys. However, you must remember to take your membership card with you when you use your ticket, otherwise you may have to pay the full fare if your ticket is checked.

A: Can you give your card to any other person?

B: No. Teen Travel tickets cannot be used by more than one person at a time.

8/1.**Dr. Jones**

Dr. Jones: Good morning. Come and sit down. What can I do for you?

Mr. Jack: Good morning. I don't feel so well. I would like something to make me feel better.

Dr. Jones: How do you feel?

Mr. Jack: I feel hot and tired. I don't sleep well at night. My head aches. It is very annoying. I can't sleep, then I can't work. I am tired all day.

Dr. Jones: When did it all start?

Mr. Jack: Three days ago. I thought I had a cold but it has got worse.

Dr. Jones: Do you have any backache?

Mr. Jack: No. But my eyes are sore. It is hard to drive, as my eyes stream with tears all the time.

Dr. Jones: Are your eyes itchy?

Mr. Jack: Yes, they itch a lot. I also have a running nose and a bad cough.

Dr. Jones: Oh, dear, it sounds like flu.

Mr. Jack: Is there anything you can give me?

Dr. Jones: No, I'm afraid not. Just drink plenty of fluids. Hot tea is the best. Take aspirin when needed but no more than 8 times a day. Rest as much as you can.

Mr. Jack: I'll do that. What can I do to sleep at night?

Dr. Jones: Well, your fever is high, so cool yourself with a luke-warm bath. It might help to reduce your temperature. If it doesn't get any better in 3 days, come back.

Mr. Jack: Thank you, doctor.

8/2.

Listen to the following text and decide whether the sentences are *True or False*.

Making Friends

Radio host: Welcome to this special edition of our school's radio. On today's show, we are introducing our new teacher, who comes from a remote country in Central Europe. Good morning Zoltan. Nice to have you here.

Zoltan: Hello. It is nice to be here on the show.

Radio host: Welcome to our school. Can you say a few things about yourself?

Zoltan: My name is Zoltan Nagy. I am from Hungary.

Radio host: Pleased to meet you. My name is Jo Peterson. I am a teacher and I am responsible for the school radio. I hear you have just moved to our city.

Zoltan: Yes, we moved about a week ago.

Radio host: Who is we?

Zoltan: My wife Susan and my son Andrew.

Radio host: How old is your son?

Zoltan: He will be 11 in June.

Radio host: Is this your first time in the US?

Zoltan: No. When we left Hungary and came to America we lived with some relatives in Cleveland, Ohio for 1 year.

Radio host: That sounds exciting. And what subjects do you teach?

Zoltan: I teach History.

Radio host: And how long are you planning to stay in our school?

Zoltan: As long as the school needs me. I am planning to stay in the USA forever now.

Radio host: Thanks a lot for the interview, and I hope you will enjoy your experience with us.

Zoltan: Thank you.

9/1.**Making a Complaint**

A: Good morning, how can I help you?

B: I'd like to make a complaint about my holiday in Budapest last week.

A: I'm sorry to hear that. What exactly was the problem?

B: First of all, the bus that was taking me and my wife to the hotel was an old model without air-conditioning and it was very, very hot.

A: Oh, I'm sorry. But it isn't our fault really. The bus was given by the hotel.

B: The hotel? Hm. Don't even mention that place. When we got there we found our room hadn't been cleaned. It was so dirty that my wife almost cried. Well, it was a 4-star hotel.

A: Oh dear, did you complain to the hotel staff?

B: Of course, but nobody came to help us.

A: Really? Why not?

B: I don't know. The staff were just so rude.

A: I apologize for that, too.

B: And that's not all. The people above us sounded as if they were having all-night parties, every night. We wanted to have another room but the receptionist told me that it was impossible.

A: Why?

B: He said the hotel was full.

A: Oh, I see.

B: And there is one more thing. The food in the hotel restaurant was awful. It was so bad we had to eat out all the time, although the cost of the meals was included in the price of the holiday.

A: I really apologize. I'd like to offer you a 30% discount on the price of your next holiday with us.

B: You must be joking. Next holiday? Come on. I want to see the manager.

9/2.

Listen to the following text and decide whether the sentences are *True or False*.

Lady Diana

A: Tonight we have a special guest on our show. Please welcome Ms Beasley.

B: Good evening.

A: Good evening. Ms Beasley is famous for her best-selling book about Lady Diana. She has written probably the best biography of the late princess. Ms Beasley, so, who was Lady Diana?

B: Lady Diana Spencer was born in 1961. She had a normal, quiet upbringing.

A: Were there many articles about her life in newspapers and magazines?

B: She hit newspaper headlines around the world, but the biggest one was about her death at the age of 36.

A: Is it true that she was a nursery school teacher when she met Prince Charles? It's like a fairy tale...

B: Yes, Diana was a teacher in London when she caught the interest of Prince Charles. She won the hearts of a nation with her shy smiles and natural beauty. The whole world watched the royal wedding in 1981. A year later, she gave birth to Prince William.

A: Why did people love Diana so much?

B: Diana was nervous at first in public, but she soon developed a charming manner. She took a strong interest in many charities and important causes. She helped the homeless, lepers and AIDS victims.

A: Who was Dodi in Diana's life?

B: Diana and Charles divorced in 1996. She was suffering from depression and eating disorders. She finally found happiness with an Egyptian film producer, Dodi Al-Fayed.

A: What do we know about their tragedy in France?

B: Their romance was closely followed by the paparazzi, which led to the fatal car crash that killed her in Paris in 1997. At her funeral, British Prime Minister, Tony Blair, called her the "People's Princess". To many, she was simply the "Queen of Hearts".

A: Thank you very much for the interview.

10/1.

Change Your Name

A: Do you like your name? Have you ever thought about changing it? Why are these questions so important? We have asked the organizer of a special day. Good morning, Sylvia.

B: Good morning. Thank you for your questions. Well, on *Get A Different Name Day* you can change your name. This special day always falls on 13 February. It is the creation of the website www.wellcat.com. They say the day is: "For the pity of millions of us who hate our birth names."

A: Is there a list from which we can choose our name?

B: No, there isn't. On 13 February we can change our names to whatever we wish and have the right to expect colleagues, family and friends to so call us. It's important. We did not choose our names. Our parents made that decision.

A: Are there many people who are not satisfied with their names?

B: In my opinion, maybe most of us would change our name if we could. The trouble is, if we don't like our name, we have to use it for many years as we grow up. But all is not lost. You can have it legally changed.

A: Are family traditions important in families?

B: Most of us have a given name and some of us have a middle name. Family traditions are often important. Our parents wanted to name us after an aunt or a grandparent.

A: What about famous actors and singers? Are there many parents who name their children after them?

B: There are a lot of more Brads and Kylies in the world today, because of the actor Brad Pitt and singer Kylie Minogue. Lots of people want to change their name. There are many reasons for this.

A: Why do people usually want to change their names?

B: Actors want a better-sounding name; people who change their religion also change names; people who see a crime change their names for security reasons. American actor Rob Morrow called his daughter Tu. Wouldn't you change your name, if you were Tu Morrow?

10/2.

Listen to the following text and decide whether the sentences are *True or False*.

World Championship

A 19-year-old Norwegian man is the new Monopoly world champion. Bjorn Halvard Knappskog won in all the competitions at the world championships in Las Vegas on October 24th. The new champ won \$20,580 in real money. His closest rival couldn't pay the rent in Monopoly money. Knappskog was most surprised when he became the champion. He said that it was a really good final. It was the best game he played in the whole tournament. The final lasted only 45 minutes. This is really quick. A typical game of Monopoly lasts up to four hours or more.

Monopoly is one of the most popular board games in the world. Almost everyone gets a Monopoly set when they are children. The famous real-estate trading game started in 1935. It quickly became a bestseller. More than 275 million copies of the game have been sold worldwide. Each version is different, depending on the street names of the world's capital cities. The game is great for teaching children about how to use and make money. Kids can quickly take on the role of very rich people.

11/1.**Personal Information**

A: Hello, I would like to ask some questions about your childhood.

B: OK, go ahead.

A: What is your full name?

B: My full name is Sharon Smith and my grandmother had the same name. As a child I didn't have a nickname, but nowadays my colleagues often call me Cherry.

A: Where and when were you born?

B: I was born in Chicago, in 1974.

A: What is your earliest childhood memory?

B: The earliest memory I can place is my brother talking about how he was going to school the following year. He's 3 years older than me so when he was 6, I was 3.

A: What was your favourite toy and why?

B: Absolutely my lovely Teddy Bear! I named it Earl. My aunt gave it to me. I loved it very much.

A: What happened in the world events while you were growing up?

B: I remember watching the Challenger space shuttle disaster on TV. I was 12 years old. Although it didn't really bring any changes in my life, it was really shocking for me at that time.

A: How is the world different today from what it was like when you were a child?

B: Friendships and play have changed. We used to play outside a lot but nowadays children chat on Facebook instead of normal human relationships. Kids didn't have cell phones or computers.

A: Your answers have been really interesting. Thank you very much for this short interview.

B: You're welcome.

11/2.

Listen to the following text and decide whether the sentences are *True or False*.

Reporting a Crime

A: Good evening everybody. On tonight's Crime in the Neighbourhood Special, we have a guest who is going to tell you about the latest crime that happened in our little town. Mr Frank, which part of the town do you live in?

B: Good evening. I live at 40 Kings Road.

A: When did you discover the burglary?

B: When I got home from shopping. About an hour ago.

A: So this really happened just an hour ago, and now you are on our show. Was anybody at home during the burglary?

B: No. The whole family was in the supermarket.

A: Have they stolen anything?

B: Yes. Our camera, my wife's most valuable necklace and all the cash from the house.

A: Did you see anybody in the house?

B: No. By the time I got home, the burglar or burglars had left.

A: Has anybody seen any cars go by?

B: Yes, my neighbours.

A: Tell me everything about the car. Maybe somebody who is listening to us can help you.

B: It was a red Fiat Punto and a man was driving it.

A: How did the burglar get in?

B: Unfortunately, he was able to come into the house from the garage.

A: Did you leave the garage door locked?

B: Of course.

B: Has your car disappeared from the garage?

B: No. We went shopping in the car.

A: Have you reported the crime to the police?

B: Of course.

A: Wait a second, there is somebody on the line who says that he has seen a red Fiat. Maybe it is the man you are looking for.

B: I hope so.

12/1.**Shopping**

A: Can I help you?

B: Yes, I'm looking for a pullover.

A: What size are you?

B: I'm an extra large.

A: How about this one?

B: Yes, that's nice. Can I try it on?

A: Certainly, the changing rooms are over there. They are on the right hand side behind that counter.

B: Thank you. Can I take more than one article to try on?

A: Sure.

B: OK, then I would like to look around first.

A: No problem.

B: Thank you... I have found three more pullovers. Now I'll try them on.

A: How do they fit?

B: This green one is too large. Do you have a smaller one? ... I really like the striped one but I think it makes me look old. ... And unfortunately this new model doesn't fit me. I feel like a fool.

A: I see. I can give you a smaller size. Here you are.

B: Thank you. It's much better. I'll take it. And one more question. I would like to buy something for my husband, our wedding anniversary is next week.

A: Have a look at these beautiful tie and handkerchief sets. Do you like them? A set can be a unique gift for your husband.

B: This set is very smart. How much does it cost?

A: It costs \$40.

B: OK, I'll take it.

A: OK, how would you like to pay?

B: Do you take credit cards?

A: Yes, we do. Visa, Master Card and American Express.

B: OK, here's my Visa.

A: Thank you. Have a nice day!

B: Thank you, goodbye.

12/2.

Listen to the following text and decide whether the sentences are *True or False*.

Job Interview

A: Can you tell me something about yourself?

B: My name is Patrick Weaver. I graduated from university in 2003. I studied economics in Budapest. I have been working for Smith&Smith Ltd. since I finished my studies. I am patient, sociable and hard-working. I can speak three foreign languages: English, French and Spanish.

A: What high school did you attend?

B: I studied in Balatonalmádi. There is a bilingual school there.

A: What do you know about our organization?

B: I know that your company deals with management. You're the most famous advisor to many European companies, organizations and some governments. I have always wanted to work here.

A: Why do you want to work for us?

B: Your company offers a challenging position. I believe that my training, skills, and personality are perfect for this position, and I am excited about the possibility of working for this company.

A: What do you find most attractive about this position?

B: Your company is world-famous and I'd be happy to work here.

A: What is a good working environment for you?

B: I would like to work in a clean office. Many windows and natural light are also very important for me.

A: Why would you like to leave your present job?

B: I would like to do new things. I would like to get to know more people and I think now I have enough experience to work for your company.

A: Thank you for your answers. We will inform you later this week.

13/1.**Cinema Fan**

A: What is your favourite movie?

B: My favourite film is Weekend at Bernie's.

A: Do you usually watch films at home or at the cinema?

B: I usually watch movies at home, but I think there are some films, which are better and more enjoyable at the cinema.

A: How often do you go to the cinema?

B: I usually go once a month.

A: If a book has been made into a film, which do you prefer to do first, see the film or read the book?

B: It depends on the story. But I think it's better to read the book first. If you watch the film first you won't use your imagination while you're reading. The actors and the actresses will be the characters in your imagination. Do you understand what I mean?

A: Yes, I do. Have you ever seen the same film more than once?

B: I have already seen my favourite films ten or fifteen times.

A: What is the worst film you've ever seen?

B: There is a film by Tom Cruise and his ex-wife. In fact, it was so terrible that I cannot remember the title.

A: Who is your favourite actor or actress?

B: My favourite actress is Kate Hudson.

A: If they made a film about your life, what kind would it be?

B: It would be an adventurous film.

13/2.

Listen to the following text and decide whether the sentences are *True or False*.

Talent Show

A: Good evening everybody. On tonight's Show, we are going to present a person who has a very special talent. What is it? Hmmm. I have almost forgotten. But he would not forget it, as Mrs Cruise remembers everything.

B: Good evening. Yes, I have a great memory, I can remember everything. I rarely forget things.

A: What's your earliest memory?

B: I was three years old when my family planted some trees in the garden. I can remember that day.

A: When was it?

B: It was twenty-four years ago.

A: Have you ever forgotten anything important, like your keys or your phone?

B: Although my memory is good, I'm a bit untidy. Sometimes I can't find my mobile phone or my car keys.

A: Have you ever forgotten an important date, like a birthday or an anniversary?

B: No, I haven't. At the beginning of January, I always write down all the important dates in my diary. Birthdays and anniversaries are very important in my life.

A: Is there anything that you will never forget?

B: I will never forget the day when my husband asked me to marry him, and when my children were born.

A: And is there anything that you would like to forget?

B: I think everybody wants to forget their bad days. I would like to forget the day when my brother had an accident and he was seriously injured.

A: Many people think that a certain sound or smell brings back a childhood memory very strongly.

B: I think it's true.

A: Can you give me an example from your life?

B: When I was a child I spent a lot of time together with my grandmother. She lived in a block of flats and there was a strange but very good smell on the staircase. As an adult I have already "met" this smell on many other staircases and I always remember my days at my grandmother's. She has died, so this smell is very special for me.

A: Do you train your memory?

B: I often play memory games with my children, and of course I always learn new foreign words.

A: Thank you Mrs Cruise.

14/1.**Ordering a Meal**

A: Hi. How are you this afternoon?

B: Fine, thank you. Can I see the menu, please?

A: Certainly, here you are.

B: Thank you.

A: I will be back in five minutes to take your order.

B: Great.

A: (Returning) Are you ready to order, Sir?

B: I haven't decided yet. Can you help me? What's today's special?

A: Grilled tuna and cheese on rye.

B: Unfortunately I'm allergic to dairy products. Do you have any specials? What's the speciality of the house?

A: The speciality of the house is roast chicken liver with fried onions.

B: That sounds good. I'll have that.

A: Would you like something to drink?

B: Yes, I'd like a coke.

A: (Returning with the food) Here you are. Enjoy your meal!

B: Thank you.

A: Can I get you anything else? Would you like to see the wine list?

B: Yes.

A: Would you like to try a bottle of Hungarian wine?

B: Yes, I would like a bottle of red wine. Dry red wine.

A: A good choice. Would you like some coffee or dessert later?

B: I will have a latte with cinnamon on the top. And I would like to try to this Sponge Cake Somló Style.

A: Was everything all right?

B: Thanks, everything was delicious. And now I'd like the bill, please.

A: That'll be \$43.

B: Can I pay by credit card?

A: Unfortunately our restaurant does not accept credit cards.

B: OK, no problem, then I'll pay in cash. Here you are. Keep the change!

A: Thank you! Have a nice day!

B: Bye.

14/2.

Listen to the following text and decide whether the sentences are *True or False*.

England Cooks

A: Good afternoon everybody. My guest tonight on England Cooks is the famous chef from the Hilton, Mr Jamie Finch. Hello Jamie, and welcome on the show.

B: Good evening.

A: Why did you become a cook?

B: Oh, that's a long story. I had a very poor childhood. I loved eating but we had very little food on our table. We only had meat once a week. So then I decided to be a cook and give my parents what they could not give me.

A: So what happened next?

B: Right after secondary school I went to work in a restaurant in Leeds, to learn the basics. When I got enough money, I travelled to France to learn from French cooks.

A: How long were you there?

B: 3 long years. But it was the best experience of my life.

A: And then you came home?

B: No. After France I decided to go to New York.

A: Why New York?

B: Well, there are lots of different nationalities and they all cook differently. I wanted to know more.

A: How did you start to work in the Hilton?

B: That was easy. The manager was on holiday in New York. He came into the restaurant where I was working. He loved my cooking and immediately offered me a job.

A: I've heard that you are writing a cookbook.

B: Yes, it is true. It will be published in 2 months.

A: Good luck.

B: Thank you.

15/1.**Favourite TV Shows**

A: What is one of your favourite TV shows?

B: My favourite TV show is Friends.

A: Why do you like it?

B: I think it is very funny. When I'm sad or I have a bad day, I always watch Friends in the evening. This show makes me laugh and I'm happy again.

A: Are you going to watch TV tonight?

B: Sure. I watch TV every day. I love watching TV while I'm cooking or having dinner. I have a small TV in the kitchen so that I won't miss anything.

A: What did you watch yesterday?

B: I watched a couple of serials like Dr. House and Bones.

A: Do you think it is good for children to watch TV?

B: It depends on the parents. Parents can show them some good channels. Television can teach your children about different cultures. I think watching cartoons in the original language can help your children, if you want them to learn a foreign language.

A: Do you think that TV makes people lazy?

B: Sometimes. It can be very good to be lazy in front of the TV after a tiring day. But it can be very dangerous. If you watch too much TV, because you can get fat.

A: Could you live without television for a week?

B: For one week? Yes, I'm sure. But it would be very hard. I love watching TV.

15/2.

Listen to the following text and decide whether the sentences are *True or False*.

A Famous Londoner

A: On tonight's show we are going to introduce Paul Marsh, who speaks more than a dozen languages, making him one of the most famous people in London. Paul, what is your mother tongue?

B: Although I was born in France, my mother is Spanish. So my mother tongue is Spanish. I can also speak French, as my father is a French businessman.

A: How many languages do you speak?

B: I can speak 14 foreign languages. I speak French, English, German, Hungarian, Italian, Portuguese, Dutch, Danish, Chinese, Serbian, Czech, Greek, Arabic and Russian.

A: What's the best way to learn a foreign language?

B: I think studying abroad is the best. But if you don't have the possibility to travel and live in another country then you can do online courses, go to a private teacher, read original books or chat with foreigners.

A: How important is it to know something about the culture of a country?

B: I think it belongs to the knowledge of the language. It's important to know the most important parts of the history and of the culture.

A: As a beginner, what are the first things that you have to be able to say?

B: Greetings, introductions, saying where you're from are the first things.

A: Can you learn a language by watching television?

B: I think you can. There are many children who spend their time in front of the TV set watching English cartoons and they understand much more than those who never watch foreign channels.

A: Do you ever read websites in a foreign language?

B: Yes, I do. I think you can learn many expressions and new words if you read English websites.

A: What languages would you like to learn in future?

B: I'm really interested in Japanese, but it's not easy to find a good Japanese teacher.