Word on the Street
Oxford Scene 2 – Language Focus

Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 1
Read the sentences about using fillers and decide if they are true or false.

1. The word ‘like’ sometimes doesn’t mean anything.
2. Sometimes, people use the word ‘like’ as a filler to fill in the gaps when they are thinking about what to say next.
3. Using ‘like’ as a filler is bad English.
4. People use ‘like’ as a filler in formal situations.
5. Some people use fillers a lot but don’t notice them.

Activity 2
Can you arrange the dialogue into the same order as the video?

A. it’s beautiful to just sit in the sun and,
B. Student: Loads of stuff,
C. like, go punting and stuff. So it’s really nice.
D. Stephen: And what’s the social life like here?
E. erm, like, when it’s sunny and stuff
F. like, really good pubs, really good clubs …
Answers

Activity 1
1. a) True
2. a) True
3. b) False
4. b) False
5. a) True

Activity 2
D. Stephen: And what’s the social life like here?
B. Student: Loads of stuff,
F. like, really good pubs, really good clubs …
E. erm, like, when it’s sunny and stuff
A. it’s beautiful to just sit in the sun and,
C. like, go punting and stuff. So it’s really nice.