

**Support materials**

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**While you listen**

While you listen, read and answer the questions below. Remember that there may be more than one correct answer. See *Answers* at the end of this support pack.

**Section 1**

1. Listen to Tess and Ravi. Tick all the phrases you think are true. There may be more than one right answer.

- a) Ravi is going to Scotland on holiday.
- b) Ravi has been to Barcelona.
- c) Tess has been to Barcelona.
- d) Ravi is going to Barcelona.

**Section 2**

2. Listen to Tim talking about fell running. Tick all the phrases you think are true.

- a) People only go fell running in the north of England.
- b) There's lots of uphill running in fell running.
- c) People used to run fell races for money.
- d) Tim goes fell running in the Lake District.

**Section 3**

3. Listen to the quiz. Which of these holiday words does Lydia mention? Tick all the answers she mentions.

- a) sunbathing
- b) sunscreen
- c) sunglasses
- d) sun hat

**Section 4**

4. Listen to Your Turn. Which of these talents do people mention? Tick all the talents that are mentioned.

- a) dancing
- b) playing a musical instrument
- c) writing novels
- d) singing

**Section 5**

5. Listen to Carolina and her friends on their trip. Why do they call the police?

- a) Someone has stolen Henry's car.
- b) Someone has crashed into Henry's car.
- c) Someone has stolen something from Henry's car.
- d) Henry needs a report for his insurance company.

6. What number do they use to call the police in Newcastle?

- a) 999
- b) 112
- c) 03456 043 043
- d) 0845 3300 247

**Section 6**

7. Listen to the joke. Tick all the phrases you think are true.

- a) A talking dog is for sale.
- b) The man talks to the dog.
- c) The dog can't speak.
- d) The dog tells lies.

**Section 1 "Have you been to...?" – recommending things to do**
**Exercise 1**

in this podcast Tess asked Ravi about his plans for the summer. Ravi hasn't really got any plans yet, but Tess has some good ideas. Put the lines of their dialogue in the right order. The first and the last have been done for you. See *Answers* at the end of this support pack.

a	Ravi: How far is it from the beach?
b	Ravi: No, I haven't. I've heard it's pretty cool though. You've been to Barcelona then?
c	Ravi: Sounds great but, you know, Tess, when I go on holiday I just want to stay in one place. I don't want to be catching trains and all that. I want to <i>relax</i> . Do you know what I mean?
d	Ravi: Well, that's the thing. I'm not sure. I'm thinking of going to Barcelona but ...
e	Tess: Oh, fantastic. Have you ever been there? I <i>love</i> Spain.
f	Tess: Well, I don't think you go to Barcelona to go to the beach but I think it's pretty easy to get to the beach You could probably go to the beach for a day trip then go out in the city in the evening.
g	Tess: Well, there's loads of things to do in Barcelona. The nightlife's great. There are lots of good clothes shops for you. I think you'd really like it.
h	Tess: Yeah, I went there when I was a student. We had a <i>great</i> time. We did kind of a tour of Spain. We went to Barcelona then to Zaragoza, then Valencia and then all the way down to Granada – Granada's fantastic – you'd love it.

	Tess: So, what are your plans now?
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	Ravi: Hmm. Right, I think I've decided. I'm going to go to Barcelona. Great. I love deciding where to go. I can start to get excited about my holidays now.

### Section 1 "Have you been to...?" – recommending things to do

#### Exercise 2

Here are three conversations that follow the same structure as Tess and Ravi's conversation in Exercise 1. The three columns – Conversation A, Conversation B and Conversation C – have been mixed up. Each conversation has the same structure as Tess and Ravi's, and the same number of "turns": 10. Can you separate the three Conversations?

With highlighter pens, colour the turns in two different colours. The first and the last turn have been done for you. See *Answers* at the end of this pack.

Alternatively, you can cut the turns out with a pair of scissors and arrange them on a table.

Conversation A	Conversation B	Conversation C
<sup>A1</sup> So, what are you doing tonight? Anything exciting?	<sup>B1</sup> So, any New Year's resolutions?	<sup>C1</sup> So, eating out anywhere nice this weekend?
Not really. I thought I might try that new Lebanese restaurant on Duke Street	Not sure. I'll probably go to the cinema, I suppose	Mmm. I'm not sure. The usual, I suppose. Stop smoking and lose weight...
Oh yeah? Have you seen Three Monkeys yet?	Oh, haven't you been there yet? It's really good. I adore Lebanese food	Ah hah. Losing weight! Have you heard of the new High Alkaline diet? They say it really works

<p>No, that's a new one to me. How does it work?</p>	<p>No, I wanted to go last Saturday, but it was fully booked.</p>	<p>No, I haven't. But Time Out said it was pretty good...</p>
<p>I saw it with Sally last week. It's amazing. Great story, fantastic photography, very moving. I think you'd like it</p>	<p>Well, my friend Sue tried it. She could eat as much green food as she wanted, but she could only eat one bit of protein a day. She said it was okay. It might be the diet for you!</p>	<p>Yes, it's very popular; you'll have to book a table. The food is really good. And they do fantastic chicken. I think you'll enjoy it.</p>
<p>Yes, everybody I know who's been there says the food is good, but I'm no expert in Lebanese food. Isn't it all meat and no vegetables?</p>	<p>Yes, well, it sounds okay, but I'm not very good at watching films with subtitles. Do you know what I mean?</p>	<p>Well, I do like my vegetables, as you know. But what about carbohydrates? Can I still have my chips?</p>
<p>Yes, you can. But not very many. You should have 80% vegetables - that's the secret! You could survive that, couldn't you?</p>	<p>Not at all. You can have different vegetarian starters, and they do some excellent salads as well. You'll love those.</p>	<p>Ahh, you won't notice them after ten minutes. Go on. I think you'd enjoy it</p>
<p>Isn't it a bit expensive?</p>	<p>How long is it?</p>	<p>How soon can you see the results?</p>
<p>Well, it depends where you start from, of course! But for you, Jill, I reckon you notice the difference after a couple of weeks.</p>	<p>Well, it depends what you have of course, but it's not too bad. If you choose the cheaper options – and the house wine – it should be about 20 pounds a head.</p>	<p>I don't know. About an hour and a half? It doesn't <i>feel</i> very long. If you go to the 2 o'clock session you'll be out by four.</p>
<p>Conversation A</p> <p><sup>A10</sup> Mmm. Okay, then. You've convinced me. Why not? Perhaps I'll go on Tuesday...</p>	<p>Conversation B</p> <p><sup>B10</sup> Do you think so? Well, it might be worth a go. What's the name of the diet again? I'll look it up on Google...</p>	<p>Conversation C</p> <p><sup>C10</sup> 20 pounds? Well, that's not too bad, I suppose. Okay – let's go for it! I'll book a table this minute!</p>

**Section 2 – Would like to talk about**

In this section, you heard Tim talking about fell running, a sport he takes part in. What sports or activities do you take part in? Why do you enjoy it? What do you know about how the sport or activity started?

Write a paragraph about a sport or activity you take part in. If you want, you can add your paragraph to the "Your turn" comments on the website, or send your paragraph to [learnenglishpodcast@britishcouncil.org](mailto:learnenglishpodcast@britishcouncil.org).

Here are some phrases that might help you:

*I started about \_\_\_\_\_ years ago.*  
*At first it was hard/difficult/strange.*

*I like it because it's \_\_\_\_\_.*  
*It makes me feel \_\_\_\_\_.*

*The [sport/activity] started about \_\_\_\_\_ years ago in \_\_\_\_\_.*  
*People used to \_\_\_\_\_*

**Section 3 – Quiz – Exercise 1**

The quiz today was about holiday words. Look at the words in the box.

sunshine	ice cream	passport	sunbathing	suntan	sightseeing
suitcase	pack	sunglasses	guidebook	t-shirt	

Can you find?

- a. 2 things you wear: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. something you read \_\_\_\_\_
- c. something you carry \_\_\_\_\_
- d. something you eat \_\_\_\_\_
- e. 2 holiday activities \_\_\_\_\_

See *Answers* at the end of this pack.

### Section 3 – Quiz – Exercise 2

Now choose some of the words from Exercise 1 to complete the sentences. See *Answers* at the end of this support pack.

- This morning we did some \_\_\_\_\_ on the beach and this afternoon we're going to do some \_\_\_\_\_ in the city.
- After lunch we can sit outside in the \_\_\_\_\_ and have an \_\_\_\_\_ to cool down.
- I forgot to \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_ and the sun is so bright it hurts my eyes.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ says that this church was built in the 16th century.
- I hate the photograph in my \_\_\_\_\_ I look so stupid!

### Section 4 – Your turn

In 'Your Turn' this time the question was "What talent would you like to have?"

What about you? What talent would you like to have? Would you like to be able to sing or dance or tell great jokes? Do you have the same wish as any of the people said in the podcast?

We'd like you to tell us your opinion. Add your paragraph to the "Your turn" comments on the website, or send your paragraph to [learnenglishpodcast@britishcouncil.org](mailto:learnenglishpodcast@britishcouncil.org).

Here is some vocabulary that might help you to express your ideas:

Talking about wishes:	Why is it difficult?:	What would you do with your talent?:
I wish I could ...	I'd have to take a lot of lessons.	I'd go on TV ...
I would love to be able to ...	You have to [ ] and [ ] at the same time.	I'd make a lot of money
I would like to be good at ...	It's very difficult to learn.	I'd solve the world's problems
I'd like to be able to ...		I'd feel very free
		I'd be able to ...

### Section 5 – Carolina – Exercise 1

Look at some parts of Carolina and her friends' conversations in the car park. Put the expressions in the right places. See *Answers* at the end of this support pack.

Can't	What about
go on then	What am I going to do
Hang on a minute	What if
I don't believe it!	What's happened

1	Jamie: Uh oh! Henry, look at the car. Henry: What? Oh no! _____ .
2	Carolina: _____? Henry: Look! Someone's crashed into the car.
3	Layla: Did they leave a note? Henry: No, nothing. I can't see a piece of paper or anything. Oh god, _____?
4	Jamie: _____ your insurance? Henry: I don't know. I don't know if my insurance will pay.
5	Henry: I don't know if my insurance will pay. _____ they don't believe me?
6	Ivan: Well, _____. Phone them Carolina. Carolina: Oh no. I don't want to.
7	Carolina: _____ one of you do it? I might not understand what they say. Jamie: I'll do it.
8	Jamie: Get ready to write it down - quick. Layla: I've got a pen somewhere. Ivan: OK _____. Carolina: Just a minute.

### Section 5 – Carolina – Exercise 2

Look again at parts of the conversations. Choose all the phrases that people can say – there is always more than one correct answer. See Answers at the end of this support pack.

1. Jamie: Uh oh! Henry, look at the car.

Henry: What? Oh no! \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) What a nightmare!
- b) How awful!
- c) I don't believe it!
- d) Look out!

2. Carolina: \_\_\_\_\_?

Henry: Look! Someone's crashed into the car.

- a) What's happened?
- b) What's up?
- c) What's yours?
- d) What's the matter?

3. Layla: Did they leave a note?

Henry: No, nothing. I can't see a piece of paper or anything. Oh god, \_\_\_\_\_?

- a) What am I going to make?
- b) What am I going to do?
- c) What should I do?
- d) What did I do?

4. Jamie: \_\_\_\_\_ your insurance?

Henry: I don't know. I don't know if my insurance will pay.

- a) What about
- b) How about
- c) Have you got
- d) Where is

5. Henry: I don't know if my insurance will pay. \_\_\_\_\_ they don't believe me?

- a) How will I know
- b) What will I do if
- c) What can I do if
- d) What if

6. Ivan: Well, \_\_\_\_\_. Phone them Carolina.

Carolina: Oh no. I don't want to.

- a) go on then
- b) come here
- c) come on then
- d) go straight ahead

7. Carolina: \_\_\_\_\_ one of you do it? I might not understand what they say.

Jamie: I'll do it.

- a) Can't
- b) Won't
- c) Doesn't
- d) Didn't

8. Jamie: Get ready to write it down - quick.

Layla: I've got a pen somewhere.

Ivan: OK \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Wait a minute
- b) Just a minute
- c) Take a minute
- d) Hang on a minute

### Section 5 – Carolina – Exercise 3

Imagine that you and a friend have a problem. You get back to where his bicycle was but find that someone has stolen the bicycle. Now complete this conversation.

Friend: Oh no. I don't believe it! Where's my bicycle?

You: (ask what the problem is) \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Friend: My bike! Someone's stolen it. What am I going to do?

You: (the police?) \_\_\_\_\_

Friend: You're right. But I don't know the non-emergency number.

You: \_\_\_\_\_

Friend: Can't you do it?

You: (no) \_\_\_\_\_

Friend: OK, you're right. What's the number again?

You: \_\_\_\_\_

Friend: Thanks.

You: (insurance?) \_\_\_\_\_

Friend: I don't know. I have insurance but I don't know if it's covered.

Now you can practice the dialogue with a friend.

**Section 6 - The joke****Exercise 1**

Read the sentences below, and put them in the right order to tell the joke. You can either cut them up and arrange them, or write the number in the space on the left. See *Answers* at the end of this support pack.

	A man driving down the road sees a sign saying 'Talking dog for sale'.
	"Because", says the owner, "I'm sick of his lies. He never tells the truth!"
	He stops his car and knocks on the door and a man answers.
	He tells the owner that he'll buy the dog "But", he asks, "why is he so cheap?"
	"I saw your advertisement for a talking dog", the first man says.
	"Please buy me, sir" says the dog. "My owner is terrible and he's cruel to me".
	So the man goes to talk to the dog and the dog looks really sad.
	The dog goes on, "I used to be a police dog and do dangerous work for the government but I can't talk about it."
	"Well", thinks the man, "this is fantastic." and he goes back to talk to the owner.
	"Yes, go and talk to him if you want." says the talking dog's owner.

**7 – Tom – Exercise 1**

Complete the table by circling the right words or sentences. See *Answers* at the end of this support pack.

**Opinions and decisions**

When we give our opinions and ideas, we usually use 'think' in the  
(1) present simple / present progressive form

e.g.

(2) I think / I'm thinking you'd really like Barcelona.

What (3) do you think / are you thinking you'll do?

For negative opinions or decisions we usually make (4) "think" / the other verb negative.

e.g.

(5) I don't think I'll watch the film after all. / I think I won't watch the film after all.

For short answers we use

I think so

I don't think so

**Plans or ideas**

When we talk about our plans or what's in our head just at this moment, we usually use "think" in the (6) present simple / present progressive form.

e.g.

You look puzzled. What (7) do you think about / are you thinking about?

I (8) think / 'm thinking about my holidays. I don't know where to go.

**Section 7 – Tom – Exercise 2**

Are these sentences with 'think' right or wrong? See *Answers* at the end of this support pack.

1. I think he doesn't look very happy, do you?
2. A: Are you doing anything exciting this weekend?  
B: I don't think so. I'll probably just stay at home.
3. I'm thinking about getting a new car.
4. What are you thinking about Lady Gaga? Do you like her music?
5. Who do you think will win the next World Cup?
6. Can you guess what I think about right now?

**Section 7 – Tom – Exercise 3**

Answer these questions with a sentence of your own. Use 'think'.

1. What do you think about politicians in your country?

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2. Do you think the weather will be sunny tomorrow?

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3. What are you thinking about right now?

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4. Do you like football?

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**Section 7 – Tom – Exercise 4**

Match a word from column A with a word from column B to make a common compound noun.

Column A		Column B	
1. baby	6. police	bathing	officer
2. bus	7. sight	board	seeing
3. credit	8. sun	book	sitter
4. dining	9. washing	card	stop
5. guide	10. white	machine	table

**Answers**

**While you listen – Answers**

1. c, d; 2. b, c, d; 3. a, c; 4. a, b, d; 5. b, d; 6. c; 7. a, b, d

**Section 1: "Have you been to...?"**

**Exercise 1 – Answers**

1. d; 2. e; 3. b; 4. h; 5. c; 6.g; 7. a; 8. f

**Section 1: "Have you been to...?"**

**Exercise 2 – Answers – see below**

**Section 3 – Quiz – Exercise 1 – Answers**

a) sunglasses, t-shirt b) guidebook c) suitcase d) ice cream e) sightseeing, sunbathing

**Section 3 – Quiz – Exercise 2 – Answers**

a) sunbathing sightseeing b) sunshine ice cream c) pack sunglasses d) guidebook e) passport

**Section 5 – Carolina – Exercise 1 – Answers**

**Exercise 1**

1. I don't believe it! 2. What's happened 3. What am I going to do 4. What about 5. What if 6. go on then 7. Can't 8. Hang on a minute

**Section 5 – Carolina – Exercise 2 – Answers**

1. a, b, c; 2. a, b, d; 3. b, c; 4. a, b; 5. b, c, d; 6. a, c; 7. a, b; 8. a, b, d.

**Section 6 – The Joke – Answers**

A man driving down the road sees a sign saying 'Talking dog for sale'.

He stops his car and knocks on the door and a man answers.

"I saw your advertisement for a talking dog", the first man says.

"Yes, go and talk to him if you want." says the talking dog's owner.

So the man goes to talk to the dog and the dog looks really sad.

"Please buy me, sir" says the dog. "My owner is terrible and he's cruel to me".

The dog goes on, "I used to be a police dog and do dangerous work for the government but I can't talk about it."

"Well", thinks the man, "this is fantastic." and he goes back to talk to the owner.

He tells the owner that he'll buy the dog "But", he asks, "why is he so cheap?"

"Because", says the owner, "I'm sick of his lies. He never tells the truth!"

**Section 7 – Tom – Exercise 1 – Answers**

1. present simple; 2. I think; 3. do you think; 4. "think"; 5. I don't think I'll watch the film after all; 6. present progressive; 7. are you thinking about; 8 'm thinking.

**Section 7 – Tom – Exercise 2 – Answers**

1. Wrong: I don't think he looks very happy  
2. Right  
3. Right  
4. Wrong: What do you think of Lady Gaga?  
5. Right  
6. Wrong: Can you guess what I'm thinking about

**Section 7 – Tom – Exercise 4 – Answers**

1. babysitter; 2. bus stop; 3. credit card; 4. dining table; 5. guidebook; 6. police officer; 7. sightseeing; 8. sunbathing; 9. washing machine; 10. whiteboard

**Section 1: "Have you been to...?" – Exercise 2 – Answers**

<p>Conversation A</p> <p>A<sup>1</sup> So, what are you doing tonight? Anything exciting?</p>	<p>Conversation B</p> <p>B<sup>1</sup> So, any New Year's resolutions?</p>	<p>Conversation C</p> <p>C<sup>1</sup> So, eating out anywhere nice this weekend?</p>
<p>C<sup>2</sup> Not really. I thought I might try that new Lebanese restaurant on Duke Street</p>	<p>A<sup>2</sup> Not sure. I'll probably go to the cinema, I suppose</p>	<p>B<sup>2</sup> Mmm. I'm not sure. The usual, I suppose. Stop smoking and lose weight...</p>
<p>A<sup>3</sup> Oh yeah? Have you seen Three Monkeys yet?</p>	<p>C<sup>3</sup> Oh, haven't you been there yet? It's really good. I adore Lebanese food</p>	<p>B<sup>3</sup> Ah hah. Losing weight! Have you heard of the new High Alkaline diet? They say it really works</p>

**B<sup>4</sup>** No, that's a new one to me. How does it work?

**C<sup>4</sup>** No, I wanted to go last Saturday, but it was fully booked.

**A<sup>4</sup>** No, I haven't. But Time Out said it was pretty good...

**A<sup>5</sup>** I saw it with Sally last week. It's amazing. Great story, fantastic photography, very moving. I think you'd like it.

**B<sup>5</sup>** Well, my friend Sue tried it. She could eat as much green food as she wanted, but she could only eat one bit of protein a day. She said it was okay. It might be the diet for you!

**C<sup>5</sup>** Yes, it's very popular; you'll have to book a table. The food is really good. And they do fantastic chicken. I think you'll enjoy it.

**C<sup>6</sup>** Yes, everybody I know who's been there says the food is good, but I'm no expert in Lebanese food. Isn't it all meat and no vegetables?

**A<sup>6</sup>** Yes, well, it sounds okay, but I'm not very good at watching films with subtitles. Do you know what I mean?

**B<sup>6</sup>** Well, I do like my vegetables, as you know. But what about carbohydrates? Can I still have my chips?

**B<sup>7</sup>** Yes, you can. But not very many. You should have 80% vegetables - that's the secret! You could survive that, couldn't you?

**C<sup>7</sup>** Not at all. You can have different vegetarian starters, and they do some excellent salads as well. You'll love those.

**A<sup>7</sup>** Ahh, you won't notice them after ten minutes. Go on. I think you'd enjoy it

**C<sup>8</sup>** Isn't it a bit expensive?

**A<sup>8</sup>** How long is it?

**B<sup>8</sup>** How soon can you see the results?

**B<sup>9</sup>** Well, it depends where you start from, of course! But for you, Jill, I reckon you notice the difference after a couple of weeks.

**C<sup>9</sup>** Well, it depends what you have of course, but it's not too bad. If you choose the cheaper options – and the house wine – it should be about 20 pounds a head.

**A<sup>9</sup>** I don't know. About an hour and a half? It doesn't *feel* very long. If you go to the 2 o'clock session you'll be out by four.

Conversation A

**A<sup>10</sup>** Mmm. Okay, then. You've convinced me. Why not? Perhaps I'll go on Tuesday...

Conversation B

**B<sup>10</sup>** Do you think so? Well, it might be worth a go. What's the name of the diet again? I'll look it up on Google...

Conversation C

**C<sup>10</sup>** 20 pounds? Well, that's not too bad, I suppose. Okay – let's go for it! I'll book a table this minute!