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.

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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.

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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 *relax*. 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 *love* 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 stud ent. We had a *great* 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.

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	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

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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
A1 So, what are you doing tonight? Anything exciting?	B1 So, any New Year's resolutions?	C1 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

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No, that's a new one to me. How does it work?	No, I wanted to go last Saturday, but it was fully booked.	No, I haven't. But Time Out said it was pretty good...
I saw it with Sally last week. It's amazing. Great story, fantastic photography, very moving. I think you'd like it	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!	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.
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?	Yes, well, it sounds okay, but I'm not very good at watching films with subtitles. Do you know what I mean?	Well, I do like my vegetables, as you know. But what about carbohydrates? Can I still have my chips?
Yes, you can. But not very many. You should have 80% vegetables - that's the secret! You could survive that, couldn't you?	Not at all. You can have different vegetarian starters, and they do some excellent salads as well. You'll love those.	Ahh, you won't notice them after ten minutes. Go on. I think you'd enjoy it
Isn't it a bit expensive?	How long is it?	How soon can you see the results?
Well, it depends where you start from, of course! But for you, Jill, I reckon you notice the difference after a couple of weeks.	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.	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.

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Conversation A	Conversation B	Conversation C
A10 Mmm. Okay, then. You've convinced me. Why not? Perhaps I'll go on Tuesday…	B10 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…	C10 20 pounds? Well, that's not too bad, I suppose. Okay – let's go for it! I'll book a table this minute!

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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.

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

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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.

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