

Unit 1 This is Me!

Track 1.1

N: Listening, Unit 1, Page 8, B

ExN: Listen to a young girl talking about her family's favourite things. What item does each family member like the most? For questions 1 – 5, write a letter A – G next to each item. You will hear the conversation twice.

My teacher wants me to write down all the favourite things of everyone in my family. For my brother Thomas, that's really easy. His favourite item is his smartphone. I know this because he uses it all the time! And my brother Eric has a new favourite thing. I would say it's his video games, but in fact, he spends a lot of time using his new birthday present now – a new camera. My sister Anne writes in her diary a lot. It's where all her secrets are. I know she really likes her clothes, but actually, she loves her diary the most. My parents have got a new car and I know that's my dad's favourite thing. For Mum, though, it's jewellery. She loves her diamond necklace and I can see why – it's really beautiful and she looks great in it!

ExN: Now listen again.

Track 1.2

N: Listening, Unit 1, Page 8, C. Listen again and check your answers.

Unit 2 Friends & Fun

Track 2.1

N: Listening, Unit 2, Page 14, B

ExN: You will listen to Aaron talking to his friend Monique about an after-school class. For each question, choose the right answer (a, b or c). You will hear the conversation twice.

Aaron: Monique, are you still interested in doing an after-school class? I would like to do one, too.

Monique: Yes, I am. There's a yoga class, a photography class and a class for street dancing. I can't do yoga because it doesn't work with my timetable.

Aaron: OK. How about something energetic, like street dancing?

Monique: That's what I was thinking! Well, they do the class at three different times – Wednesday evenings, Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons.

Aaron: I've got football practice on Saturdays and Friday evening I usually go out with friends.

Monique: OK, so how about Wednesday?

Aaron: That's perfect. You know, I'm wondering about shoes ... what kind of shoes should we wear? I've got a great pair of trainers which will be OK, I think.

Monique: I'm lucky – I've got my mum's old dance shoes. I definitely can't wear these sandals I have on now!

Aaron: Right! How much does the class cost?

Monique: It's usually ten pounds per person, but they have a special offer. For two people together, it's 18 pounds. So we pay nine pounds each.

Aaron: That's a good deal. Do you want to meet before the class starts?

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Monique: Sure. It starts at 6 p.m., so let's meet at 5.30, if that's OK. The class ends at seven and I have to go home straight away to do homework.

Aaron: That's great. So, see you then!

ExN: Now listen again.

Track 2.2

N: Listening, Unit 2, Page 14, C. Listen again and check your answers.

Unit 3 My Home Town

Track 3.1

N: Listening, Unit 3, Page 22, B

ExN: You will hear a man asking a female waiter about a restaurant. Listen and complete each question. You will hear the conversation twice.

Man: Hi, I'm calling to find out some information about your restaurant.

Woman: OK. How can I help you?

Man: I would like to know where you are.

Woman: We are on 47 Danford Road, which is near the fire station.

Man: Ah, yes. I know where that is. And when are you open?

Woman: We're open from 11 a.m. until 10.30 p.m., Tuesday to Sunday.

Man: And what about Monday?

Woman: We're closed on that day, sir.

Man: OK. I want to have a birthday party for my niece. Do you have a special area for that?

Woman: Yes, we have a party room that can seat up to 40 people.

Man: OK. There are going to be 18 of us.

Woman: Great. What day would you like to have your party?

Man: On Friday, if that's OK. At 6 p.m.

Woman: No problem. I'll write it in the book here. What name shall I put down?

Man: Johansson. That's J-O-H-A-N-S-S-O-N

Woman: Wonderful. You're all set.

Man: Thanks very much. Looking forward to it!

ExN: Now listen again.

Track 3.2

N: Listening, Unit 3, Page 22, C. Listen again and check your answers.

Unit 4 Celebrate!

Track 4.1

N: Listening, Unit 4, Page 28, B

ExN: You will hear a man on the radio talking about a town fair. Listen and complete each question. You will hear the conversation twice.

Man: OK, folks, it's that time of the year again, for Kipling's exciting town fair! We're having it in April this year, not March like last year. The weather's going to be better, so that's good news. It's a three-day event, from Friday the 28th to Sunday the 30th, starting in the afternoon.

So, what events have we got this year? We've got lots of fun stuff for kids. There is a fancy-dress party, along with games and rides. The local people are doing some theatre shows and a traditional dance. That will be fun to watch. We're also having traditional food, lots of sweets and a barbecue.

The arts centre is selling lots of interesting things from town artists, such as paintings and drawings. Some artists are even painting kids' faces. How fun is that? We've also got singers to sing traditional songs. Saturday night's special event is a display of fireworks, which you can't miss. For more information, call the event planners on 01693 287 445. I hope to see you there!

Exam Narrator: Now listen again.

Track 4.2

N: Listening, Unit 4, Page 28, C. Listen again and check your answers.

Unit 5 A Perfect Day

Track 5.1

N: Listening, Unit 5, Page 36, B

ExN: You will hear five short conversations. You will hear each conversation twice. There is one question for each conversation. For each question, choose the right answer, a, b or c.

ExN: 1 Which ride did Annie miss?

April: How was the amusement park, Annie?

Annie: It was fantastic! I rode the Ferris wheel and the rollercoaster.

April: They've got a water slide too, haven't they?

Annie: Yes, but I didn't go on it. It was a bit too cold for that.

ExN: 2 When did Doug study for his science exam?

Doug: The club meeting was yesterday, wasn't it?

Lloyd: Yes. I didn't see you there. Did you have some studying to do?

Doug: Yes, my science exam was today.

Lloyd: I see. It's too bad we didn't have the meeting two days ago.

ExN: 3 What is Rachel's favourite food?

Aaron: There are lots of things on the menu here. What about the burgers? You like those, don't you?

Rachel: Yes, of course. I really love burgers. They've also got pasta here, which looks nice. It's not my favourite though.

Aaron: So, what are you choosing? The burger?

Rachel: No, I think I'll have a salad. It's boring, but I'm trying to eat healthy food!

ExN: 4 Which person is Mary's uncle?

Mary: Look at this photo I took last year. It's my whole family having lunch in our garden.

Mark: Wow, you've got a big family. Who are you sitting next to?

Mary: The man with the long hair? That's my uncle Jonathan. He's lots of fun.

Mark: I really like his sweatshirt. It's cool!

ExN: 5 How much is the bus tour?

Marty: I'd like some information about this bus tour. How much are the tickets?

Guide: They're 12 pounds. Of course, for students, it's ten pounds and for seniors it's eight pounds.

Marty: OK, great. I'd like one ticket, please.

Guide: Are you a student?

Marty: Yes, I am.

ExN: Now listen again.

Track 5.2

N: Listening, Unit 5, Page 36, C. Listen again and check your answers.

Unit 6 Welcome To The Jungle

Track 6.1

N: Listening, Unit 6, Page 42, B

ExN: Listen to two teenagers talking. Who has got which pet? For questions 1 – 5, write a letter A – G next to each item. You will hear the conversation twice.

Pedro: Some of the students in our school have some really cool pets, don't they?

Sue: Yes, they do. I believe Paulo has a type of lizard called a bearded dragon.

Pedro: He did, but he gave it away. Now he's got a gecko, which is another type of lizard. I really like Marty's pet a lot. He has a cockatoo.

Sue: Yes, it has very pretty feathers. But they're not very colourful. I prefer Sarah's pet.

Pedro: Ah, yes. She has a really cute budgie.

Sue: No, it looks like a budgie, but it's actually a canary.

Pedro: I see. That's different from what I was thinking. I heard Stan has a painted turtle, doesn't he? That sounds really cool.

Sue: He was going to get one of those, but he changed his mind. Turtles don't make the best pets because they're hard to take care of. He decided to get a rosy boa.

Pedro: What? What's that? A type of snake?

Sue: Exactly! They're sort of pink, but a little bit orange.

Pedro: Hmm, that sounds scary. But I think spiders are scarier than snakes.

Sue: Yes, I know what you mean. Arnold's got a pet tarantula.

Pedro: These are all cool pets, but I think I'll stick with my dog. He's man's best friend!

ExN: Now listen again.

Track 6.2

N: Listening, Unit 6, Page 42, C. Listen again and check your answers.

Unit 7 Invent It!

Track 7.1

N: Listening, Unit 7, Page 50, B

ExN: You will hear a man looking for a new phone charger. Listen and complete each question. You will hear the conversation twice.

Woman: Thank you for calling ShopSmart. How can I help you?
Man: Hi, I've got a problem with my phone charger. It doesn't charge my phone any more.
Woman: OK. What kind of phone have you got?
Man: It's a Hauwei P10 Lite.
Woman: Oh, hmm. How do you spell that name?
Man: It's H-A-U-W-E-I. It's not a very popular brand, I know. My sister gave it to me as a gift.
Woman: I see. Let me look for it on my computer. Yes, here it is.
Man: Oh, good.
Woman: Well, we haven't got a charger for that phone right now. But I can have it in the shop in three days.
Man: OK, that's fine. How much is the charger?
Woman: It's normally 15 pounds 50, but there is a sale at the moment. I can sell it to you for 12 pounds 50.
Man: OK. Can you tell me where your shop is?
Woman: The address is 241 Copnor Road. That's C-O-P-N-O-R.
Man: Great. And what are your shop hours?
Woman: We're open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. from Monday to Friday. Your charger is coming on Saturday. We close at 9 p.m. on that day.
Man: Right. Thanks very much for your help. I'll see you then.
Woman: You're welcome.

ExN: Now listen again.

Track 7.2

N: Listening, Unit 7, Page 50, C. Listen again and check your answers.

Unit 8 Snap!

Track 8.1

N: Listening, Unit 8, Page 56, B

ExN: Listen to Becky and Laura talking about Laura's game night. For each question, choose the right answer (a, b or c). You will hear the conversation twice.

Becky: How was game night the other night?
Laura: It was great fun. I won!
Becky: What game did you play?
Laura: It's a new one, Grand Vienna Hotel. You roll dice and choose cards, and you collect cards as you play.
Becky: Oh, is there a counter to move around the board?

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- Laura:** Yes, there is. Also, you've got ten dice to roll. It's a lot, isn't it? I actually lost two of them on the floor, but I found them eventually! The most I've ever used before in a game is six.
- Becky:** How do you win the game?
- Laura:** You take cards and each card is a part of a hotel. One card is a café, another card is a floor of rooms, and so on. You win when you build a whole hotel.
- Becky:** Oh, I get it. How many of you were playing?
- Laura:** Jeff, Greg and Marsha were playing. And me, of course. Nancy and Ben were there, too, but they had to leave early so they didn't play.
- Becky:** Oh, right. Nancy's sister was in a play, I think.
- Laura:** Actually, it was Ben's sister. I thought about going, too, but I was winning the game!
- Becky:** How did the others do?
- Laura:** Greg came second, Jeff came after him and Marsha was last. I don't think Marsha liked the game. Oh well, we can play something else next time.

ExN: Now listen again.

Track 8.2

N: Listening, Unit 8, Page 56, C. Listen again and check your answers.

Unit 9 In The Extreme!

Track 9.1

N: Listening, Unit 9, Page 64, B

ExN: Listen to Deidre and her friend Stan talking about bungee jumping. For each question, choose the right answer (**a**, **b** or **c**). You will hear the conversation twice.

- Deidre:** They're opening a place for bungee jumping in our town.
- Stan:** Oh really? That's exciting. Where's it going to be? Somewhere in the town centre, on a high-rise building, maybe?
- Deidre:** No, it's not even going to be in town, actually. It's at Stanton Bridge, the one that's a kilometre or so outside of the town. You know, the really high one.
- Stan:** That's great. I've seen bungee jumping on television. It was at a place where you park cars. I think ours will be in a better location.
- Deidre:** Right. So, do you want to try it out?
- Stan:** Oh, now I see why you're telling me. You're too scared to go on your own.
- Deidre:** No! I just think you'll like it.
- Stan:** Hmm. How high is it going to be? I heard my dad say that the bridge is about 75 metres high.
- Deidre:** Oh, no. It's 20 metres higher than that.
- Stan:** 95 metres? Wow! Well, that sounds fun. Count me in. Wait, how old do you have to be to do it? I'm only 13, you know.
- Deidre:** That's how old you need to be. I'm 14, so I'm fine, too. My sister might come as well. She's 15. We can all do it.
- Stan:** When do you want to go?
- Deidre:** It opens this Friday. We've got class, of course. I'm thinking about Sunday because Saturday will be really busy.
- Stan:** That's fine with me. How much money will I need?

Deidre: They have a special opening weekend offer – 38 pounds each. After that the normal price is 48 pounds, with four pounds off for students.

Stan: Right! Well, this will be quite an interesting weekend, I must say ...

ExN: Now listen again.

Track 9.2

N: Listening, Unit 9, Page 64, C. Listen again and check your answers.

Unit 10 Eat Your Greens!

Track 10.1

N: Listening, Unit 10, Page 70, B

ExN: You will hear five short conversations. You will hear each conversation twice. There is one question for each conversation. For each question, choose the right answer a, b or c.

ExN: 1 What is Nicholas putting in the salad?

Brenda: Thanks for making lunch, Nicholas.

Nicholas: You're welcome. I've almost finished. I'm just making the salad.

Brenda: Have you put tomatoes in it by any chance? I'm not keen on those.

Nicholas: I haven't got any tomatoes, so you're in luck. I was thinking of putting raw cauliflower in it.

Brenda: OK, that's good. I like cauliflower.

Nicholas: Good. I was going to put carrots in it, too, but I changed my mind.

ExN: 2 What part of Jane's body hurts?

Bill: How was your cycling trip?

Jane: It was great, but I'm in so much pain!

Bill: Oh, no. Is it your knees? My knees often hurt when I exercise.

Jane: They're OK. I think it's from being on the bike for a long time. My back doesn't feel so great. It feels worse than my legs and I was using my legs the whole time!

ExN: 3 At what time is Beth's family eating??

Beth: Mum, it's 7 o'clock. When is dinner going to be ready?

Mum: I just put the chicken in the oven. That needs 45 minutes to cook. I'm making a salad now, but I only need 15 minutes to make that.

Beth: OK. So, we're eating at 7.45, probably.

Mum: We need to wait for your dad. He's getting home about 20 past eight.

ExN: 4 Where does Sam go jogging?

Michael: How's the jogging routine going?

Sam: It's great. I'm glad I can do it close to home.

Michael: Oh, do you jog on the pavement? That sounds like fun.

Sam: Actually, there's a woodland a couple of streets away from my house.

Michael: Oh, cool. You've got a park near your house, too, on the way to school.

Sam: Yeah, but it's not got a lots of trees.

ExN: 5 How many people turned up for the race?

Natasha: How was the race on Saturday? Did a lot of people come?

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Scott: It was OK. Actually, I was a little disappointed. Forty-seven people signed up for the race. But a lot of people didn't turn up.

Natasha: Oh, no. How many?

Scott: About 13. That's quite a lot. I can't believe that many people didn't come!

Natasha: Oh, hmm. Maybe they thought it was a good idea at the time, but then they changed their minds. But you had ... let's see ... 34 participants, yeah? That's a good turnout and it was good for them to get some exercise.

ExN: Now listen again.

Track 10.2

N: Listening, Unit 10, Page 70, C. Listen again and check your answers.

Unit 11 Be Creative!

Track 11.1

N: Listening, Unit 11, Page 78, B

ExN: You will hear a radio presenter talking about an orchestra. Listen and complete each question. You will hear the information twice.

Everyone, listen. I've got a very exciting event to tell you about. It's happening early this summer – a new type of orchestra is performing at Gillian Hall. The 32-member orchestra will be dressed up like superheroes! That's right – we've got Superman on the drums, Wonder Woman on the violin and Batman as the conductor. That's not something you want to miss!

The orchestra is in town from the 19th to the 30th of June. Now, I've got two free tickets here. I'm giving them away to the first caller on our show, for the group's performance on the 23rd of June. Come on, guys – who doesn't want to see Spiderman playing the trombone or Catwoman on the clarinet? The performance begins at 3.30 p.m., so write it on your calendar. And just to remind our listeners, Gillian Hall is at 65 Shelton Lane. Call our show now!

ExN: Now listen again.

Track 11.2

N: Listening, Unit 11, Page 78, C. Listen again and check your answers.

Unit 12 School's Out

Track 12.1

N: Listening, Unit 12, Page 84, B

ExN: Listen to Bobby complain to his sister, Maggie, about their holiday. For each question, choose the right answer (a, b or c). You will hear the conversation twice.

Bobby: This hasn't been the best holiday, Maggie.

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- Maggie:** Really? I've had a great time. Are you upset because you haven't got your music player?
- Bobby:** I can't believe I forgot it. My laptop's got all my music, but I can't take it with me for sightseeing. And I can't put the music on my smartphone.
- Maggie:** Oh, Bobby. If you're so bored, why don't you read a book? We've taken many photos already, so I won't suggest that. And the internet in the hotel's not working.
- Bobby:** I know what to do ... let's go and buy souvenirs. There's a great shop down the road. What do you think?
- Maggie:** I don't want to buy anything, but I'll go with you. I can look round while you're shopping. They've got some clothes outside, too. I'll have a look at those.
- Bobby:** I haven't got much money. I'll ask Dad for some.
- Maggie:** You should ask Mum. I've already asked Dad. He said to ask Mum!
- Bobby:** OK. Well, I suppose I only need ten euros. Or maybe 15, to be sure.
- Maggie:** Oh, why don't you ask for 20? We're on holiday, so let's enjoy ourselves!
- Bobby:** If you say so!

ExN: Now listen again.

Track 12.2

N: Listening, Unit 12, Page 84, C. Listen again and check your answers.