CLUB LISTENING ACTIVITIES

Name: Class: Date:

CLUB SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2013

Track 1: CLUB REPORT

A. Listen to Emma interviewing Josh. Tick ☑ true or false.

	True	False
1. The job is in a coffee shop.	☐	☐
2. Josh's journey was difficult.	☐	☐
3. Josh likes working alone.	☐	☐
4. Josh is an organised person.	☐	☐
5. Josh was nervous about speaking in front of others.	☐	☐
6. Josh finds out he has the job.	☐	☐

B. Listen again from track time 1.08. Underline the seven words or phrases that are different.

Emma: Hi, is it Josh Nolan? Hello it's Emma Cole. Nice to meet you. Come through … take a chair. How was your journey here today?

Josh: Oh, it was fine thanks.

Emma: Excellent. Well, my first question for you is easy. Why do you want to work here as a barista?

Josh: Well, I think I'll be good at it and I'll find it enjoyable. Working at a busy coffee shop involves talking with customers. I'm a 'people person' – I'm very sociable – so I think being a barista would suit me well. Also, I know that you need to be a 'team player' to make well here, and I think that I definitely work well with other people.

Emma: Okay, can you give me an example of when you've worked well as a member of a team?

Josh: Of course. At school I ran an after-school club where we had to plan and run a small business. Me and three friends worked together to sell cakes and drinks during the school lunch break. We worked together towards the same aims and, in the end, our business made the most profit!

Discuss it! Do you think Josh will get the job? Why / why not?

Track 2: CLUB PULSE

Listen to the interview. Put the sentences in the order that you hear them. Write '1' to '6' in the boxes.

☐ A: "Platform games might improve your ability to problem solve."

☐ B: "Using that to explain this quite extraordinary behaviour is just too simple an explanation."

☐ C: "It's very important that we understand exactly what we mean by the word 'violent'."

☐ D: "Games are a lot of fun so it can be very easy to spend a great deal of time playing them."

☐ E: "If you are doing well you experience good feelings."

☐ F: "I don't believe the game should be banned."

Discuss it! What are your favourite video games? Do you think video games cause violence? Why / why not?

Track 3: THE EVENT THAT CHANGED …

A. Listen to the discussion. Are these people generally for or against the Royal Family? Tick ☑ the boxes.

	Pro Royal Family	Anti Royal Family
Most of the British public		
Mary		
Ahmed		
Olivia		

B. Listen again. Match the names to the opinions.

1. "I think that the Royal Family does an excellent job."
2. "The Royal Family are paying for themselves."
3. "The Royals are trusted more than politicians."
4. "The Royal Family are ambassadors for our nation."
5. "I'm sure the Queen is a lovely person."
6. "The head of a country should be chosen by the people."

Mary

Ahmed

Olivia

Discuss it! Does your country have a king or queen? Has it had one in the past? Do you think having a monarch is a good idea? Why / why not?

CLUB NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2013

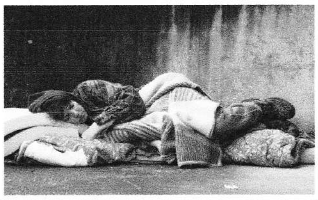
Track 4: CLUB REPORT

A. This track is an interview about being homeless. Before you listen, what do you think these words mean?

1. sofa-surfing
2. a shelter
3. a landlord
4. no fixed abode
5. rent

B. Listen again. Read the sentences below. Are they true [T] or false [F]?

1. Avril says that homelessness can include staying with friends. T ☐ F ☐
2. She says that there is one main factor that causes homelessness. T ☐ F ☐
3. She says homelessness can result in young people using alcohol and/or drugs. T ☐ F ☐
4. She says it's difficult to find work if you have dirty clothes. T ☐ F ☐
5. She says there's an easy solution to homelessness. T ☐ F ☐
6. She says members of the public can offer homes to homeless people. T ☐ F ☐



Track 5: CLUB PULSE

Who says what? Write A for Alex, M for Millie or D for Dominic to complete the sentences.

1. _____ hates getting ready for school in the morning.
2. _____ says he/she feels pressure from photos in magazines.
3. _____ thinks that many men don't want to be seen as skinny.
4. _____ was self-conscious about his/her smile when he/she was younger.
5. _____ had spots when he/she was younger.
6. _____ refuses to stop eating chocolate and pizza.
7. _____ says he/she is average height.

Discuss it! Look in a magazine. What body shapes do you see? What effect do you think these images have on people?

Track 6: CLUB DEBATE

A. Listen to the discussion and tick ☑ the correct boxes. Are the speakers teachers or students? Are they for the plans, against them or undecided?

	Teacher	Student	For	Against	Undecided
Mr Phipps					
Sian					
Liam					
Ms Owen					

B. Listen again. Underline the correct word or phrase.

Mr Phipps …

1. … doesn't think an extra hour of studying would be *effective / useful*.
2. … believes that studying *effectively / independently* is important for older students.

Sian …

3. … thinks the plans are a totally *terrible / wonderful* idea.
4. … doesn't want to walk home *late at night / in the dark*.

Ms Owen …

5. … believes there are some *advantages / disadvantages* to lengthening the school day.
6. … thinks that the UK needs to *compare / compete* with China and Singapore.

Discuss it! How long is your school day? How long are your school holidays? Do you think they are too long or too short? Why?

CLUB JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2014

Track 7: NEWSFLASH

A. Before you listen, what do you think these words mean?

1. daydreaming
2. sleep deprivation
3. to doze off

B. Listen to the interview. Underline the correct word or phrase.

1. Lack of sleep – or sleep deprivation – has a big *effect / influence* on students' grades.
2. This is particularly true in more *developed / developing* countries.
3. The study found that in the United States, almost *two-thirds / three-quarters* of nine to ten year-olds, and *18 / 80* per cent of 13 to 14 year-olds, suffer from sleep deprivation.
4. The study reports that teens in *Poland / Portugal*, the Czech Republic and Japan do get enough sleep.
5. Children who have more sleep achieve higher grades in maths, science and *foreign languages / reading*.
6. Teachers have to make lessons *easier / simpler* for everybody, so that sleepy pupils can follow.

C. Listen again to Dr Worthing from track time 2.34 and fill in the gaps.

Dr Worthing: You're absolutely right. Getting to sleep is a **1.** ______________ process, and many things can stop you **2.** ______________ off at night. Noises can keep you **3.** ______________ even if your body is tired. Eating a **4.** ______________ meal or drinking caffeinated **5.** ______________ just before bed can affect your chances of getting to sleep. And sometimes you can't sleep because you mind is active, or because you're **6.** ______________.

Track 8: ON THIS DAY …

A. Listen to the discussion about social networks. Which speaker uses which social networks? Tick ☑ the boxes.

	Facebook	Twitter	Instagram	Tumblr	Pinterest
David					
Michelle					
Linda					

B. Listen again. Answer the questions.

1. Who is David 'Facebook friends' with?
2. What is Michelle worried about?
3. What would Michelle prefer?
4. What website does Michelle have her blog on?
5. How does Linda find updating all of her social networks?

Discuss it! What social networks do you use? What are the advantages and disadvantages of each? Do you find updating social networks tiring? Why / why not?

facebook

Track 9: CLUB NEWS

A. Listen to the discussion. Put the sentences in the order that you hear them. Write '1' to '6' in the boxes.

☐ A: "It's designed to help you concentrate on your schoolwork."

☐ B: "He recently sold his app to the big American company Yahoo! – for around 30 million dollars!"

☐ C: "The app uses the iPhone's movement sensor to check on your body movements."

☐ D: "It's really great when you hear a song on the radio, or on TV."

☐ E: "It improves your mood and helps you wake up feeling rested and relaxed."

☐ F: "It lasts for 45 minutes because after that amount of time a quick break … is often a good idea."

B. Listen again. Which app does each of the sentences above describe? Tick ☑ the correct box.

A: Shazam ☐ / Sleep Cycle alarm clock ☐ / Study ☐ / Summly ☐

B: Shazam ☐ / Sleep Cycle alarm clock ☐ / Study ☐ / Summly ☐

C: Shazam ☐ / Sleep Cycle alarm clock ☐ / Study ☐ / Summly ☐

D: Shazam ☐ / Sleep Cycle alarm clock ☐ / Study ☐ / Summly ☐

E: Shazam ☐ / Sleep Cycle alarm clock ☐ / Study ☐ / Summly ☐

F: Shazam ☐ / Sleep Cycle alarm clock ☐ / Study ☐ / Summly ☐

Write it! What three smartphone apps would you recommend to your friends? Write a short paragraph about your favourite one. Describe: its price (if any), its features, its advantages and disadvantages.

Shazam *Sleep Cycle alarm clock* *Study* *Summly*

ANSWERS

CLUB September / October 2013

Track 1: A: 1. True; 2. False; 3. False; 4. True; 5. True; 6. False

B: chair -> seat, easy -> simple, talking -> interacting, make -> do, a member -> part, ran -> joined, aims -> goals

Track 2: *The correct order is E, A, D, C, B, F*

Track 3: A:

	Pro Royal Family	Anti Royal Family
Most of the British public	✔	
Mary	✔	
Ahmed	✔	
Olivia		✔

B: 1. Mary; 2. Ahmed; 3. Ahmed; 4. Mary; 5. Olivia; 6. Olivia

CLUB November / December 2013

Track 4: A: sofa-surfing (phr): staying temporarily on somebody's sofa; shelter (n): a building where people who have nowhere to live can stay; landlord (n): somebody who rents a room, building, or piece of land to someone; no fixed abode (phr): no permanent place to live; rent (n): the money that somebody plays to live in a house or flat that belongs to somebody else

B: 1. T; 2. F – There are a number of factors that cause homelessness; 3. T; 4. T; 5. F – Avril says that maybe there isn't, in the end, a complete answer to the problem; F – Avril says that members of the public can fundraise and volunteer.

Track 5: 1. M; 2. A; 3. D; 4. M; 5. A; 6. M; 7. D

Track 6: A:

	Teacher	Teacher	For	Against	Undecided
Mr Phipps	✔				✔
Sian		✔		✔	
Liam		✔		✔	
Ms Owen	✔		✔		

B: 1. useful; 2. independently; 3. terrible; 4. in the dark; 5. advantages; 6. compete

ANSWERS

CLUB January / February 2014

Track 7: A: to daydream (v): to think about something pleasant, especially when this makes you forget what you should be doing; sleep deprivation (n): when you aren't getting enough sleep; to doze off (v): to go to sleep, especially when you do not intend to

B: 1. effect; 2. developed; 3. three-quarters, 80; 4. Portugal; 5. reading; 6. easier

C: 1. complicated; 2. dozing; 3. awake; 4. heavy; 5. drinks; 6. stressed

Track 8: A:

	Facebook	Twitter	Instagram	Tumblr	Pinterest
David	✔	✔	✔		
Michelle	✔				
Linda	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔

B: 1. He is friends with a lot of his relatives, including his aunts, uncles and mum and dad; 2. Michelle is worried about sharing too much; 3. Michelle would prefer to use Facebook if she could be sure her private photos stayed private; 4. Michelle has her blog on the website Tumblr; 5. Linda finds keeping all of her online profiles up to date exhausting.

Track 9: A: The correct order is B, C, E, A, F, D

B: A. Study; B. Summly; C. Sleep Cycle alarm clock; D. Shazam; E. Sleep Cycle alarm clock; F. Study

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