

Listening: B1

Meeting an old friend

Listen to the conversation between two old friends to practise and improve your listening skills.

Before listening

Do the preparation task first. Then listen to the audio and do the exercises.

Preparation task

Circle the correct explanation for the words in CAPITAL letters.

1.	It's been AGES.	
	a. a long time	b. a short time
2.	It DIDN'T WORK OUT.	
	a. was successful	b. was not successful
3.	The dream job wasn't really A DREAM.	
	a. perfect	b. boring
4.	It's CRAZY expensive.	
	a. a little	b. very
5.	Time FLIES.	
	a. goes quickly	b. goes slowly
6.	You should COME ROUND to the house.	
	a. go outside	b. visit

Tasks

Task 1

Are the sentences true or false?

		Answer	
1.	Patrick and Selina have never met each other before.	True	False
2.	Selina still lives in London.	True	False



3.	Selina didn't like her job in London.	True	False
4.	Selina is living with her parents.	True	False
5.	Patrick also went to London.	True	False
6.	Selina is surprised that Patrick is married.	True	False
7.	Patrick has a daughter named Marigold.	True	False
8.	Patrick invites Selina to his house.	True	False

Task 2

Write the correct number to fill the gaps.

- 1. They have not seen each other for over years.
- 2. Selina was in London foryears.
- 3. Selina has been back for months.
- 4. Patrick has been married for years.
- 5. Patrick's children are years old.

Discussion

Do you keep in touch with old friends?



Transcript

Selina: Patrick? Is that you?

Patrick: Selina! Hello!

Selina: Well, well. Patrick Eastwood. How have you been?

Patrick: Good. Great, actually. How are you? I haven't seen you for ... how long?

Selina: It's been ages. At least fifteen years. Wow.

Patrick: Yeah. Wow.

Patrick and Selina: So, what are you doing here?

Selina: Sorry, you go first.

Patrick: OK. What are you doing here? I thought you'd moved to London.

Selina: I was in London for a couple of years. But it didn't work out.

Patrick: Oh, I'm sorry to hear that. Are you ... OK?

Selina: I'm fine! The dream job wasn't really a dream, you know? Um ... and London is great

but it's so expensive. I mean, just the rent on a flat is ... uh ... crazy expensive.

Patrick: I see.

Selina: So, I came back. I've been back now for almost five months. Living back home with

Mum and Dad. Which is err ... interesting. Um ... but anyway, what about you?

Patrick: Me? Oh, nothing new. You know me – 'Patrick the predictable'. I never left here.

Selina: Oh. And is that ...?

Patrick: Oh, I'm very happy. I'm married now. We've just celebrated our tenth anniversary.

Selina: No way! You? Married? To ...?

Patrick: I don't think you know her. Her name's Marigold. And we've got two kids. They're five

and eight years old.

Selina: Married and with two kids? Wow!

Patrick: Don't look so surprised!

Selina: No, no ... I'm just amazed how time flies! I'm happy for you. I really am.

Patrick: Thanks. You should really come round to the house one day.

Selina: That would be great. Let's swap numbers and ...



Answers

Preparation task

- 1. a
- 2. b
- 3. a
- 4. b
- 5. a
- 6. b

Task 1

- 1. False
- 2. False
- 3. True
- 4. True
- 5. False
- 6. True
- 7. False
- 8. True

Task 2

- 1. 15 | fifteen
- 2. 2 | two | a couple of
- 3. 5 | five
- 4. 10 | ten
- 5. 5 | five, 8 | eight