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Section 1

1. What do you know about Ravi? Tick all the phrases you think are true. There may be more than one right answer.

- a) He's got a new flat
- b) He's moving to the new flat on Saturday
- c) His new flat is very cheap
- d) He's going to make dinner for Tess on Saturday.

Section 2

2. What do Megan and Ravi say about David Attenborough? Tick all the phrases you think are true.

- a) He's a television presenter
- b) He's over eighty years old
- c) He's made a lot of programmes about nature and wildlife
- d) He's made a lot of TV advertisements

Section 3

3. How many correct answers do Amy and Brandon get in the quiz? Tick the correct number.

- a) 5
- b) 4
- c) 3
- d) 2

Section 4

4. What does Bill Steadman say about Christmas in Prague? Tick all the phrases you think are true. Remember, there may be more than one right answer.

- a) People eat fish at Christmas
- b) They buy the fish from supermarkets
- c) They keep the fish in the bath at home
- d) The children give the fish a name

Section 5

5. Which of these programmes do people say are the best things on TV? Tick all the correct answers.

- a) sport
- b) reality TV
- c) documentaries
- d) films

Section 6

6. What is 'a round'? Tick the correct answer.

- a) a special drink
- b) a table
- c) a snack
- d) a drink for everyone at the table

7. What does Carolina have to drink? Tick the correct answer.

- a) a Newcastle Brown
- b) a lager
- c) a pineapple juice
- d) a mango juice

Section 7

8. Why is the man trying to remember the word 'rose'? Tick the correct answer.

- a) He wants to give his wife a rose on Valentine's Day
- b) 'Rose' is his wife's name
- c) Roses are his favourite flowers
- d) 'Rose' is the name of a good Indian restaurant.

Answers: see Answer page at the end of this document

Section 1 – “I wanted to ask you something” – asking for a favour

Tess: Hello again and welcome to the LearnEnglish Elementary podcast number eight. I'm Tess, from London.

Ravi: And I'm Ravi, from Manchester. You're looking great as usual Tess, how are you?

Tess: Thanks, Ravi. I'm very well thanks. How are you?

Ravi: I'm fine thanks. Actually, I'm very well. You know I told you I was looking for a new flat?

Tess: Yes.

Ravi: Well, I found a new place over on Carswell Road – near the swimming pool. It's really nice. Much bigger than the one I'm in now.

Tess: What's the rent like?

Ravi: Well, it is quite expensive, quite a bit more than I pay now. But it's a lot nicer.

Tess: Great. When are you moving?

Ravi: Well, I wanted to ask you about that. What are you doing on Saturday?

Tess: Nothing special? Why?

Ravi: Well, do you think you could help me move some stuff to my new place? Can you spare two or three hours in the afternoon?

Tess: Yeah, I suppose so.

Ravi: You can say 'no' if you want to you know.

Tess: No, it's OK, I don't mind.

Ravi: That's brilliant. Thank you. I'll tell you what, I'll make dinner for you at the new flat after we've moved my things. Does that sound OK?

Tess: Ooh. That'll be lovely, thanks.

Ravi: Great. Have a think about what you want to eat. Right. Well, we'd better get on.

Section 1 - Exercise 1

Use the phrases in the boxes to fill the gaps in the text below. (See 'Answer Page' for answers)

anything on Friday	I don't think so	that sounds great
do me a favour	I need to take	You don't have to
do you think you could	No problem	you've got time
don't be silly	Thanks a million	

Stella: I wonder if you could _____ ? Are you doing _____ after work?

Dave: Let me think. Friday? No, _____. Why?

Stella: Well, _____ a box of books home for the weekend, and my car's in the garage at the moment, and they're really heavy. So, _____ give me a lift?

Dave: Sure. _____.

Stella: _____, I can get a taxi.

Dave: No, _____. You'll never get a taxi on a Friday evening. I'll take you. I'm going in your direction anyway.

Stella: _____. You can come in for a coffee or something if _____ . You've never seen my flat have you?

Dave: No, never, but I'd like to. I've heard a lot about it. OK, _____. It's a date.

<p>Tom's tip Asking for a favour: Sometimes we need help, and we need to ask another person to help us. We know that the other person doesn't <i>have</i> to help us, and that we are using their time and effort, but we still need their help. This is called 'asking for a favour'. British people normally don't ask for help directly. Look at the table below. The dialogue between Stella and Dave is a very good example of how to ask for a favour.</p>		
1. Person A sends a signal that he/she is going to ask for help – this gives Person B some time to prepare what he/she is going to say	Stella:	I wonder if you could do me a favour?
2. Person A then says when he/she needs the favour...		Are you doing anything on Friday after work?
3. ...this again allows Person B to say he/she is busy, or can't help	Dave:	Let me think. Friday? No, I don't think so. Why?
4. Person A then explains what help he/she needs, and asks if Person B will help	Stella:	Well, I need to take a box of books home for the weekend, and my car's in the garage at the moment, and they're really heavy. So, do you think you could give me a lift?
5. Person B says yes or no	Dave:	Sure. No problem.
6. Person A then gives Person B another opportunity to 'escape' – to say no.	Stella:	You don't have to, I can get a taxi.
7. Person B says again that he/she will help	Dave:	No, don't be silly. You'll never get a taxi on a Friday evening. I'll take you. I'm going in your direction anyway.
8. Person A thanks Person B...	Stella:	Thanks a million.
9. ... and sometimes offers a 'reward' - something that Person B will enjoy...		You can come in for a coffee or something if you've got time. You've never seen my flat have you?
10. ... and asks Person B to agree		Would that be OK?
11. Person B agrees	Dave:	OK, that sounds great. It's a date.

Section 1 – Exercise 2

Now look at the tapescript for section 1. Ravi is asking Tess to do him a favour. Does the dialogue follow the same structure as the dialogue between Stella and Dave?

Put the phrases that Ravi and Tess use in the right places in the table below. The answers are on the answer page at the end of this document.

Ravi: Well, I wanted to ask you about that. What are you doing on Saturday?

Tess: Nothing special. Why?

Ravi: Well, do you think you could help me move some stuff to my new place? Can you spare two or three hours in the afternoon?

Tess: Yeah, I suppose so.

Ravi: You can say 'no' if you want to you know.

Tess: No, it's OK, I don't mind.

Ravi: That's brilliant. Thank you. I'll tell you what, I'll make dinner for you at the new flat after we've moved my things. Does that sound OK?

Tess: Ooh. That'll be lovely, thanks.

Ravi: Great. Have a think about what you want to eat.

1. Person A sends a signal that he/she is going to ask for help – this gives Person B some time to prepare what he/she is going to say	1:
2. Person A then says when he/she needs the favour...	2:
3. ...this again allows Person B to say he/she is busy, or can't help	3:
4. Person A then explains what help he/she needs, and asks if Person B will help	4:
5. Person B says yes or no	5:
6. Person A then gives Person B another opportunity to 'escape' – to say no.	6:
7. Person B says again that he/she will help	7:
8. Person A thanks Person B...	8:
9. ... and sometimes offers a 'reward' - something that Person B will enjoy...	9:
10. ... and asks Person B to agree	10:
11. Person B agrees	11:

See 'Answer Page' for answers

Section 1 – Exercise 2

Now add these phrases to the table above. You can write the phrases or just write the letters of the phrases in the correct box. There are 2 phrases to add to each box.

a) Ah, yes – I wanted to ask you something b) Are you busy this evening? c) Great idea! d) I can always ask somebody else. e) I haven't got any plans. Why? f) I'd like to buy some plants but I can't carry them home on the bus. Could you give me a lift? g) I'll buy you a drink afterwards h) Is that alright for you? i) It's really no trouble at all. j) It's no problem if you're too busy k) Let me take you out for dinner as a thank-you	l) I wonder if you could do me a favour? m) No, don't worry, that's fine. n) Not much. Why? o) Of course I will. p) Oh thank you so much q) That's really kind of you, thanks. r) Well, I'm going to paint my living room, and I'd really like some help s) What are you up to on Sunday? t) What do you say? u) Yeah, okay. That's fine. v) You're on! I'd like that.
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See 'Answer Page' for answers

think the programmes are brilliant. But the other thing is that the programmes are always about the *animals* not about him. Y' know some presenters just talk about themselves all the time. I think his programmes are the best things on TV.

Ravi: So, you like animals then Megan?

Megan: I love them. I want to be a vet.

Ravi: And what would you say to David Attenborough if you met him?

Megan: Well, I'd like to say "thank you" I think for his programmes and tell him that I think they've been really important in telling people about climate change and global warming and the real things that are happening to animals because of what *people* do. I think his programmes have made a lot of people realise the problems animals have to face. And I'd like to ask him what he thinks will happen in the future, y'know, if it's too late to save the planet, kind of thing.

Ravi: Y'know. I think I'd really like to meet David Attenborough as well. I really love those programmes. Do you know what he said about TV advertisements Megan?

Megan: No?

Ravi: He said he will never do an advertisement on TV. He says if people know you will take money to say you like something then they can't trust you anymore or believe what you say.

Megan: Yeah. You really do trust him when you listen to him.

Ravi: Well, thanks Megan – that was great.

Section 3: Quiz

Exercise 1

You heard Amy and Brandon playing a numbers quiz. All of the questions were connected with time. Can you remember the answers?

1. There are seven d_____ in a w_____
2. There are twelve m_____ in a y_____
3. There are twenty-four h_____ in a d_____
4. There are sixty s_____ in an h_____
5. There are thirty or thirty-one d_____ in a m_____
6. There are sixty m_____ in an h_____

See 'Answer Page' for answers

Exercise 2

Now fill in the names of the months and the days in the diagram. See 'Answer Page' for answers

Days of the week:	Months of the year:	
M _____	J _____	J _____
T _____	F _____	A _____
W _____	M _____	S _____
T _____	A _____	O _____
F _____	M _____	N _____
S _____	J _____	D _____
S _____		

saw, to her horror, a bath full of bubbles. Her helpful son had added a generous handful of soap powder to the bath to make sure their carp was lovely and clean. That was one family that didn't eat carp that year.

All my friends with children tell me that there is one golden rule – never give your carp a name. When Christmas Eve arrives you'll find it very difficult to explain to your children why their pet has suddenly disappeared.

Section 5: Your turn

In Your Turn you heard 5 people answer this question: **'What are the best - and worst – things on TV?'** What about you? What do you think about TV programmes? Do you have strong opinions about programmes that you like and programmes that you hate? Here are the things that people talked about:

- sport
- soap operas
- nature documentaries
- action programmes
- reality shows
- the weather forecast
- films

and here are some more ideas:

- quiz shows
- the news
- comedy programmes
- historical drama
- talk shows
- the weather forecast
- police/crime series

... and there are lots of other programmes that you can talk think about too!

So, write down what you think are the best – and worst – things on TV . And explain why. If you want, you can send your paragraph to learnenglishpodcast@britishcouncil.org

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Transcript

Tess: Now, let's move on to Your Turn, the part of our podcast when we find out what *you* think. This time round we asked a two part question – what are the best – and worst – things on TV. Let's hear some answers.

Voice 1: Best thing – sport. I know people complain about it but it's all I watch, really. Worst thing – reality TV shows – definitely. There are *hundreds* of them and they are all *completely* stupid.

Voice 2: Well, I like soap operas. I watch two or three of them, you know. You really feel like you know the characters. I've watched them for years. What do I always switch off? Probably the weather forecast. It's never right so what's the point in watching it?

Voice 3: I don't watch much TV but I do like the nature documentaries. I saw one about whales and it was just amazing. I don't know how they do it. But apart from that, I don't know. There's too much sport on television. I just turn it off straight away.

Voice 4: I can't really go to the cinema very often now I've got children so I like to watch films on TV. They don't have the most recent films but, you know, it's OK. That's what I watch mostly. I can't stand all the sport on TV though. It never ends!

Voice 5: Erm.. what do I like? Have you seen *Silver Fox*? I love action programmes like that, you know, exciting things. It's better than the news and the political programmes and that. Bo-ring!

Tess: How about you Ravi. What would you say?

Ravi: Sport, I'm afraid. That's pretty much all I watch on TV. I watch DVDs most of the time. Let us know what you think – what are the best – and worst – things on TV?

Section 6: Carolina

Section 6 - Exercise 1

Look at some parts of Carolina's conversation with her new flatmates. Put the expressions in the right places.

Here you are.	I'm having Newcastle Brown	What other fruit juices have you got?
I'll buy a round later.	No, it's the first time.	
I'll have a fruit juice	So, same again everybody?	You can give me a hand with the drinks.
I'll take the lagers	What are you drinking?	

1. Jamie: Haven't you ever been to a pub before?

Carolina: _____

2. Jamie: You don't have to buy a round, not if you don't want to.

Carolina: Oh... no, that's OK. _____

3. Jake: _____

All: yes, yes please, yep, same again, same for me please.

4. Jake: Carolina? _____

Carolina: Oh dear I don't know. What is everyone else having?

5. Carolina: Oh dear I don't know. What is everyone else having?

Jamie: _____. It's a really good beer. From Newcastle of course.

6. Jamie: We call it lager. Would you like one?

Carolina: No, I don't think so. _____ – what have they got?

7. Jake: Well, pineapple – that's what Helen's drinking, but besides that, I'm not sure. Come up to the bar with me and we'll ask. _____

8. Jake: _____

Barman: Pineapple, cranberry, mango, apple, and orange.

9. Barman: That's eleven pounds fifty please.

Jake: _____

10. Barman: And that's eight fifty change.

Jake: Thanks. OK, let's get these back to the table. _____ – if you can bring the

Section 6 - Exercise 2

Look again at Carolina's conversations. Choose all the phrases that people can say – there is always more than one correct answer.

1. Jamie: Haven't you ever been to a pub before?
Carolina: _____
 - a) No I haven't
 - b) No, never
 - c) No, it's the first time.
 - d) No, I wasn't

2. Jamie: You don't have to buy a round, not if you don't want to.
Carolina: Oh... no, that's OK. _____ a round later.
 - a) I can buy
 - b) I'll buy
 - c) I'm buying
 - d) I'll get

3. Jake: So, _____
All: yes, yes please, yep, same again, same for me please.
 - a) same again everybody?
 - b) does everyone want the same again?
 - c) do you all want the same again?
 - d) one more for all?

4. Jake: Carolina? _____
Carolina: Oh dear I don't know. What is everyone else having?
 - a) What are you drinking?
 - b) What would you like to drink?
 - c) What do you want to drink?
 - d) What will you drink?

5. Carolina: Oh dear I don't know. What is everyone else having?
Jamie: _____ Newcastle Brown. It's a really good beer. From
Newcastle of course.
 - a) I'm drinking
 - b) I'm having
 - c) I'm taking
 - d) I'm with

6. Jamie: We call it lager. Would you like one?
Carolina: No, I don't think so. _____ a fruit juice – what have they got?
 - a) I'd like
 - b) I'll have
 - c) I have
 - d) I'd prefer

7. Jake: Well, pineapple – that's what Helen's drinking, but besides that, I'm not sure. Come up to the bar with me and we'll ask. _____
 - a) You can help me with the drinks
 - b) You can give me a hand with the drinks.
 - c) You can carry some of the drinks
 - d) You can assist me with the drinks

8. Jake: _____
Barman: Pineapple, cranberry, mango, apple, and orange.

- a) What other fruit juices are there?
- b) What other fruit juices have you got?
- c) What other fruit juices do you have?
- d) What more fruit juices can I have?

9. Barman: That's eleven pounds fifty please.

Jake: _____

- a) Here you are
- b) There it is
- c) Take this
- d) Here's twelve pounds

10. Barman: And that's eight fifty change.

Jake: Thanks. OK, let's get these back to the table. _____ the lagers –if you can bring the

- a) I can take
- b) I'll take
- c) I'll carry
- d) I take

Answers: see Answer page at the end of this document

Transcript

Carolina is from Venezuela and she's come to England to live, study and have fun. She wasn't having much fun last time because she had a really bad cold but she's feeling better now and she's going out to the pub with some friends.

In the pub

Jamie: Carolina! Hi! We're over here!

Carolina: Oh hi! I couldn't see you!

Voice: ... And the man says "I know. It is amazing. He *hated* the book".

Jamie: Come and sit down. There's a space next to Henry.

Carolina: Excuse me, sorry. Hello Henry.

Henry: Hi.

Jamie: And this is Helen, and Nigel, and Gemma and Jake.

All: hi, hello, hi Carolina etc

Carolina: Hello everybody.

Jake: Right. It's my round.

Carolina: Round? I don't understand.

Jamie: Haven't you ever been to a pub before?

Carolina: No, it's the first time.

Jamie: We take it in turns to buy a round – that's what you do in a pub. Everyone buys a round.

Carolina: But is a round a drink?

Jamie: No. One person buys a drink for everyone at the table – that's called a round. Then next time someone else buys one. Henry bought the first one and now Jake's buying the next one, so it's his round. But you don't have to.... not if you don't want to....if you don't want a drink or something.

Carolina: Oh... no, that's OK. I'll buy a round later.

Jake: So, same again everybody?

All: yes, yes please, yep, same again, same for me please.

Jake: Carolina? What are you drinking?

Carolina: Oh dear I don't know. What is everyone else having?

Jamie: I'm having Newcastle Brown. It's a really good beer. From Newcastle of course.

Carolina: Ugh! It doesn't look like the beer I know. It's very dark!

Jamie: No, probably not. You probably drink lager – that's the pale beer, you know the light coloured one. We call it lager. Would you like one?

Carolina: No, I don't think so. I'll have a fruit juice – what have they got?

Jake: Well, pineapple – that's what Helen's drinking, but besides that, I'm not sure. Come up to the bar with me and we'll ask. You can give me a hand with the drinks. OK, so that's two bottles of Newcastle Brown, a pint of lager, a half of lager, a Diet Coke, a pineapple juice – and whatever Carolina wants.

At the bar

Jake: So, are you enjoying Newcastle?

Carolina: Yes I am. I haven't seen much of it yet. I've just started classes and I had a really bad cold for a few days. But I like what I've seen.

Barman: Y' being served?

Jake: No. Um, two bottles of Newcastle Brown, a pint and a half of lager, a Diet Coke and a pineapple juice please. And what other fruit juices have you got?

Barman: Pineapple, cranberry, mango, apple, and orange.

Carolina: Um, mango please.

Jake: And a packet of crisps please – cheese and onion.

Barman: Right you are.

Jake: And how long have you known Jamie?

Carolina: We met on the train coming up from London.

Jake: Well he seems to like you.

Carolina: Oh, does he?, Well I

Barman: That's eleven pounds fifty please.

Jake: Here you are.

Barman: And that's eight fifty change.

Jake: Thanks. OK, let's get these back to the table. I'll take the lagers –if you can bring the

Tess: Oooh. Jamie seems to like Carolina. Well, well.

Ravi: I knew you'd say that. Do you buy rounds if you go to the pub, Tess?

Tess: I don't usually. It can be really expensive, can't it? Anyway, at least Carolina knows what a round is now. I don't really go to the pub much anyway. I prefer to be outdoors.

Section 7 - The joke

Exercise 1

Read the sentences below, and put them in the right order. You can either cut them up and arrange them, or write the number in the space on the left. For answers, see the Answer Page transcript.

	"A rose" says the other man.
	"It's red – smells nice. Romantic – you give it to people you love on Valentine's Day. What do you call it?"
	"Now, let me think for a minute. You know that flower?"
	"Rose! What was the name of the Indian restaurant we went to last Saturday?"
	"The best Indian food I've had in ages. Excellent. And really cheap too".
	"Yes! That's it!" and he shouts into the living room
	after dinner the two men were in the kitchen doing the washing up and chatting and
	and one couple invited the other for dinner one night.
	And the first man says, "Oh gosh. My memory's terrible."
	And the other man says "Sounds great. I love Indian food. What was the restaurant called?"
	One of the men says to the other, "We went to a great restaurant last week – had a fantastic meal.
	the two women were in the living room, having a chat.
	There were two married couples
	They had a lovely meal and

Section 7 - Exercise 2

Now try to tell the joke yourself. Use these words to help you. When you see a slash (/) it means that one or more words are missing. Then check your answers – the transcript is on the Answer page at the end of this document.

- There / two married couples and one couple / the other / dinner one night.
- They / meal and after dinner the two men / kitchen doing the washing up and chatting and the two women / living room, / a chat.
- One of the men / the other, "We / restaurant last week – / a fantastic meal. The best Indian food I / in ages. Excellent. And really cheap too".
- And the other man says "Sounds great. I / Indian food. What / called?"
- And the first man says, "Oh gosh. My / terrible. Now, / think for a minute. You know that flower? It's red – / nice. Romantic – you / people you / Valentine's Day. What / call it?"
- "A rose" says the other man.
- "Yes! That's /!" and he / into the living room, "Rose! What / name / Indian restaurant we / Saturday?"

Tom the teacher - Exercise 1

Can you remember which prepositions we use with these time phrases? Put the phrases in the right column. Choose from: 'in', 'on', 'at' or 'no preposition'.

Christmas	last summer	Saturday	the weekend	tomorrow	
Christmas Day	my birthday	the afternoon	this weekend	yesterday	
December	next Monday	the summer	three o'clock	the 5 th April	1990

in	on	at	- (no preposition)

Answers: see Answer page at the end of this document

Tom the teacher - Exercise 2 - Multiple choice

Now put the right preposition in the spaces. Choose from 'at', 'in', 'on', or ' - ' (no preposition)

- I'm going to have a holiday _____ September this year.
- Jane's coming round for dinner _____ tomorrow.
- We always go out to an expensive restaurant _____ my birthday.
- Families often get together _____ Christmas.
- What are you doing _____ next Sunday?
- My sister's birthday is _____ the 25th of April.
- I was born _____ 1983
- I always do my yoga exercises _____ the morning.
- I've got an important exam _____ Monday.
- A lot of people get ill _____ the winter.

Answers: see Answer page at the end of this document

Tom the teacher - Exercise 3

You heard Jamie talk about 'pints' in the pub with Carolina. British people use the metric system of litres and kilograms, but they often use old British measurements too. Here are some British measurements that you might need to understand. Read the definitions and put the words in the right spaces.

a foot (ft or ')	a pint (pt)	a stone(st)	an inch (in or ")
a mile (m)	a pound (lb)	a yard (yd)	

- People use this for measuring liquids. It's equal to about half a litre (0.57l). It's _____.
- This is used to measure distances. It's equal to 1,609 metres. It's _____.

3. People use this to talk about distance and length. We use this a lot when we talk about how tall someone is. It's equal to about 30 centimetres. It's _____.
4. People use this to talk about length and distance too. It's equal to about 2.5 centimetres. It's _____.
5. People also use this to talk about distance. It's almost the same as a metre – it's equal to .9 of a meter to be precise. It's _____.
6. People use this to talk about how heavy people are - how much they weigh. It's used a lot more than kilograms for people's weight. It's equal to about 6 kilograms (6.3kg). It's _____.
7. People use this to talk about how heavy people are too. We often use it for food too. It's equal to about half a kilogram (0.45kg). It's _____.

Answers: see Answer page at the end of this document

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Answers

While you listen – Answers

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

Section 1 – “I wanted to ask you something” – asking for a favour

Stella: I wonder if you could **do me a favour**? Are you doing **anything on Friday** after work?

Dave: Let me think. Friday? No, **I don't think so**. Why?

Stella: Well, **I need to take** a box of books home for the weekend, and my car's in the garage at the moment, and they're really heavy. So, **do you think you could** give me a lift?

Dave: Sure. **No problem**.

Stella: **You don't have to**, I can get a taxi.

Dave: No, **don't be silly**. You'll never get a taxi on a Friday evening. I'll take you. I'm going in your direction anyway.

Stella: **Thanks a million**. You can come in for a coffee or something if **you've got time**. You've never seen my flat have you?

Dave: No, never, but I'd like to. I've heard a lot about it. OK, **that sounds great**. It's a date.

Section 1: Exercise 2

- 1) Ravi: Well, I wanted to ask you about that.
- 2) Ravi: What are you doing on Saturday?
- 3) Tess: Nothing special? Why?
- 4) Ravi: Well, do you think you could help me move some stuff to my new place? Can you spare two or three hours in the afternoon?
- 5) Tess: Yeah, I suppose so.
- 6) Ravi: You can say 'no' if you want to you know.
- 7) Tess: No, it's OK, I don't mind.
- 8) Ravi: That's brilliant. Thank you.
- 9) Ravi: I'll tell you what, I'll make dinner for you at the new flat after we've moved my things.
- 10) Ravi: Does that sound OK?
- 11) Tess: Ooh. That'll be lovely, thanks.

Section 1: Exercise 3

Box 1: a) Ah, yes – I wanted to ask you something & **I)** I wonder if you could do me a favour? **Box 2: b)** Are you busy this evening? & **s)** What are you up to on Sunday? **Box 3: e)** I haven't got any plans. Why? & **n)** Not much. Why? **Box 4: f)** I'd like to buy some plants but I can't carry them home on the bus. Could you give me a lift? & **r)** Well, I'm going to paint my living room, and I'd really like some help. **Box 5: o)** Of course I will. & **u)** Yeah, okay. That's fine. **Box 6: d)** I can always ask somebody else. & **j)** It's no problem if you're too busy. **Box 7: i)** It's really no trouble at all. & **m)** No, don't worry, that's fine. **Box 8: p)** Oh thank you so much & **q)** That's really kind of you, thanks. **Box 9: g)** I'll buy you a drink afterwards & **k)** Let me take you out for dinner as a thank-you. **Box 10: h)** Is that alright for you? & **t)** What do you say? **Box 11: c)** Great idea! & **v)** You're on! I'd like that.

Section 3: Quiz – Exercise 1 - Answers

1. There are seven **days** in a **week**.
2. There are twelve **months** in a **year**
3. There are twenty-four **hours** in a **day**
4. There are sixty **seconds** in an **hour**
5. There are thirty or thirty-one **days** in a **month**
6. There are sixty **minutes** in an **hour**

Section 3: Quiz – Exercise 1 - Answers

Days: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; Saturday; Sunday. **Months:** January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December.

Section 6: Carolina - Exercise 1 - Answers

1) No, it's the first time. 2) I'll buy a round later. 3) So, same again everybody? 4) What are you drinking? 5) I'm having Newcastle Brown 6) I'll have a fruit juice 7) You can give me a hand with the drinks. 8) What other fruit juices have you got? 9) Here you are. 10) I'll take the lagers

Section 6: Carolina - Exercise 2 - Answers

1) a,b,c; 2) a,b,d; 3) a,b,c; 4) a,b,c; 5) a,b; 6) a,b,d; 7) a,b,c; 8) a,b,c; 9) a,b,d; 10) a,b,c.

Section 7: the Joke: transcript

Gordon: OK then. There were these two married couples, OK? And one couple invited the other for dinner one night. So, they have a lovely meal and after dinner the two men were in the kitchen doing the washing up and chatting and the two women were in the living room, having a chat. One of the men says to the other, “We went to a great restaurant last week – had a fantastic meal. The best Indian food I've had in ages. Excellent. And really cheap too”. And the other man says “Sounds great. I love Indian food. What was the restaurant called?” And the first man says, “Oh gosh. My memory's terrible. Now, let me think for a minute. You know that flower? It's red – smells nice. Romantic – you give it to people you love on Valentine's Day. What do you call it?” “A rose” says the other man. “Yes! That's it!” and he shouts into the living room, “Rose! What was the name of the Indian restaurant we went to last Saturday?”

Tom the teacher - Exercise 1 - Answers

in: December, the summer, 1990, the afternoon. **at:** three o'clock, the weekend, Christmas. **on:** Saturday, the 5th April, my birthday, Christmas Day. **no prep:** tomorrow, yesterday, last summer, next Monday, this weekend.

Tom the teacher – Exercise 2 - Answers

1) in; 2) –; 3) on; 4) at; 5) –; 6) on; 7) in; 8) in; 9) on; 10) in.

Tom the teacher - Exercise 3 - Answers

1) a pint; 2) a mile; 3) a foot; 4) an inch; 5) a yard; 6) a stone; 7) a pound.