

**Support Pack****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, Ravi and Gordon. Tick all the phrases you think are true. There may be more than one right answer.

- a) Gordon was the producer for the first series of the podcast
- b) Gordon has made a TV programme about boats
- c) Gordon has enjoyed his new job
- d) Gordon is going to tell a joke later

**Section 2**

2. Listen to Gordon talking about whales. Tick all the phrases you think are true.

- a) Gordon was hunting whales
- b) It was the first time Gordon had ever seen a whale
- c) Gordon likes whales because we don't know everything about them
- d) There are about forty species of whale in the world

**Section 3**

3. Listen to the quiz. How many questions do Tess and Ravi get right? Tick the right score.

- a) Tess 2 : Ravi 3
- b) Tess 3: Ravi 2
- c) Tess 4 : Ravi 1
- d) Tess 5 : Ravi 0

**Section 4**

4. Which of these superpowers do the people say they'd like to have? Tick all the things they talk about.

- a) healing broken hearts
- b) being invisible
- c) flying
- d) being very strong
- e) climbing buildings like Spiderman
- f) granting people's wishes
- g) reading people's minds

**Section 5**

5. Listen to Carolina talking to Emily. Tick all the phrases you think are true. Remember there is more than one right answer.

- a) Carolina phones Jamie
- b) Carolina's address is 36A, Bowsden Hall
- c) Carolina wants a taxi to get to the train station
- d) Carolina waits for the taxi downstairs

6. Now listen to the conversation in the taxi. Tick all the phrases you think are true.

- a) Carolina is late for her train
- b) A friend phones Carolina in the taxi
- c) Carolina leaves her bag in the taxi
- d) Jamie phones Carolina

**Section 6**

7. Listen to the joke. Why does the man ask to speak to the cat on the phone? Tick the right answer.

- a) because he likes the cat
- b) because he wants to know where the cat is
- c) because he wants the cat to tell him the way home
- d) because he wants to make his wife angry

## Section 1 – "It's great to see you again!" – meeting old friends

### Exercise 1

In this podcast, Tess and Ravi have a visitor in the studio – their old producer, Gordon. They haven't seen him for a long time. Look at the conversation and put the phrases into the right places. See *Answers* at the end of this support pack.

Have you managed to survive	it's lovely to see you again
How are you?	it's not the same, Gordon
I'll tell you more about it	It's lovely to be here.
I'm very well, thank you, very well.	what have you been doing

Ravi: Hello, Gordon.

Gordon: Hi Ravi, hi Tess.

Tess: Hi Gordon. It's lovely to see you again. 1. \_\_\_\_\_

Gordon: 2. \_\_\_\_\_ How are you both? OK?

Tess: Yeah, I'm fine, thanks.

Ravi: I'm good, thanks.

Ravi: So, 3. \_\_\_\_\_ since we last saw you, Gordon?

Gordon: Well, after we did the last series of the podcast, I got a job working on a TV documentary programme about whales.

Tess: Brilliant. What were you doing?

Gordon: I was working on the sound for the programme – we filmed a lot of it on a boat. It was absolutely fantastic – but, listen, 4. \_\_\_\_\_ sometime. Anyway, how are you two? 5. \_\_\_\_\_ without me?

Tess: Well, 6. \_\_\_\_\_, you know, but, yeah, we've had lots of interesting people on – it's been really good.

Gordon: Any jokes?

Ravi: Oh yes. Gordon used to tell a joke in every podcast. At first we didn't have a joke in this series but so many people said they really liked your jokes – it's difficult to believe it, I know – so we decided to have more jokes.

Gordon: Well, I've got a great one for you.

Tess: A joke and your whale stories – it's the Gordon show today. But that's OK –

7. \_\_\_\_\_.

Gordon: 8. \_\_\_\_\_

Ravi: OK. Well, I'm dying to hear about these whales so let's move on...

## Section 1 – "It's great to see you again!" – meeting old friends

### Exercise 2

Here are three conversations between people who haven't seen each other for a long time. The three columns – Conversation A, Conversation B and Conversation C – have been mixed up. The conversations are in the right order, and have the same number of "turns": 12. Can you separate them and make three logical conversations?

With highlighter pens, colour the turns in three different colours. The first and the last turns have been done for you. Alternatively, you can cut the turns out with a pair of scissors and arrange them on a table. See *Answers* at the end of this pack.

Conversation A	Conversation B	Conversation C
A <sup>1</sup> Hiya Stan!	B <sup>1</sup> Well hello there Jane!	C <sup>1</sup> David? Is that you?
A <sup>2</sup> Blimey – hiya Colin	B <sup>3</sup> I don't believe it. Linda Jones!	C <sup>2</sup> Lynn! Good grief! How nice to see you. It must be years...
3 Yes, David. When was the last time...? January? That conference in Harrogate?	3 It's been ages! How *are* you? I haven't seen you since... since...	3 Linda Bower actually – I got married. I don't think we've met up since school, have we?
4 Manchester? Don't know. Seems like years ago. Anyway, how are *you*?	4 Since school? Is it really that long? So, how are things with you?	4 January? Really? It seems ages ago. Well, they say "Time flies..." How are things? How have you been?
5 Great. I told you I got married – to Tom Mitchell – I don't think you knew him. And you? You were going out with Gary Lennox if I remember.	5 Everything's fine – well, I did have a short stay in hospital but ...	5 Oh, I'm okay. Still breathing! What about you? Everything okay?
6 Oh I'm sorry to hear that. Nothing serious, I hope	6 Yes, I was, wasn't I? What a terrible thought! No, we split up ages ago. I'm still living at home actually.	6 Yes, fine thanks. I'm still at Clarkson's, working away in Product Innovation. You? Still in Development?
7 No, no. Everything's fine. And what about you and your family. Are they all well?	7 Yes, nothing changes there! And the family, all well? How's your newest one – Jo?	7 With your parents? Very sensible! How are they? I always liked your mum.
8 Yes. Well, Catherine – she's my eldest, you may remember, she's gone off to University...	8 She's fine. She's still working at the supermarket. I'm afraid my dad died a few years ago so she's had a bit of a bad time.	8 Joan, actually. Yes, she's fine. Teething at the moment, so not much sleep! Look, Colin, I'm in a bit of a rush at the moment, but I'll give you a ring. Are you still living in the same place?

<sup>9</sup> Yes. Wurzel Road. Yes, do give me a ring and we'll meet up for a couple of beers some time.	<sup>9</sup> Oh, I'm sorry to hear that. Please give her my love if she remembers me.	<sup>9</sup> University? I always think of her as a little girl!
<sup>10</sup> Hah, yes. 18 now, of course. Well, time flies, as I said. And then there's Janine, well, she's doing exams soon...	<sup>10</sup> Great, I'd love that. And sorry – must go. Best of love to Carla!	<sup>10</sup> Will do. She'd probably like to see you. Why don't you call round some time? We're usually in in the evenings.
<b>Conversation A</b>	<b>Conversation B</b>	<b>Conversation C</b>
<sup>A11</sup> Yes. Hear from you soon, I hope. Bye!	<sup>B11</sup> OK. I'd like that – maybe next week? Tuesday?	<sup>C11</sup> ...And your wife. How's Margaret?
<sup>A12</sup> Yes – see you!	<sup>B12</sup> Great. Looking forward to it.	<sup>C12</sup> Maggie? Oh, well, she's...

## Section 1 – "It's great to see you again!" – meeting old friends

### Exercise 3

Now you can practice this dialogue with a friend. Imagine you are meeting five years in the future, but that you haven't met since this week...

## Section 2 – Would like to talk about ...

In this section, you heard Gordon talking about his experiences when he was making a TV programme, and how much he enjoyed seeing whales for the first time. Can you remember when you saw a special animal for the first time? Where was it and how did you feel? Write a paragraph about what happened and about the animal.

If you want, you can add your paragraph to the "Your turn" comments on the website, or send your paragraph to [learnenglishpodcast@britishcouncil.org](mailto:learnenglishpodcast@britishcouncil.org).

Here are some phrases that might help you:

<p><i>It was the first time I'd ever....</i></p> <p><i>It was [absolutely/really] amazing/incredible/fantastic/unbelievable/superb</i></p> <p><i>It made me laugh/cry/shout/smile/scream</i></p> <p><i>I felt excited/frightened/happy/humble/sad</i></p> <p><i>It was special because...</i></p> <p><i>The main reason it was special is....</i></p> <p><i>They are such special/amazing/funny/enormous/intelligent/beautiful/magnificent animals/creatures</i></p> <p><i>The main thing I like about them is....</i></p> <p><i>Another thing I like is...</i></p>
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### Section 3 – Quiz – Exercise 1

The quiz today was about whales. Here are the questions that Gordon asked. Match them to the answers.

See *Answers* at the end of this support pack.

1. Which is the deepest ocean in the world?
2. What's the biggest species of whale?
3. How big is the blue whale?
4. How long do sperm whales live?
5. How much does a blue whale's heart weigh?

a) More than seventy years'
b) Six hundred kilos.
c) The blue whale.
d) The Pacific
e) Up to thirty five metres

### Section 3 – Quiz – Exercise 2

General knowledge quizzes can be a good way to increase your vocabulary, and to practice making questions. Here are some questions using the 'How + adjective' construction. Match them with the answers below. See *Answers* at the end of this support pack.

1. How long is the river Nile?
2. How wide is the Atlantic Ocean?
3. How big is Dubai?
4. How tall is the London Eye?
5. How deep is the Dead Sea?
6. How fast is an elephant?
7. How rich is Bill Gates?
8. How heavy is biggest diamond ever found?
9. How hot is the Atacama desert?
10. How cold is the coldest place on Earth?
11. How old is the Sydney Opera House in Australia?

- a. He is worth an estimated \$53 billion.
- b. It covers an area of 4114 km<sup>2</sup>.
- c. It is 378m deep, the deepest salt lake in the world.
- d. It is a giant 135-metre tall Ferris wheel.
- e. It is the driest place on earth, but is actually quite a cold place, with average daily temperatures between 0°C and 25°C.

- f. It was 3,106.75 carats (621.35 g).
- g. It was officially opened in October 1973, which makes it 37 years old in 2010.
- h. It's 3944km from the east coast of Canada to the west coast of France.
- i. It's about 6670 km from start to finish.
- j. The record goes to Vostok Station, Antarctica, where the temperature reached -89.4°C on 21 July 1983.
- k. The top speed is about 40 kilometres per hour.

### Section 3 – Quiz – Exercise 3

Now try writing some questions of your own. You can use 'How + adjective' or different question forms. Then try your questions on a friend. See if he or she can find the answers and explain them in English.

### Section 4 – Your turn

In 'Your Turn' this time, the question was "Superman can fly. The Hulk is very strong. The Invisible Man is invisible. What superpower would you like to have?"

What about you? If you could have a superpower, what would it be? Are there any superpowers that you think would be a very *bad* idea to have?

We'd like you to write to us and tell us what you think. Add your paragraph to the "Your turn" comments on the website, or send your paragraph to [learnenglishpodcast@britishcouncil.org](mailto:learnenglishpodcast@britishcouncil.org).

Here are some phrases and some vocabulary that might help you to express your ideas:

superpower structures	some superpower nouns	some superpower verbs	
<i>I'd like to be...</i>	<i>an invisible coat</i>	<i>read people's minds</i>	<i>remember everything I</i>
<i>I'd like to have...</i>	<i>X-ray vision</i>	<i>know if someone is</i>	<i>read</i>
<i>I'd like to be able to...</i>	<i>a time machine</i>	<i>lying</i>	<i>control the weather</i>
<i>I'd like to have the power/the ability to... because...</i>	<i>eternal life</i>	<i>cure diseases</i>	<i>grant people's wishes</i>
<i>then I could...</i>		<i>speak any language</i>	<i>be super strong</i>
<i>then I would...</i>		<i>stay young for ever</i>	<i>talk to animals</i>
		<i>see the future</i>	<i>stop and start time</i>
		<i>change shape</i>	<i>eat what I want and never get fat</i>
		<i>move things with my mind</i>	<i>transport myself to other places</i>
		<i>never need to sleep</i>	

## Section 5 – Carolina – Exercise 1

Look at some parts of Carolina's conversations with the taxi company on the phone and with the taxi driver. Put the expressions in the right places. See *Answers* at the end of this support pack.

And keep the change	Since September
How long do you think it'll take?	Ten forty-five
I want to go to the station	thank you
I'd like to order a taxi please	that's right
Oh I will	Yes please

1	<i>[on the phone]</i> Carolina: Hello. Blueline taxis? _____.
2	Carolina: _____ – Newcastle train station.
3	<i>[in the taxi]</i> Taxi driver: Right. To the station isn't it love? Carolina: _____.
4	Carolina: _____ Taxi driver: Not long at this time of day.
5	Taxi driver: What time's your train? Carolina: _____.
6	Taxi driver: Off home for the holidays then? Carolina: Yes, _____.
7	Taxi driver: Been here in Newcastle long then? Carolina: _____.
8	Taxi driver: Here we are then. Twenty past ten. Plenty of time. Carolina: Yes, _____.
9	Taxi driver: That'll be eight pounds ten please. Carolina: Here you are. _____.
10	Taxi driver: Thank you very much. Enjoy your holiday. Carolina: _____ . Thank you very much. Bye.

**Section 5 – Carolina – Exercise 2**

Look again at parts of Carolina's conversations. Choose all the phrases that people can say – there is always more than one correct answer. See Answers at the end of this support pack.

[on the phone]

1. *Carolina*: Hello. Blueline taxis? \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Can I have a taxi please?
- b) I am calling a taxi
- c) I need a taxi please
- d) I'd like to order a taxi please

2. *Carolina*: \_\_\_\_\_ – Newcastle train station.

- a) Let's go to the station
- b) I want to go to the station
- c) I'm going to the station
- d) It's to the station

3. [in the taxi] *Taxi driver*: Right. To the station isn't it love?

*Carolina*: \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Yes it is
- b) Yes I go
- c) Yes please
- d) Yes, that's right

4. *Carolina*: \_\_\_\_\_

*Taxi driver*: Not long at this time of day.

- a) How long is the station?
- b) Will it take long?
- c) How long will it take?
- d) How long do you think it'll take?

5. *Taxi driver*: What time's your train?

*Carolina*: \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) A quarter to eleven
- b) Fifteen to eleven
- c) Ten forty-five
- d) Ten and three-quarters



6. *Taxi driver*: Off home for the holidays then?

*Carolina*: Yes, \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) that's right
- b) I am
- c) I do
- d) please

7. *Taxi driver*: Been here in Newcastle long then?

*Carolina*: \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) No, not long
- b) Since September
- c) For a few months
- d) From September

8. *Taxi driver*: Here we are then. Twenty past ten. Plenty of time.

*Carolina*: Yes, \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) thanks a lot
- b) I'm good
- c) thank you
- d) that's great

9. *Taxi driver*: That'll be eight pounds ten please.

*Carolina*: Here you are. \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) The money is yours
- b) I'll pay nine pounds
- c) Keep the change
- d) Stay with the rest

10. *Taxi driver*: Thank you very much. Enjoy your holiday.

*Carolina*: Oh \_\_\_\_\_ . Thank you very much. Bye.

- a) of course
- b) I will
- c) I can
- d) I hope so

**Section 5 – Carolina – Exercise 3**

Now imagine that you need a taxi. You phone the taxi company and then you talk to the driver in the taxi. Complete the conversations.

*[on the phone]*

Phone operator: Good morning. Blueline taxis. Can I help you?

You: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone operator: Where are you?

You: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone operator: And where do you want to go?

You: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone operator: It'll be there in ten minutes. Cab number 906.

You: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone operator: Can I have your mobile number in case there's a delay?

You: \_\_\_\_\_

*[in the taxi]*

Taxi driver: So where is it to?

You: \_\_\_\_\_

Taxi driver: Right then Off we go.

You: \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Taxi driver: About half an hour. What time do you need to be there?

You: \_\_\_\_\_

Taxi driver: No problem. So, are you going somewhere nice?

You: \_\_\_\_\_

Taxi driver: have you been in Britain long?

You: \_\_\_\_\_

[...]

Taxi driver: Right. Here we are then. Plenty of time.

You: \_\_\_\_\_

Taxi driver: That's twelve pounds fifty please.

You: \_\_\_\_\_

Taxi driver: Thanks you very much. Have a good time.

You: \_\_\_\_\_

Now you can practice the dialogue with a friend.

## Section 7 - The joke

### Exercise 1

Read the sentences below, and put them in the right order to tell the joke. You can either cut them up and arrange them, or write the number in the space on the left. See *Answers* at the end of this support pack.

	"Hello?" she says. "Is the cat there?" says the man. "Yes", she says.
	"Right", thinks the man. The next day – his wife isn't there again – he takes the cat, puts it in the car and drives <i>twenty</i> miles. He throws the cat out of the car and drives away.
	"Well can you put him on the phone, please? I need to ask him for directions"
	And this man <i>hates</i> the cat so much that he makes a plan to get rid of the cat.
	One day, when his wife isn't at home, he takes the cat, puts it in the car and drives ten miles away from home. He throws the cat out of the car and drives away.
	The next day, he takes the cat, covers its eyes, puts it in the car and drives <i>fifty</i> miles. He goes over hills, through tunnels – he turns left, turns right, he makes it <i>impossible</i> for the cat to know where they are and he throws it out of the car and drives away.
	This is a story about a man whose wife has a cat – and this man, he <i>hates</i> the cat. He can't stand it.
	Two hours later, the man calls his wife.
	When he gets home again, what do you think? - the cat is sitting on the doorstep again. Well, by now he's really annoyed about this.
	When he gets home, who do you think is sitting on the doorstep waiting for him? The cat.

## Section 7 – Tom – Exercise 1

Tom talked about 'strong adjectives' in this podcast. There are lots of words in English that mean 'very good' or 'very bad'. Can you complete the words below? See *Answers* at the end of this support pack.

very good	very bad
1. f _ _ t _ _ _ ic	12. d _ _ _ us _ _ ng
2. inc _ _ d _ _ le	13. _ err _ _ _ e
3. _ ri _ _ iant	14. h _ _ r _ b _ _
4. a _ a _ i _ g	15. a _ _ _ l
5. g _ _ _ t	16. dr _ _ df _ _
6. p _ rf _ _ t	17. r _ p _ _ si _ e
7. _ on _ er _ _ l	18. h a _ e _ ul
8. s _ _ _ r	
9. ma _ v _ _ _ _ us	
10. _ we _ _ me	
11. e _ x _ ll _ _ _	

## Section 7 – Tom – Exercise 2

Now match these strong adjectives to their meanings. See *Answers* at the end of this support pack.

1	very nice
2	very cold
3	very angry
4	very funny
5	very small
6	very big
7	very clever
8	very tired
9	very afraid

beautiful
brilliant
huge
exhausted
freezing
furious
hilarious
terrified
tiny

**Section 7 – Tom – Exercise 3**

Now choose which words can go with the adjective in each sentence. There may be 1 or 2 right answers for each question. See *Answers* at the end of this support pack.

1. Have you seen Jane's new hairstyle? It looks \_\_\_\_\_ nice.

- a) very
- b) really
- c) absolutely

2. Close the window! It's \_\_\_\_\_ freezing in here!

- a) very
- b) quite
- c) absolutely

3. My boss was \_\_\_\_\_ furious with me yesterday.

- a) really
- b) absolutely
- c) quite

4. The film was \_\_\_\_\_ funny.

- a) very
- b) absolutely
- c) quite

5. The restaurant's expensive but the portions are \_\_\_\_\_ tiny.

- a) really
- b) quite
- c) absolutely

6. She's very rich and her house is \_\_\_\_\_ huge.

- a) absolutely
- b) quite
- c) really

7. I've just had a/an \_\_\_\_\_ clever idea!
- a) very
  - b) really
  - c) absolutely
8. What a long day! I'm \_\_\_\_\_ exhausted!
- a) very
  - b) quite
  - c) absolutely
9. When I saw that lion walking towards me I was \_\_\_\_\_ terrified!
- a) very
  - b) really
  - c) quite
10. Sorry I'm late. The traffic was \_\_\_\_\_ terrible.
- a) quite
  - b) absolutely
  - c) really
11. I had some \_\_\_\_\_ fantastic news today.
- a) really
  - b) absolutely
  - c) very
12. That new CD is \_\_\_\_\_ good – you should listen to it.
- a) absolutely
  - b) very
  - c) really

**Section 7 – Tom – Exercise 4**

Tom talked about different ways of saying the numeral "0". Choose the right answer for each situation. *Answers* at the end of this support pack.

1. Tess won the quiz 5:0

- a) five zero
- b) five nil
- c) five love
- d) five oh

2. Tel: 213407998

- a) zero
- b) nil
- c) love
- d) oh

3. water freezes at 0 degrees centigrade

- a) zero
- b) nil
- c) love
- d) oh

4. The train leaves at 12.04

- a) twelve zero four
- b) twelve nil four
- c) twelve love four
- d) twelve oh four

5. The score was Barcelona 1: Manchester United 0

- a) zero
- b) nil
- c) love
- d) oh

6. Tennis news – Nadal won the first set 6:0

- a) six : zero
- b) six : nil
- c) six : love
- d) six: oh

7. My grandmother was born in 1905

- a) nineteen zero five
- b) nineteen nil five
- c) nineteen love five
- d) nineteen oh five

8. Let's count down – 5.... 4.... 3.... 2....1.... 0!

- a) zero
- b) nil
- c) love
- d) oh

9. James Bond was called 007

- a) zero
- b) nil
- c) love
- d) oh



## Answers

### While you listen – Answers

1. a,c,d; 2. b,c,d; 3. d; 4. a,b,c,f,g; 5. b,c,d; 6. b,d; 7. c

### Section 1: "It's great to see you again!" –

#### Exercise 1 – Answers

- How are you?
- I'm very well, thank you, very well.
- what have you been doing
- I'll tell you more about it
- Have you managed to survive
- it's not the same Gordon
- it's lovely to see you again
- It's lovely to be here.

### Section 1: "It's great to see you again!" –

#### Exercise 2 – Answers – see below

### Section 3 – Quiz – Exercise 1 – Answers

- Which is the deepest ocean in the world?  
d) The Pacific
- What's the biggest species of whale?  
c) The blue whale.
- How *big* is the blue whale?  
e) Up to thirty five metres
- How long do sperm whales live?  
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- How much does a blue whale's heart weigh?  
b) Six hundred kilos.

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### Section 5 – Carolina – Exercise 1 – Answers

- I'd like to order a taxi please
- I want to go to the station
- Yes please
- How long do you think it'll take?
- Ten forty-five
- that's right
- Since September
- thank you
- And keep the change
- Oh I will

### Section 5 – Carolina – Exercise 2 – Answers

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

### Section 6 – The Joke – Answers

- This is a story about a man whose wife has a cat – and this man, he *hates* the cat. He can't stand it.
- And this man *hates* the cat so much that he makes a plan to get rid of the cat.
- One day, when his wife isn't at home, he takes the cat, puts it in the car and drives ten miles away from home. He throws the cat out of the car and drives away.
- When he gets home, who do you think is sitting on the doorstep waiting for him? The cat.
- "Right", thinks the man. The next day – his wife isn't there again – he takes the cat, puts it in the car and drives *twenty* miles. He throws the cat out of the car and drives away.
- When he gets home again, what do you think? – the cat is sitting on the doorstep again. Well, by now he's really annoyed about this.
- The next day, he takes the cat, covers its eyes, puts it in the car and drives *fifty* miles. He goes over hills, through tunnels – he turns left, turns right, he makes it *impossible* for the cat to know where they are and he throws it out of the car and drives away.
- Two hours later, the man calls his wife.
- "Hello?" she says. "Is the cat there?" says the man. "Yes", she says.
- "Well can you put him on the phone, please? I need to ask him for directions"

### Section 7 – Tom – Exercise 1 – Answers

#### very good

fantastic; incredible; brilliant; amazing; great; perfect; wonderful; super; marvelous; awesome; excellent.

#### very bad

disgusting; terrible; horrible; awful; dreadful; repulsive; hateful.

**Section 7 – Tom – Exercise 2 – Answers**

1. very nice – beautiful; 2. very cold – freezing; 3. very angry – furious; 4. very funny – hilarious; 5. very small – tiny; 6. very big – huge; 7. very clever – brilliant; 8. very tired – exhausted; 9. very afraid – terrified.

**Section 7 – Tom – Exercise 3 – Answers**

1. a,b; 2. c; 3. a,b; 4.a,c; 5. a,c; 6. a,c; 7. a,b; 8. c; 9. b; 10. b,c; 11. a, b; 12. b,c

**Section 7 – Tom – Exercise 4 – Answers**

1. b; 2. d; 3. a; 4. d; 5. b; 6. c; 7. d; 8. a; 9. d (double oh actually!)

**Section 1: "I've had a really awful day" – Exercise 2 – Answers**

Conversation A	Conversation B	Conversation C
A <sup>1</sup> Hiya Stan!	B <sup>1</sup> Well hello there Jane!	C <sup>1</sup> David? Is that you?
A <sup>2</sup> Blimey – hiya Colin	B <sup>3</sup> I don't believe it. Linda Jones!	C <sup>2</sup> Lynn! Good grief! How nice to see you. It must be years...
C <sup>3</sup> Yes, David. When was the last time...? January? That conference in Harrogate?	A <sup>3</sup> It's been ages! How *are* you? I haven't seen you since... since...	B <sup>3</sup> Linda Bower actually – I got married. I don't think we've met up since school, have we?
A <sup>4</sup> Manchester? Don't know. Seems like years ago. Anyway, how are *you*?	B <sup>4</sup> Since school? Is it really that long? So, how are things with you?	C <sup>4</sup> January? Really? It seems ages ago. Well, they say "Time flies..." How are things? How have you been?
B <sup>5</sup> Great. I told you I got married – to Tom Mitchell – I don't think you knew him. And you? You were going out with Gary Lennox if I remember.	C <sup>5</sup> Everything's fine – well, I did have a short stay in hospital but ...	A <sup>5</sup> Oh, I'm okay. Still breathing! What about you? Everything okay?
C <sup>6</sup> Oh I'm sorry to hear that. Nothing serious, I hope	B <sup>6</sup> Yes, I was, wasn't I? What a terrible thought! No, we split up ages ago. I'm still living at home actually.	A <sup>6</sup> Yes, fine thanks. I'm still at Clarkson's, working away in Product Innovation. You? Still in Development?
C <sup>7</sup> . No, no. Everything's fine. And what about you and your family. Are they all well?	A <sup>7</sup> Yes, nothing changes there! And the family, all well? How's your newest one – Jo?	B <sup>7</sup> With your parents? Very sensible! How are they? I always liked your mum.
C <sup>8</sup> Yes. Well, Catherine – she's my eldest, you may remember, she's gone off to University...	B <sup>8</sup> She's fine. She's still working at the supermarket. I'm afraid my dad died a few years ago so she's had a bit of a bad time.	A <sup>8</sup> Joan, actually. Yes, she's fine. Teething at the moment, so not much sleep! Look, Colin, I'm in a bit of a rush at the moment, but I'll give you a ring. Are you still living in the same place?
A <sup>9</sup> Yes. Wurzel Road. Yes, do	B <sup>9</sup> Oh, I'm sorry to hear that.	C <sup>9</sup> University? I always think of

<p>give me a ring and we'll meet up for a couple of beers some time.</p>	<p>Please give her my love if she remembers me.</p>	<p>her as a little girl!</p>
<p><sup>C10</sup> Hah, yes. 18 now, of course. Well, time flies, as I said. And then there's Janine, well, she's doing exams soon...</p>	<p><sup>A10</sup> Great, I'd love that. And sorry – must go. Best of love to Carla!</p>	<p><sup>B10</sup> Will do. She'd probably like to see you. Why don't you call round some time? We're usually in in the evenings.</p>
<p><b>Conversation A</b></p> <p><sup>A11</sup> Yes. Hear from you soon, I hope. Bye!</p> <hr/> <p><sup>A12</sup> Yes – see you!</p>	<p><b>Conversation B</b></p> <p><sup>B11</sup> OK. I'd like that – maybe next week? Tuesday?</p> <hr/> <p><sup>B12</sup> Great. Looking forward to it.</p>	<p><b>Conversation C</b></p> <p><sup>C11</sup> ...And your wife. How's Margaret?</p> <hr/> <p><sup>C12</sup> Maggie? Oh, well, she's...</p>