

Listening 15: Lesson 4C, Exercise 4

- Jenny** Hi, Ben. Are you going to watch the Oscars tonight? I want to know who wins Best Actor this year. Who do you think should win?
- Ben** Well, Jenny, I don't really know. I find it all a bit boring.
- Jenny** Really? I'm surprised. You love films. You go to the cinema all the time.
- Ben** I do love films, but I don't love the Oscars. They are all about big American blockbusters. I like them, but I also like European films.
- Jenny** Well, of course the Oscars is American. It's an American show. But I love it. I love the dresses, the glamour, the tears. It's fun! I'm not really into the awards.
- Ben** I prefer the Golden Globe Awards. I prefer the foreign journalists' choices of film.
- Jenny** Oh, OK. But come and watch the Oscars with me, anyway. Maybe your favourite film will win.
- Ben** Fine, let's watch it, then. But I'm not watching the beginning, when the stars arrive and show off their dresses.

Listening 16: Lesson 4F, Exercise 2

- 1 Can I help you?
- 2 Which showing would you like?
- 3 I'm afraid the 8.30 showing is sold out.
- 4 Sorry, did you say two adults?
- 5 How would you like to pay?
- 6 Can I have your credit card number, please?

Listening 17: Lesson 4F, Exercise 3

Sales assistant Good afternoon. Can I help you?

Girl Can I have two tickets for *True Grit*, please?

Assistant Which showing would you like?

Girl The five-thirty, please.

Assistant I'm afraid the five-thirty is sold out. We still have tickets for the eight-thirty, though.

Girl Just a moment, please. *[to her friend]* Dan, the five-thirty showing of *True Grit* is sold out. Shall we go to the eight-thirty or choose another film?

Boy Let's go to *127 Hours* instead.

Girl OK. *[to clerk]* Have you got tickets for the six o'clock showing of *127 Hours*?

Assistant Yes, we have tickets for that. Adults or children?

Girl Pardon?

Assistant Adult tickets, or children's? Are you under 14?

Girl No, we aren't.

Assistant OK. That's two adults then. £19 in total.

Girl OK. Here you are.

Assistant £20. Thank you. And £1 change. Enjoy the film.

Girl Thank you.

Listening 18: Get Ready for your Exam 2, Listening

Speaker 1 What do I think of reality shows? I think they're stupid. There are so many of them on TV and I can't tell one from another. And the people who go on these shows are all the same, too. They're loud and rude and annoying. Who's interested in them?

Speaker 2 I don't watch reality shows on TV in general, but there are a couple of programmes that I wouldn't want to miss. There's one where ordinary people get the chance to do something that they've only dreamed of. That's a wonderful idea. I want to go on that programme. I'd like to go to Antarctica.

Speaker 3 I think TV reality shows are quite entertaining. It's a good idea to have ordinary people on TV, instead of all those boring, self-important celebrities. Celebrities want you to think that they are fantastic people with fantastic lives, but it's all rubbish. Everyday people are just as interesting. More interesting, actually.

Speaker 4 Reality shows were new and fresh a while ago. I think the idea was a good one. It can be interesting to watch people who are just the same as you doing things on TV. It makes you think 'I could do that'. But now there are so many TV reality shows, they're getting quite boring.

Speaker 5 I applied to go on the *Big Brother* TV reality show two years ago. I went for two interviews and spoke to a psychologist. Then I was invited for lunch with a lot of other people. But I didn't get chosen for the show, and actually, I'm glad about that now!