

Listening 44: Lesson 10A, Exercise 2

Speaker 1 It really does contain a huge amount of information on every subject that you can imagine. Now, many people think that, because of the internet, we don't need this kind of book any more. But in my opinion, it's a very different experience. With this book, you can pick it up, open it and start reading or looking at the pictures – you don't have to know what you're looking for. And you can learn something amazing.

Speaker 2 ... And I asked myself, "Have I learned anything new about Michael Jackson from this author?" Because that's the whole point, isn't it? To learn new things about the person's life. And I decided that no, I hadn't learnt anything new, and so for me at least, reading this book was pointless. But perhaps ...

Speaker 3 ... and of course, in the past, it was very much a genre for children – with superheroes like Spider Man and all the other great Marvel characters. Asterix, Snoopy and Garfield too. But this latest work is really aimed at adults. The pictures are amazing, the story is exciting and the text is perfect. Most of the words are in speech bubbles, but there are also occasional paragraphs of description which really ...

Speaker 4 The first and shortest of the tales, *Night terror*, is a brilliantly written piece of horror. It really is terrifying, even though it's only ten pages long. The others in the book range from 12 to 25 pages. My other favourite is called *Blood on the carpet*, which comes about half way through the book. It tells the story of ...

Speaker 5 Most of the recipes are quite simple, but a few are more complicated – like the chocolate fudge cake with raspberry and almond cream. All of them are absolutely delicious! My favourites are the ones with chocolate, but there are also lots of fruit recipes which ...

Listening 45: Lesson 10B, Exercise 1

- 1 do → done
- 2 write → written
- 3 draw → drawn
- 4 wear → worn
- 5 take → taken
- 6 steal → stolen
- 7 break → broken
- 8 throw → thrown

Listening 46: Lesson 10F, Exercise 2

- Penny** Hi, Brad. What are you up to?
- Brad** Nothing much. I've just finished my homework.
- Penny** Do you fancy meeting up in town?
- Brad** Yes, sure. Why don't we have lunch at the café in the High Street?
- Penny** Great idea! Let's meet at the bus stop.
- Brad** I'd prefer to meet at the café.
- Penny** OK, no problem. Why's that?
- Brad** Because I'm not catching the bus. I'm going to cycle.
- Penny** Fine. What time do you want to meet?
- Brad** How about 12.30?
- Penny** Great! I'll see you at the café at 12.30, then.

Listening 47: Lesson 10F, Exercise 4

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- Girl** Do you fancy going to the beach?
- Boy** Sure. What time do you want to meet?
- Girl** How about 11 o'clock?
- Boy** Fine.

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- Boy** Shall we play tennis this afternoon?
- Girl** I'd prefer to go swimming.
- Boy** OK, no problem. Give me a call later.

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- Boy** Let's go jogging together.
- Girl** Great idea! Where shall we meet?
- Boy** Why don't we meet in the park at 1 o'clock?
- Girl** Fine. See you at one!

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- Girl** Do you fancy going shopping?
- Boy** Sure. Why not? Shall we go to the shopping centre?
- Girl** Yes, OK. Let's meet there, outside the entertainment store.
- Boy** Great. See you later.

Listening 48: Get Ready for your Exam 8, Listening

Interviewer Good morning and welcome to Radio 25's *Real Lives* programme. Today we have in the studio Keith Biggins, a local charity worker. He has just received some amazing news. Welcome to the studio, Keith.

Keith Thanks.

Interviewer Now, Keith, you have just found out that you have won an award from the Queen.

Keith Yes! I am going to Buckingham Palace next month to collect it. I can't believe it.

Interviewer These awards are given to people for their services to their local community. And you are getting an award for your charitable work.

Keith Yes, but I feel I don't deserve it. There are many wonderful community and charity workers in my area.

Interviewer When did you start this type of work?

Keith I have always done work for charity. Every year I raise money for homeless people and for children from poor families. I own a family business selling beds and it has always seemed wrong to me that I sell wonderful, expensive beds in my shops, but there are so many people in our society who do not have a bed at all. And there are still a lot of children growing up in poverty, fear and danger. I think a home should be a safe place with a warm bed to sleep in.

Interviewer You retired fifteen years ago, but you are still working?

Keith Yes. My son runs the family business now. But I still do my charity work and he helps me. For example, last year we raised money for community flats for homeless people and of course, we put beds in the flats. We also gave hundreds of beds to old people's homes and to children's homes. And last Christmas I collected more than 3,000 presents for poor children in our community.

Interviewer You are 67 years old now. Are you going to stop work soon?

Keith I don't think so. There's still so much more to do.

Interviewer Well, Keith, I think you deserve your award. Congratulations!

Keith Thank you very much indeed.