

UNIT 1

Exercise 8, part 2

- 1 A It's lovely to have my Mum, Catherine, in the same street.
B I'm sure it's great!
- 2 A Look at my beautiful little great-granddaughter!
B Waaaaaaah!
- 3 A My wife and I have six children.
B Wow! Great!
- 4 A And all our six children live near us.
B Wonderful!
- 5 A When the Halls have a birthday they invite the neighbours, so we go to the party.
B That sounds great!
- 6 A Everyone in our street is very friendly. The Hall family are lovely.
B That's really good.

Exercise 9

- 1 A Good morning, Pete. How are you?
B Fine, thanks. And you?
- 2 A Bye, Mum! I'm going to school!
B Bye, honey! See you later.
- 3 A Can I have a cup of tea, please?
B Of course. Anything to eat?
- 4 A Have a good day!
B Thanks. And you.
- 5 A Hello. Can I help you?
B No, I'm OK, thanks. Just looking.
- 6 A Tony, this is Ellen.
B Hello, Ellen. Nice to meet you.
- 7 A Bye! See you on Monday!
B Yes. Have a good weekend!
- 8 A Good night!
B Sleep well! See you in the morning.

Exercise 10, part 1

A day
E tea
I Hi!
O no
U you
R car
G me
J day
Q you
Y my
Z bed

Exercise 10, part 2

- 1 ALICE
- 2 MARIANNE
- 3 SUZI
- 4 BISHOP
- 5 KELLY
- 6 LIZ JONES
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- 8 jennyblack@bz.com

UNIT 2

Exercise 4, part 2

/s/
works
writes

/z/
plays
earns
goes
does
has
lives

/tʒ/
studies
teaches
watches
finishes

Exercise 7, part 3

- A Tell me about Angela.
- B Well, Angela Law is 36 years old, and she's married to Brian.
- A Does she have any children?
- B Oh, yes! She has a son, Toby.
- A How old's he?
- B He's er ... 16, I think. Yes, he's 16.
- A And what does he do?
- B Well, he's a student at college.
- A Ah, right. Does he have a job?
- B Yeah. He has a Saturday job. He works in a shop. I think he earns about £30–35 for the day.
- A What about Angela? What does she do?
- B Angela works as a chef in a French restaurant.
- A Really? Well, well!
- B Yes, she earns a good salary.
- A How much?
- B She earns about £25,000 a year. The people she works with are really nice.
- A And what does Angela do in her free time?
- B I think she walks with her dogs, and her husband, Brian!
- A What about Toby? What does he do?
- B He's a teenager! He sleeps, goes to bed late, and listens to loud music.
- A Of course – silly question.

Exercise 10, part 1

- 1 10.40
- 2 2.15
- 3 ten o'clock
- 4 quarter past three
- 5 half past eight
- 6 twenty to two
- 7 six thirty
- 8 ten past twelve

Exercise 10, part 2

- 1 A Excuse me! What time is it?
B It's about twenty past five.
- 2 A Do you have the time, please?
B Yes, it's just after ten o'clock.
- 3 A What time is it?
B It's nearly half past two.

UNIT 3

Exercise 6, parts 2–4

Marisa

I like summer best. Summer here in Brazil is from December to February. It's very hot – sometimes 40° centigrade. I like summer because my cousins from Portugal often come to stay, and we go to the beach a lot. They like sunbathing, but I don't. We all like water sports, and we go surfing and waterskiing. New Year's Day is a very special day for us. We call it 'Ano Novo', and we always have a big party and barbecue on the beach. Then in February or March it's Carnival – that's a five-day party and no work. I love Carnival, it's a fantastic time.

Kalaya

I live in the north of Thailand. We have three seasons – a very hot season, a rainy season, and a season that is not so hot – it's cool. This is our winter. It's from November to February, and it's my favourite season because it's not too hot or too wet. It's quite warm in the daytime, and it's cold at night. And in February we have lots of beautiful tropical flowers – all colours, red, orange and pink. So every year we have a fantastic Flower Festival. My sisters and I go to the festival, and we sing and dance – I love it!

Noah

Our American neighbours always say, 'You know when someone is from Canada because they think -40° centigrade is just a little cold.' We Canadians love our cold winters! The really cold months here are December to February, but it's often cold in spring and autumn too, and spring, not winter, is my favourite season because it's the best time to go skiing and snowboarding. Sometimes my friends and I ski until the end of May and even June – isn't that amazing? Our summer is short but warm – June to late August or September. It's OK but I prefer spring.

Exercise 8

- 1 A Have a nice day!
B Thanks. Same to you.
- 2 A I'm sorry I'm late.
B Never mind. Come and sit down.
- 3 A What's the matter?
B I have a headache.
- 4 A Can I have a coffee, please?
B Of course. Black or white?
- 5 A What does 'hungry' mean?
B It means you want to eat!
- 6 A Can you help me?
B Sure! What's the problem?
- 7 A I like your jeans!
B Thanks! They're new! £30!
- 8 A How was your day?
B Very interesting, thanks. What about you?
- 9 A Please fasten your seatbelt.
B Pardon? Could you say that again?

UNIT 4

Exercise 7, parts 1 and 2

Gabrielle from the south of France

I live with my son and my grandson. We live in a small village called Tarascon, near Avignon in the south of France. The house is very old and very big – we only live in part of it. There are six bedrooms, but we only use three of them. Most of the time we live in the kitchen – it's a big kitchen. We eat and watch TV in there. We don't use the living room very much – that's big too. My son, Christophe, is a builder. He's divorced. My grandson Laurent is only 9. He goes to school in the village.

Kelly from Perth, Australia

I'm very excited because I have my own house for the first time. It's a bungalow, and it's very new and modern. I have three bedrooms, a big living room and kitchen, and a small garden. I love it. I love cooking in my kitchen for my friends. It's in a part of Perth called Greenwood, not too far from the city centre. I work in a bank right in the centre, and I go to work by train. I live alone. Well, that's not quite true, I live with my cat, Ozzy. He's my best friend.

Nagendra and Anita from Delhi, India

We live in a small flat with our daughters, Alisha, she's 13, and Shristi, she's 15. The flat isn't in the centre of Delhi – it's west of Delhi – 20 kms from my work and the children's school. It's old and simple. We have one bedroom, one living room, and a tiny kitchen. The television's in one corner of the living room, and the fridge is in the other corner. Our kitchen is too small for a fridge. We sit on the floor to watch TV and eat our evening meal. The girls sleep here too. My wife and I sleep in the bedroom.

Exercise 8, part 1

- a fifteen
- b seventy
- c sixty-eight
- d twenty
- e two hundred and sixty
- f eight hundred and ten
- g two thousand
- h fifteen thousand

Exercise 8, part 3

- a 308
- b 51
- c 28
- d 670
- e 1,500
- f two and a half
- g ten point three
- h 039 7833 6721

Exercise 9, part 1

- a £50
- b £10
- c £6.50
- d 80p
- e €100
- f €86
- g \$45
- h \$20

UNIT 5

Exercise 1

- 1 Superman can fly.
- 2 He can't play the piano.
- 3 I can play the guitar.
- 4 My sister can't cook very well.
- 5 Can't you speak Spanish? I don't believe it!
- 6 Dogs can swim, but cats can't.
- 7 Birds can't speak like humans.
- 8 Can't you program a computer!

Exercise 6, parts 1–3

Pete

I was born in London, in East London. Both my parents were born in London too. My dad was a taxi driver, and my mum was a cleaner. My first school was next to our house. That was good but, er ... I think I was quite clever. You see, I could read and write when I was just six or seven, but I wasn't much good at sport. I couldn't play football like the other boys – I couldn't really kick a ball at all. I wasn't popular at school, so my childhood wasn't very happy. My next school was a really good one in the city centre, Westminster School, and after that Oxford University. Now I'm a journalist, and I love my work. My mum and dad still live in the same street. I often visit them, but when I see my old school I can still feel how unhappy I was there.

Olivia

I'm married. I have two children, a son and a daughter. I live in Exeter in the south west of England, but I wasn't born in England – I was born in East Africa, in Tanzania. My mum and dad were teachers there at the time. My mum's German, but she was born in Tanzania because my grandfather worked there. My dad is English. He's from the north of England, but after university he wanted to travel to Africa. My mum and dad were married there, and my brothers and I were born there. We were there until I was ten, and my brothers were eight and five. We were at the same school together. It wasn't in the town – it was in the bush, and it was great fun. There were only two classes – one for the young children who were five and six, and the other was for six to eleven-year-old children. We couldn't play outside. It was too hot, and there were snakes. School finished at 10'clock every day, and our house was near the sea, so we could all go swimming every afternoon. My childhood was very happy – all sunshine and swimming.

Exercise 10

- 1 A Hi! Can I help you?
B A coffee, please.
A Espresso? Cappuccino? Latte ... ?
B An espresso, please. And could you give me some hot water as well?
A Sure. Take a seat.
- 2 A Excuse me! Could I ask you a question?
B Of course. What is it?
A Could you tell me what *yellow* means?
B Yellow is a colour. The sun's yellow. Butter is yellow.
A Ah, OK! Thanks.
- 3 A Jamie! Can I ask you a favour?
B Uh huh. What is it?
A Could you help me with my computer?
B What's the problem?
A I can't get online.
B OK. Let's have a look.
- 4 A Dad, could I borrow the car tonight?
B Mm ... all right. But it needs petrol.
A OK. Er ... Dad, I don't have any money. Can you lend me some?
B Is that lend or give?
A I'll pay you back. I promise. Mum! Can I have five pounds?

UNIT 6

Exercise 2, part 1

worked
cleaned
decided
received
lived
watched
talked
moved
wanted
earned
opened
stayed
stopped
finished
walked
liked
enjoyed
travelled
died
started

Exercise 2, part 2

tin an office
worked in
he worked in
worked in an office
He worked in an office.

Exercise 2, part 3

- 1 We lived in a small house.
- 2 I studied at university.
- 3 I watched a good programme on TV.
- 4 She talked about her childhood.
- 5 We moved out of London.
- 6 She started a new job.
- 7 I earned a lot of money.
- 8 We stopped at a hotel.
- 9 We wanted a pizza.
- 10 He died in 1988.

Exercise 6, parts 1 and 2

- J = Joe T = Terry
- J Grandfather, did you ever go to a pop concert?
T Did I ever go to a pop concert? I went to *the* pop concert!
- J What do you mean?
T I, Terry, your grandfather, was at The Beatles concert in August 1965 at Shea Stadium, New York City.
- J So, that was a good one, was it?
T That was the best concert ever!
J OK, OK tell me about it.
T Well, it was kinda exciting and frightening too.
J Why frightening?
T There were so many fans there, over 55,000. And the noise! It was so noisy. Everyone was so excited. They screamed and shouted. There were over 2,000 policemen there. And when The Beatles finally appeared the crowd went wild, er ... they went crazy. They climbed over each other to get closer. It was amazing.
- J What songs did they play?
T Well, the problem was that the screaming was so loud you couldn't hear the music. We couldn't hear the songs very well at all. They only played for 30 minutes. I think they played 12 songs, but I only heard a bit of 'Can't buy me love' and 'Help!' Oh, and 'Twist and Shout'.
- J I know those songs.
T Of course you do. You still hear them today. All the time.
- J So how much did you pay not to hear the Beatles?
T Five dollars and seventy-five cents. I had one of the best seats.

- J Only five dollars and seventy-five cents! That's really cheap! You still have all your Beatles records, don't you?
- T Yup! I bought every one. I can't throw them away, but, of course, now I have the CDs too. You know, I remember buying my very first – it was 'I wanna hold you hand' ... Oh, those were the days.

Exercise 8, part 2

- the second of April
- June the tenth
- the ninth of August
- the twelfth of November
- December the twenty-fifth
- March the nineteenth

Exercise 8, part 4

- 1980
- 1996
- 1961
- 1865
- 2003
- 2009
- 2010
- 2015

UNIT 7

Exercise 7, parts 1 and 2

- Derek**
My very favourite film is *Jaws*. I saw it years ago, and I was so frightened I couldn't watch – I closed my eyes. I liked it because I like sharks, I really do, and I enjoy frightening films. Also I loved the *Jaws* music – duh duh duh duh – I feel frightened hearing it now. I'm not sure who starred in the film – I think it was Robert Shaw.
- Mandy**
I like a lot of films, but I think *Pride and Prejudice* is one of my favourites. I loved the actress Keira Knightley in it. She was excellent. And I really loved the beautiful clothes they wore. You see, I know the book very well, and I loved it when I saw it on TV. I thought the film would be rubbish – but I liked it even more than on TV. It's just so romantic.
- Frank**
I love Western films. I think it's because I played cowboys and indians all the time when I was a boy. My favourite cowboy movie is *High Noon* with the fantastic Gary Cooper. I like it so much because it's a classic Western, and I really love the ending.
- Nora**
Oooh, *Gone with the Wind*. That's a lovely film. It's long, but the story's so interesting all the way through. I love it because I love Clark Gable. Vivien Leigh is beautiful too, but Clark is fantastic. I saw it for the fourth time last year.
- Sam**
We have all the *Star Wars* movies on DVD. I like them all, but my favourite is *Star Wars VI: Return of the Jedi*. The best thing about it is the battles and the love story between Han Solo and Princess Leia. I don't know all the stars in it, but I know Carrie Fisher was Princess Leia. She was great.
- Helen**
My mum's favourite film is *Breakfast at Tiffany's*. I didn't know it, but I watched it with her on DVD last weekend, and now it's my favourite movie too. I think I liked it because it's in New York. We had a holiday there last year, and I thought it was a fantastic city. Also, I think Audrey Hepburn is so beautiful, and I love the ending in the rain – so romantic.

Exercise 9

- A That's it! It's January 1st! Happy New Year!

B Happy New Year everyone!

C Happy New Year!

A Goodbye to the old year! Here's to the new!

All Cheers!
- A It was my birthday yesterday.

B I know. Did you get my card?

A Yes, thank you. It was very funny.

B And you were ten years old. Did you have a party?

A Yes, twenty friends came and they brought me lots of presents.

B Great! I have a present for you too. Here you are. Happy Birthday for yesterday.

A Oh, wow! Thanks!
- A Anna! Congratulations!

B Thank you very much.

A When's the big day?

B We don't know for sure. Possibly in April.

A Can I see your engagement ring?

B Of course. Do you like it?

A It's beautiful. I can't wait for my invitation.

Don't forget to say hello to Paul from me.
- A Hooray! It's Friday! Thank goodness!

B Have a good weekend!

A Same to you!

B See you on Monday!

UNIT 8

Exercise 6, parts 1 and 2

W = waiter M = Mike J = Jenny

Part One

- W Good evening.
- M Hello. Can we have a table for two, please?
- W Did you make a reservation?
- M No, we didn't.
- W Well, er ... yes, we have a table. Over here, please.
- J Thank you very much.
- M Jenny, would you like to sit there?
- J Yes, that's fine.

Part Two

- W What would you like to drink?
- J I'd like a glass of white wine, please.
- W And you?
- M I'll have the same, please.
- W So two white wines. Are you ready to order?
- M Yes, I think so. Jenny, what would you like?
- J What's the soup of the day?
- W It's tomato soup.
- J OK. Then ... can I have the vegetable tart, please?
- W And your main course?
- J I'd like the salmon, with a salad.
- W Very good. And you, sir?
- M I'd like the prawn cocktail to start.
- W And for your main course?
- M I'd like the steak, please.
- W How would you like it cooked? Rare, medium, or well-done?
- M Medium. With some chips, please.
- W Certainly. And do you want still or fizzy water?
- J Fizzy, please, for me.
- M And me, that's fine.

Part Three

- W How was your meal?
- J Very good, thank you. My salmon was delicious.
- W Would you like to see the dessert menu?
- M No, thanks. Could we have the bill, please?
- W Of course.
- M Is service included?
- W No, it isn't.

Part Four

- M It was a lovely meal. Thank you very much.
- W Thank you. Goodbye!
- J Bye! See you again soon!

Exercise 10, part 2

- chicken
yoghurt
potato
orange
broccoli
tomato
strawberry
raspberry
banana
sausage

Exercise 12

- A I'd like a pair of scissors, please.

B What sort do you want?

A Sorry. What do you mean?

B Where are you going to use them? In the kitchen? In the bathroom?

A Ah! Now I understand. I want them for my work.

B OK. Here's are some office scissors.

A Great! How much are they?
- A Can I have some aspirin, please?

B Do you want a small packet or a large one?

A How many are there in the large packet?

B Twenty-four.

A No, that's too many.

B There are twelve in the small one.

A Twelve is enough, thanks. I'll have that one.

UNIT 9

Exercise 11, parts 1 and 2

I = interviewer B = Ben

- I Ben, you lived and worked in Dubai for five years. Tell me something about the place. Did you like it?
- B Yes, I did. It was a very exciting place to work and very multi-cultural. There are people from all over the world who live and work together very happily. It's a fantastic place in many ways.
- I Why is it so fantastic?
- B Well, not many years ago it was just a small fishing village, and now, just a few years later, there are huge modern buildings everywhere. There are so many shopping centres, sports stadiums, offices, hotels ... It's incredible.
- I How did you find the people?
- B Very friendly. Everyone was there to do business, and we were guests in the country, and they made us feel very welcome.
- I So people there work very hard. What about entertainment? Was there a lot to do in your free time?
- B There's a lot of things to do. All the water sports – swimming, wind-surfing – and sports centres, where you can play tennis and squash. You can even go skiing there!
- I Yes, I understand that there's a ski centre with real snow!
- B That's right! It can be 40° centigrade outside, but you can ski on snow! There's lots to do in the evening – bars, clubs, music ...
- I What about restaurants? I suppose there are a lot.
- B There's every kind of restaurant you can imagine – from top class international in the big hotels to Indian, Chinese, Thai, traditional Arab ... everything.
- I Did you find the weather OK? I mean, it's really hot.

- B** Yeah, it's a lot hotter than England! In the summer months of June to August it's really hot, but for eight months a year the climate is perfect, and it doesn't really rain at all.
- I** You were there with your family. Did they enjoy it?
- B** Very much. My two children were born there. We had a much better standard of living than in England. Houses were cheaper and much bigger. My kids loved having a swimming pool!
- I** I'm sure they did! What did you miss while you were there?
- B** Well, three things really. The biggest thing we missed was family, and seeing family and friends at the weekend. Another thing was the seasons. In England we have four seasons – different seasons – winter is different from spring, summer is different from autumn, but in Dubai it's always hot or very hot. And the third thing is there isn't the green countryside that you get in England. Sand and desert just isn't the same as a green field in England!

Exercise 13

Walk along Bridge Street, past the wood, and over the bridge. Turn left at the block of flats. Go past the petrol station, and turn right. Go along the road, and turn left at the traffic lights. Go past the shopping centre and the car park, go up the hill, and it's on the right.

UNIT 10

Exercise 8, parts 1–3

- 1 David**
I'm a journalist, and I like Twitter because it's the fastest way to spread news and information. It's immediate! I love hearing people responding so immediately to world events. We can discuss the news in real time while it is happening, before it is on TV or in the newspapers. I think Twitter's important because often when a story begins there it becomes the most important news story of the day.
- 2 Mary**
I'm a librarian, and I like Twitter because I can tweet about topics which interest me, and I find other people with similar interests. For example, I'm a vegetarian, and I heard the Beatle, Paul McCartney, er ... he's vegetarian like me, and I heard him talking about his idea for 'Meat-free Monday'. He wants everybody to stop eating meat just on a Monday, which I think is a great idea. There were so many tweets about it. Most thought it was a good idea – more healthy for people and the planet – but then there were farmers who were really angry about it. Anyway, it was a really good discussion.
- 3 Ken**
I'm a history teacher, and recently we had a conference for history teachers, and I advertised it on Twitter. I'm sure that's why so many teachers came. But before the conference I met and discussed things on Twitter with a lot of them. I knew their names, but not what they looked like, 'Oh, so you're Jane -er or Ted or John! Really nice to meet you at last!'. It was great to meet other tweeters at the conference and put faces to names. We already knew each other's problems and could continue the discussion face to face. I think it helped a lot, and we still keep in touch by email, and also on Twitter, of course.

- 4 Donna**
I'm a marketing director, and Twitter gives me the chance to talk to people from all over the world, both formally and informally. Sometimes I tweet people who are in the same line of business as me, and it's exciting because I'm learning about different countries and cultures. It's great! I'm making friends with strangers, and the conversations are both serious and not too serious. I like to think that one day I'll meet some of the people I chat to. Maybe some will become my friends.

Exercise 11

- 1 A** Can I help you?
B I'm just looking, thanks.
- 2 A** Dave and I are having a baby!
B Congratulations! That's great news!
- 3 A** Can I speak to Jenny, please?
B Sorry, she's having a shower.
- 4 A** I forgot your birthday! Sorry!
B Don't worry. It doesn't matter.
- 5 A** I can't go out tonight. Sorry.
B Never mind. Another time.
- 6 A** The printer isn't working.
B It's because there isn't any paper in it.
- 7 A** Have a good journey!
B Thanks! It was great seeing you!
- 8 A** We're going out to a restaurant.
B Have a good meal!
- 9 A** It's Dress Down Friday tomorrow.
B What does that mean?

UNIT 11

Exercise 7, parts 1 and 2

- S = Sally N = Noburu**
- S** So ... you're going to visit Graceland. You're so lucky!
- N** Yes, I know. We're very excited.
- S** Where are you going to stay? In the centre of Memphis?
- N** No, we're going to stay in a hotel near to Graceland!
- S** Wow! Really?
- N** Yes, it's called Heartbreak Hotel.
- S** Of course! Like the song! And, er ... what happens on the tour? What do you do first?
- N** Well, first we're going to have our photo taken in front of the famous Music Gates, and then we go into the house.
- S** Uh huh. Then what?
- N** A guide is going to give us a history of the house while we're in the entrance hall, and then we're going to see Elvis's living room and his music room.
- S** And what's in the music room?
- N** There's a television and a piano. We're going to see the piano that Elvis played himself!
- S** Amazing! And can you go everywhere? Upstairs and downstairs? Are you going to see his bedroom?
- N** No. Upstairs is private, but we are going to see his basement after the music room, where there are three televisions! He liked to watch three TVs all at the same time.
- S** Really! That's strange!
- N** Next we go to a room where we're going to see all his gold records and a lot of the clothes he wore when he was performing. Then there's another museum, where we're going to see his collection of cars.
- S** Wow! How many did he have?
- N** Oh, lots. He loved cars. And there are also two of his planes!

- S** His planes! This museum is enormous!
- N** Yes, it is. And finally we're going to see his grave, where he's buried.
- S** Oh! How sad!
- N** Yes, it is. Then in the evening we're going to watch a video of one of his concerts, and we're going to eat in the Rockabilly's Diner and have his favourite meal, which was cheeseburger and fries and peanut butter and banana sandwich.
- S** Oh ... Well, that sounds quite a day! You're going to have a good time.
- N** Yes, you're right. We really are going to enjoy it.

Exercise 8, part 3

- 1 A** What's the weather like today?
B It's warm and sunny.
- 2 A** What's the weather like where you are?
B It's cold and wet.
- 3 A** What was the weather like yesterday?
B It was cloudy and cool.
- 4 A** What's the weather forecast for tomorrow?
B It's going to be hot and sunny.

Exercise 9, parts 1 and 2

- L = Lara T = Tim**
- L** Tim, it's a lovely sunny day. What shall we do today?
- T** Why don't we go to the beach again? I'd like to go swimming.
- L** But we went to the beach yesterday and the swimming pool the day before. Let's do something different today!
- T** What are you thinking of?
- L** Well, we could go into town. Why don't we catch a bus after breakfast? We can have a look at the town centre, and I'd like to look at some shops.
- T** Oh, no! Not shopping!
- L** I just want to buy some postcards and some souvenirs – that's all. It won't take long. I promise.
- T** Well, OK. Then, after that, we can go to the old part of town and find a restaurant for lunch. What do you think?
- L** That sounds great!
- T** And then in the afternoon we can go to the beach! And I can go swimming!
- L** Perfect! Let's catch the bus straight after breakfast!

UNIT 12

Exercise 10

- I = interviewer S = Simon**
- I** Simon, you've had a very successful life.
- S** Yes, I've been very lucky.
- I** Now, I know you were in the French Foreign Legion from 1960 to 1965. How did someone born in Leicester end up joining the French Foreign Legion?
- S** Well, there was a girl I quite liked, and she quite liked me, but not enough, and I was really upset. Then I read about the French fighting a war in Algeria, and a week later I signed for the French Foreign Legion.
- I** Clearly, you are someone who likes a challenge. What was your day-to-day life like as a legionnaire?
- S** I think we have this romantic idea that it's all riding camels across the desert, but it was nothing like that. The training was very difficult indeed. I was the only Englishman. There were no telephones. I didn't make a phone call for over four years. The day always began at 2 o'clock in the morning, and often we began the day marching for about 15 miles, sometimes 25 miles. Every night you slept somewhere

- different. Sometimes we were six days walking in the mountains.
- I** You were very young at the time, weren't you?
- S** Yes, I was only 19 years old, but it's amazing what you can do when you have no choice.
- I** Did you make any friends?
- S** Not really. There were so many of us. In my day there were 25,000 legionnaires with 52 nationalities. Today the Legion is 8,000 with 156 nationalities. They have 197,000 applications every year. They interview 5,000, and they take only 500. It's pretty difficult to join.
- I** You wrote a book about your time in the legion, which was made into a film called *Simon: An English Legionnaire*. Did the film get it right? How close was it to how you remember it?
- S** The book got it right. I think the film was a little bit 'Hollywood' at the end. But it's OK ... I quite liked it because it's about me!
- I** Since leaving the Legion you've had amazing success as a businessman. You've worked for some of the world's most successful companies, such as Deutsche Bank in its Asia Pacific Division, and now you are a director of Vodafone PLC. And you've walked to the South Pole. These are extraordinary achievements.
- S** Are they extraordinary? I think my life's been different but not extraordinary. I don't think everybody does things my way, but I've enjoyed it. It's been very exciting.

Exercise 13

- 1 **A** Where does our plane leave from?
B They said gate 17. Come on!
- 2 **A** Can you tell me when to get off for the National Gallery?
B Yes. It's four stops from here.
- 3 **A** How many bags are you checking in?
B Just this one.
- 4 **A** Passengers in rows 11–20 please board now.
B That's us. We're in row 17.
- 5 **A** Does the 29 go to the British Museum?
B No, you need a 36.
- 6 **A** A return ticket to Brighton, please.
B Are you coming back today?
- 7 **A** Can I get a day's travel card?
B Yes. You can use it to go anywhere.
- 8 **A** Which platform does it go from?
B Platform 7. You need to go through the tunnel.