

## Unit 1, Step 1, Selfstudy (page 13)

### 4 Question time

- 1 Who is your best friend?
- 2 Where do you live?
- 3 When were you born?
- 4 Have you ever been to England?
- 5 What's your favourite food?
- 6 Are you married?

### 5 Round up

So, as we walk to the Town Gardens in the old town, I'd like to tell you about some of the famous people who have lived or worked in Swindon.

Have you heard of Ian Fleming? He is the British writer who created the spy character James Bond. In his later years he lived in Sevenhampton, a town just six miles north-east of Swindon. He's buried in the churchyard there. Interestingly, Swindon has been used twice as a location for a James Bond film.

Actress Diana Dors – Britain's answer to Marilyn Monroe – was born in Swindon in 1931. She was in a lot of films in the 1940s and 50s. There is a statue of her in west Swindon.

Jamie Cullum, British jazz singer and songwriter, grew up in Hullavington. Hullavington is a small village about 20 miles west of Swindon. He often sang in pubs and clubs in Swindon before he was famous. He is still a fan of Swindon Town Football Club.

And pop star and actress Billie Piper was born in Swindon in 1982 and grew up here. She is best known for her role in the popular television series "Dr Who".

Anyway, here we are at the Town Gardens. Let's have a look around.

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### 5 Question time

- 1 What kind of room did you have?
- 2 How long did you stay?
- 3 Did the hotel have a swimming pool?
- 4 Was breakfast included?
- 5 What was the food like?

### 6 Round up

(M = Moira, C = caller)

M: Wellington Hotel, Moira speaking. How can I help you?

C: Yes, I'm calling to book a room. I'd like to stay for 2 nights from the 18<sup>th</sup> of July.

M: Is that a single room or a double room?

C: A double please.

M: Let me check ... Yes, we have a double available.

C: And how much does it cost?

M: It's £85 a night, including breakfast.

C: That's fine. Are dogs allowed in the hotel?

M: Yes they are, but we charge £10 per dog.

C: OK. And does the hotel have a private car park?

M: Yes, it does, just at the back of the hotel.

C: Does it cost extra?

M: No, it doesn't.

C: Oh, and one more thing: is Internet access provided in the rooms?

M: Not in the rooms, but it's provided in the bar area.

C: OK. I'd like to book the room for those two nights then.

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### 2 Calling about accommodation

- 1 Hello? Yes, we'll be there on the 14<sup>th</sup> ... that's right, 15 people. We'll need rooms for everybody and we'll need to use the conference room ... yes, that's fine. Yes, now, do all your bedrooms have wi-fi access? It's very important for our staff to use the Internet so they can stay in touch with the office...
- 2 OK, so, it's up the hill and behind the pub? That's fine, I'm sure we'll find it. So we'll be there at about 6 o'clock, so we've got plenty of time to put the tent up. Is it OK to pay in the morning? Oh, fine, that's great – the children are really excited about this holiday, and I like to sleep outside as well – I just hope it doesn't rain! Oh yes – and can you tell me if you have facilities for barbecuing?
- 3 Yes, that's right, we need one for about a week – there are so many places we want to see. I've just got a few questions ... first, is it OK if my wife and I both drive? ... OK ... And are they easy to drive? She's never driven anything as big as that! ... That's fine, thanks. Now, what's the price for a big one for four people? ... Right. And can you show us how the cooker and everything works? ... Fine, thank you. What about places to stay – are there lots of camp sites we can use? OK, thank you very much – when can we collect it?
- 4 That's right, we'll be there tomorrow afternoon – what time can we arrive? ... Oh, right, that's fine. ... My husband says he really enjoyed staying last time – we both thought it was so peaceful and relaxing – the bed was very comfortable, and your breakfasts are fantastic! It's so much nicer staying with you than in a hotel.

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### 4 Question time

- 1 Where did you go to school?
- 2 What did you do after you left school?
- 3 Have you got any certificates?

### 5 Round up

(H = Helen, B = Bob)

H: Hello. My name's Helen Duffy. I'm calling about the apprenticeship.

B: Hello Helen, the studio manager isn't here at the moment, but if I can take some details, I'll give them to him and he can call you back.

H: OK, that's fine.

B: Do you live in Edinburgh, Helen?

H: Yes, that's right.

B: And ... where did you go to school?

H: I went to Edinburgh Academy.

B: Oh yes, I know it well. And how long were you there for?

- H: Six years. From 2005 to 2011.  
 B: 2011. OK, and what did you do after you left school?  
 H: I went to the London School of Journalism to do a course in Radio Journalism.  
 B: Radio Journalism at the London School of Journalism? You sound perfect for the apprenticeship! Have you finished the course?  
 H: Yes. It was just a one-year course. I finished last month.  
 B: So, that means you could start immediately.  
 H: Yes, I could.  
 B: And could you give me a telephone number where we can reach you?  
 H: Yes, it's 07801  
 B: 07801.  
 H: 152436.  
 B: 07801 152436?  
 H: That's right.  
 B: OK, Helen that's fine. I'll pass on your details to the manager and I'm sure he'll give you a ring this week.  
 H: OK, thank you. Bye.  
 B: Bye.

### Unit 2, Step 2, Selfstudy (page 35)

#### 4 Question time

- 1 What was your first job?
- 2 Where did you work?
- 3 Did you work full-time or part-time?
- 4 Did you like your job?

#### 5 Round up

(P = Paul, J = Julie)

- P: Oh, hi Julie.  
 J: Hi, Paul. How are things? Have you got a job for the summer?  
 P: Yeah, I have. I've got a really cool job: I'm an English teacher.  
 J: Really? That's fantastic. How did you find that?  
 P: My uncle used to work at the school. He's retired now, but an old colleague told him the school needed a teacher. They gave me the job because I'm studying English.  
 J: And is it full-time?  
 P: Yes, it's from 8.30 to 4. I teach most days, but I also have to take the students on trips.  
 J: Sounds ideal. Who do you teach?  
 P: Mostly teenagers. They come here for two weeks to learn English. And what about you? Did you find a job?  
 J: I found a really cool job: I work for an ice-cream company. I'm an ice-cream taster!  
 P: An ice-cream taster? That sounds ... delicious! You taste ice-cream all day and they pay you for it? Not bad!  
 J: I don't taste ice-cream *all* day, it's only a part-time job. And tasting ice-cream isn't the only thing I have do.  
 P: Maybe I can come and help you taste ice-cream ...

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#### 1 Talking about libraries

- 1 I wanted to see it, because it's the biggest one in the world, and I had the chance when we were in Washington. It's actually in three buildings, and the reading room is lovely. American publishers have to send a copy of every book to the library, so you can imagine, they've got millions and millions of books!
- 2 There are a lot of older people in the village who like reading, and they can't get to the library in the town, so when the library bus stopped coming, they couldn't get books. Then at the same time, the village telephone box closed – nobody uses them these days you see, because everyone has a mobile phone. Well, I heard about some of the ideas people have for using the old phone boxes – there's even one somewhere that's a tourist information office – and I thought, "Why not use ours as a new library?" The idea works really well – you just leave a book when you've finished reading it, and pick up another one!
- 3 I was very surprised when the gentleman came in, and at first I didn't really understand what he wanted. But then he showed me the book – I think he found it when he was clearing some old stuff from his house. We all thought it was really honest of him to return it after all that time. Of course, the city library won't charge him the \$360 fine, which is good because he looked very shocked when we told him how much it was! We aren't going to put the book back on the shelves – it's going to be in a special glass case, with a note about the story.
- 4 Well, it was definitely the most interesting thing to see in the library, and it really is massive! I've never seen a book as big as that before! The maps were beautiful and very accurate for something so old – it was open at a map of Italy and it looked just like a modern one. I don't think it was very practical though – you couldn't use it to find your way to places, and it was much too big to put in a car!

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#### 3 Listening comprehension

- 16 I studied at university and after that I did a doctorate. I don't spend much time in court, because I'm a specialist in finance. I work for a large international law firm and advise clients from different businesses all over the world.
- 17 I left school when I was 16 and did a secretarial apprenticeship. Then I went to college for a year and got a diploma. At work I'm responsible for all the correspondence and the organisation of meetings.
- 18 I've always been fascinated by languages – not normal languages though, but machine languages! I went to university and studied IT and now I work writing code for a world-famous software company.
- 19 I've always been interested in making and repairing things. I did an apprenticeship as a car mechanic when I left school. After some time I got bored with cars, so I went back to evening school and got more qualifications and then I

went to university to study mechanical engineering. Now I work for a big construction company.

- 20 When I left school I didn't know what I wanted to do, so I first spent a gap year working in France. Then I studied English and French at university. After I finished university, I went to a training college. Now I work at a secondary school in Norfolk.

### Unit 3, Step 1, Selfstudy (page 51)

#### 4 Question time

- 1 When was your last holiday?
- 2 Where did you go?
- 3 Who did you go with?
- 4 What kind of holiday was it?
- 5 How long did you stay?

#### 5 Round up

(M = Michelle, B = Bruce)

- M: Hi Bruce! How was your holiday? You went on a cruise, right?
- B: Hi Michelle. Yeah, the cruise was absolutely brilliant,
- M: Where were you exactly?
- B: The Caribbean. This time last week we were sitting on the deck drinking champagne. Aaaaah! The sun was shining, the sky was blue. I wasn't thinking about work at all. Now I'm back at work, drinking office coffee. Ugh. I forgot how bad it was!
- M: You think the coffee's bad? Do you want to know what we were doing this time last week? We were standing outside in the street because there was a fire alarm! It was really cold *and* it was raining. We were there for an hour! But I was thinking of you on your cruise ...
- B: Oh dear.
- M: Tell me more about the cruise. It sounds fantastic. What did you enjoy the most?
- B: It was all fantastic, but I think the best bit was when we were lying on a beautiful beach on Jamaica. We were sunbathing and listening to the waves. It was so relaxing. I want to go back ...

### Unit 3, Step 2, Selfstudy (page 55)

#### 2 How to say it: Telling a story

It happened last month when I was in London. I was sitting on the train when a young man got on. He was wearing really dirty, old clothes. First he stood because there were no free seats. Then, when someone got off, he sat down next to me. I felt nervous and held on to my handbag. Later, when it was my stop, I got off. The young man got off, too, and ran after me shouting. I turned around. He was holding a bag of shopping. It was mine. "This is yours," he said and handed it to me. I felt really bad for thinking he was a criminal – and really stupid for leaving my shopping on the train!

#### 4 Question time

- 1 Where were you going?
- 2 How long did you wait for the bus?
- 3 Where did you buy your ticket?

- 4 How many people were there on the bus?
- 5 How long was the journey?

#### 5 Round up

(S = Susie, T = Tom)

- S: Tom! Wake up! The film's finished.
- T: What? Was I asleep?
- S: Yes, you were.
- T: Sorry Susie. Oh dear, now I'll never know who killed poor old Mrs Watson.
- S: It was Mrs Watson's son, Harry.
- T: What? *Harry* killed her? I *am* surprised. But he and his wife were playing golf when Mrs Watson was shot.
- S: His wife was playing golf, but he wasn't. He killed her for her money. He lost everything in a game of poker.
- T: But what about that awful neighbour? The one who lived across the street from Mrs Watson. What about him?
- S: Dr Finlay? He was working at the children's hospital. It wasn't him. It was Harry.
- T: Huh! I was sure it was the neighbour. I can't believe it was Harry.
- S: I can't believe you fell asleep. Come on, it's really late. Let's go home.
- T: Harry killed his own mother? I'm shocked. Can't we go for a drink? I'm not tired ...

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#### 3 Announcements

- 1 The train now approaching platform 5 is the 10.15 intercity express to London. There's a buffet car on this train serving drinks.
- 2 The 12 o'clock train to London is now arriving at platform 3a. Standard class seats are at the front of the train.
- 3 The 16:30 Edinburgh train is at platform 16. Change at York for Newcastle.

### Unit 4, Step 1, Selfstudy (page 69)

#### 2 Vocabulary: What's on Guide

- I was looking at the *What's on Guide* and I saw that on Friday the local band you like is playing at the coolest venue in town. I'm going to the box office today to buy tickets. Shall I get a ticket for you too?
- Really? Yes, that's a good idea. How much are the tickets?
- The guide says that concessions are only £3. That's not bad, is it?
- ✦ You're not doing anything this Saturday, are you? We could go to the open-air concert in the park. Admission is free. What do you think?
- ★ OK – if the weather's good.
- ◆ I want to try that new Italian restaurant. I love Italian food! It says here that booking is essential.
- ✦ Oh, I forgot to tell you. I made a reservation at that restaurant a couple of weeks ago. We're going next Thursday.
- ◆ Oh, fantastic!