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1. Hi Ronnie! It’s Carla. My brother’s moving to Paris in July. He’s going to fly there and he wants me to help him pack all his stuff. Can you help us too? It’s going to take us weeks, but you’re really good at packing. I hope you can! And I promise to buy you dinner! Thanks. Call me back.

2. Hi, Melissa, it’s John. Listen, you know I told you that my parents are going to retire in February. Well, they’ve decided that they’re going to move to a warmer place – so they’re going to travel through Central and South America, and I wonder if you could help… I know you lived in Costa Rica with your parents for a long time. What do you think?

3. Hi, Mum! It’s Julia. Err… Are you sitting down? We’ve got some big news. Guess what! We’re getting engaged! We’re not going to get married until we finish university, so don’t panic. So, erm, call me back when you get this message. Ciao!

4. Hi, Lucy, it’s Martin. I got in! It’s official! Yeah! I’m changing careers at last. I’m going to study medicine and I’m going to be a doctor. A doctor! Woohoo! I just got the news – I got into the university. I’m so excited! Phone me back, we need to celebrate. I’m going to be at work all afternoon, but then I’m going home, so give me a ring and let’s go out! Love you! Yeah!

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E Oh, OK, I’ll ask Jeff. Thanks anyway.
G Argh, do you mind if I switch on the A/C?
H No, not at all. It’s really warm in here.
P Phew, thanks.

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C Er, long dark hair and he had green eyes, I think.

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A What are you reading?
B It’s an article about a runner with a prosthetic leg.

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A Oh, OK. So, what does it say?
B Well, her leg was amputated when she was a baby – only six months old.

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A Oh! That’s terrible. Poor thing!
B I know! But she got a prosthetic leg at nine months old.

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A Wow!
B… And four months later she started to walk. She’s incredible.

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A Oh, my God! My niece is the same age and she can’t even walk!
B But that isn’t everything. In 2008 she actually won the New York Triathlon. Can you believe it?

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A No way! She’s so determined…
B Well, yes, I guess so. Then she started university in 2009 – just like all her friends. But poor her…

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A What?
B Her father died in 2010 in the earthquake in Haiti…

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A No way!
L What’s Zoe like?
B She’s friendlier than Rebecca and she’s more generous. She likes to be with other people and she’s always giving people presents.
L What about Rebecca? What’s she like?
B She’s shyer than Zoe, and she’s calmer. She likes to be alone, but she’s more intelligent and more organised than Zoe.

10.9
A Type 1 is a perfectionist. They’re idealistic, but sometimes they’re critical of other people.
B And what about type 2? What are they like?
A They’re generous people, but they’re also possessive.
B And type 3?
A They’re ambitious, but they can become arrogant. Can you tell me about type 4?
What are they like?
B Type 4. Erm, they’re romantic, but sometimes they can be moody too.
A What about types 5 and 6?
B Type 5 people are solitary and they try to understand the world, but sometimes they feel depressed. That’s type 5. Type 6 people are loyal and responsible, but also critical.
A OK, the last three. Type 7 people are spontaneous, happy and fun. But they are very disorganised.
B Yes, and type 8 people are strong and try to do important things. The bad side is that they get angry.
A And the last one, type 9. They’re calm and avoid conflict. The negative side is that they accept things they don’t like.

10.10
The highest mountain in the world is Mount Everest, the second highest is… K2. The Nile is the longest river, the second longest is… the Amazon.
The most popular city in the Americas is São Paulo, the second most populated city is… Mexico City.
Russia is the world’s largest country and… Canada is the second largest.
The most successful national football team is Brazil, with five World Cups. The second is Italy, with four.

10.13 Notice the word stress.
Ladies and gentlemen, adults and children, citizens of the world, welcome to the announcement of the first count and provisional results of the global vote to elect the new Seven Wonders of Nature. The moment has come and I now proceed to announce the provisional new Seven Wonders of Nature in alphabetical order. Amazon – South America
Halong Bay in Vietnam
Iguazu Falls in Argentina and Brazil
Jeju Island in South Korea
Komodo in Indonesia
Puerto Princesa Underground River in the Philippines
and Table Mountain in South Africa.

10.14 Notice the sentence stress and the weak forms.
L OK, let’s see how we did.
B Number 1 is true. Scientists don’t know why, but your brain is very active when you sleep.
L OK, I knew that one - number 2?
B True. It says that if men don’t shave, a beard can grow to more than ten metres!
L Wow! What about number 3?
B That’s false. Your toenails grow slower than your fingernails because they get less sun.
L Hmm. Interesting. And number 4?
B This is true, because women are smaller than men, so the heart needs to move the blood faster to the different parts of the body.
L Ohhh! I didn’t know that. What about number 5?
B False. The heart needs a lot of space, so the left lung is smaller.
L Really? OK, what about number 6?
B That’s false. We can live for a month or even two months without food, but the longest time a person can go with no sleep is 11 days.
L Sleep is more important than food.
B Wow, this really interesting! And number 7?
B This is true. When you eat or talk you’re using the tongue, so it gets a lot of exercise.
L I suppose so. Blablabla. What about 8?
B This is false - the most common type of blood is type O.
L I think I’m type O. How about you?

10.15 Notice the connecting sounds.
1 A So, what do you think?
B I’m not sure, Chinese or Italian?
A Hmm, I prefer the Chinese restaurant, but it’s more expensive than the Italian.
B Yes, and in the Italian restaurant the service is faster than in the Chinese.
A I can’t decide.
B Well, we’re not in a hurry, so let’s go to the Chinese restaurant.
A OK. Sounds good.
C Hmm, which one is the best?
A Well, chocolate and coconut are the sweetest ones, they’re actually too sweet for me. And I’m not a fan of strawberry, so I like banana best.
C OK. I’ll have a banana ice-cream, please.
3 A So, where do you want to go? To the beach, or to the mountains?
B Well, the beach is warmer than the mountains.
A Yes, but it’s more peaceful in the mountains.

R6.2
L Hi, Jenna, how are you?
J Hi, Laila. I’m great, thanks. Hey, I got your email. Great news! I can’t believe you’re getting married!
L I know! I’m so excited!
J So tell me all about it. How did he ask you to marry him?
L Oh, it was so romantic. He took me out to dinner and then he went down on one knee and proposed in the middle of the restaurant.
J Oh. That’s beautiful! But listen, Laila. My brother went to work in Los Angeles and his room is empty. You can stay there until you go to Thailand.
L Your brother’s room? Really? Oh that’s very kind of you. Are you sure he doesn’t mind?
J No problem at all. But when exactly are you going on holiday?
L Well, I finish school on June 20th and I’m going to fly to Bangkok on July 16th.
J So you need a room for about two weeks, right?
L Erm, let me check… No, about three and a half weeks actually.
J Three and a half weeks. No problem.
L Thanks so much, Jenna. OK, now tell me about Nathan. Are you guys going to get married?