

Unit 1 – Jackie

1 Pre-Listening Comprehension

Normalisation – sentence stress

1. I've still got a dad that lives in Cardiff.
2. she's been in hospital as well
3. don't see them as often as we'd like
4. We've got quite a nice life.
5. We can travel a bit.
6. She's been out there for 30 years...

2 Listening Comprehension

A. Part 1 – Ticking boxes

1. 84
2. cousin
3. two boys
4. London
5. lastminute.com
6. part-time

B. Part 2 – Ticking boxes

1. palm
2. Australia
3. trains
4. two girls

4 Further Listening Practice

B. Discriminating between minimal pairs of sounds 1

1. live, leave, leave, live, leave
2. steal, still, steal, still, still
3. Luke, Luke, look, Luke, look
4. been, bin, been, bin, been
5. hip, heap, heap, hip, hip
6. side, side, site, side, site

C. Recognising individual words in a stream of speech 1 – weak forms

1. Well, I'm originally from Cardiff.
2. I've still got a dad that lives in Cardiff.
3. He's 84 and we try and get up and see him as much as possible um, especially at the moment...
4. he's just been into hospital for a couple of weeks, but he's out now and seems to be OK
5. she's been in hospital as well
6. he works in the centre of London
7. working for lastminute.com
8. so I've got a prospective daughter-in-law as well, which will be lovely

9. I work part-time at the local college, mainly May and June...
10. he's retired as well
11. we can travel a bit
12. She's been out there for 30 years, so I thought, thought it was time to go!

D. Recognising individual words in a stream of speech 2 – linking

1. but he's out now and seems to be OK
2. I've still got a dad that lives in Cardiff.
3. I have a, an elderly cousin that I look after...
4. she's been in hospital as well
5. one is married and lives in London and he works in the centre of London
6. He likes gardening and er, grows orchids...
7. He likes palm trees and er, plants from South Africa and Australia.

E. 'er' for pauses

1. and he works in the centre of London *er*, dealing with...
2. and my younger son *er*, lives in Hampshire
3. working for lastminute.com *er*, as their marketing and media man
4. No, he's retired as well. *Er*, he likes gardening and *er*, grows orchids.

F. Recognising individual words in a stream of speech 3 – elision

1. he's just been into hospital for a couple of weeks
2. working for lastminute.com
3. and the one in Hampshire has now just got engaged
4. I work part-time at the local college...
5. he's gone very exotic in his plant life down here
6. we've got quite a nice life
7. we can travel a bit and went to Australia last year
8. It's the first time I've ever been out there.

H. Discriminating between minimal pairs of sounds 2

1. west, rest, west, west, rest
2. loves, leaves, leaves, loves, leaves
3. live, life, live, life, live
4. palm, palm, balm, balm, palm
5. time, dime, time, dime, time
6. bit, bit, bid, bit, bid

I. Recognising individual words in a stream of speech 4 – dictation

1. he's just been into hospital for a couple of weeks
2. but he's out now and seems to be OK
3. she's been in hospital as well
4. but she's come out now
5. on the younger side I've got two sons
6. one is married and lives in London
7. he works in the centre of London
8. I work part-time at the local college...
9. we've got quite a nice life
10. She's been out there for 30 years...

J. Contractions

1. Well, I'm originally from Cardiff...
2. I've still got a dad that lives in Cardiff. He's 84...
3. Um, she's been in hospital as well...
4. we've got quite a nice life
5. It's the first time I've ever been out there.
6. She's been out there for 30 years...
7. he's just been into hospital for a couple of weeks
8. on the younger side I've got two sons
9. he's now working in London

5 Further Language Development

A. Gap-fill

No, he's retired as well. Er, he (1) likes gardening and er, grows orchids and loves... he's gone very exotic in his plant life down here. He likes palm (2) trees and er, plants (3) from South Africa and Australia. And he also likes engines, trains, steam trains and he builds them! When he's, when he's got (4) time he builds them. But yes, we've got quite a nice life and, as I said, because I (5) work part-time we can, we can travel a bit and went to Australia last (6) year to visit my sister who (7) lives out there. And she's got two (8) daughters er, so we've had a good time with them and er, seen how she lives. It's the (9) first time I've ever been out there. She's been out there for 30 (10) years so I thought, thought it was time to go!

B. Extension exercise

1. The house I live in is a long way from the train station.
2. We try to study as much as possible.
3. I am very happy at the moment.
4. Sam is in hospital with a broken arm.

5. We are going on holiday for a couple of weeks on 5th September.
6. My son has a cat, but I'm the person who looks after it.
7. My grandson works in a bank.
8. We don't go the gym as often as we'd like.
9. My sister got engaged last week. She's getting married next year.
10. On Sundays we normally visit friends or relations.
11. My father is retired now, but he was a teacher for nearly 40 years.
12. My friend grows tomatoes, potatoes and spinach in her garden.
13. Can you water my plants for me next week?
14. This is the first time I've been to India.
15. I think it's time to go – I'm very tired.

C. Present simple and present continuous

1. We (like) like our flat, but (try) are trying to find somewhere bigger so that we can start a family.
2. Thanks for phoning, but I (have) am having lunch with an old friend from school. Can I call you back?
3. I usually (visit) visit my grandmother on Sundays, so can we make it another day?
4. My father never (leave) leaves the house without checking that all the windows are shut.
5. I (study) am studying economics this semester, as well as politics and history, so I'm really busy
6. My best friend (stay) is staying with us for a few days which is really nice.
7. My next-door-neighbour (take) takes his dog for a walk at seven o'clock every morning, even at the weekend.

D. Prepositions and adverbs

1. I know I've got a Birmingham accent now, but I originally come from Bristol.
2. Whereabouts in London do you live?
3. I'm feeling a bit stressed at the moment because of my exams.
4. We're going to Greece for two weeks at the end of August.
5. Could you look after my cat while we're away?
6. Have you heard? Anne's in hospital with a broken leg!
7. Do you live in the centre of Boston?
8. My brother works for a company that makes saucepans.

Answer Key

9. I'm starting an art course next week at the local college.
10. My parents went to Paris for their anniversary.
11. Did you have a good time with Daniel on Saturday?

E. Transformations

1. What subject are you (student) studying at university?
2. What was (live) life like in the 1970s?
3. Looking forward to (see) seeing you next week!
4. Could I (possible) possibly have next Friday off?
5. I only wear this necklace on (especially) special occasions.
6. I am the (younger) youngest student in the class by three days.
7. What's the (mostly) most you've ever paid for a holiday?
8. Everyone in my class is very (friends) friendly.
9. What's that big (builds) building over there? It looks like a theatre.
10. Because we live near the sea we get lots of (visit) visitors in the summer.

Unit 2 – Micky

1 Pre-Listening Comprehension

A. Normalisation – recognising features of a London accent

- ‘Tammy an’ Tiffany’
‘one, an’ one on the way’
‘She has er, two brothers an’ two sisters.’
- ‘Tammy’s got two. Tiffany’s got one...’

B. Normalisation – anticipating the next word

- So you’ve got five children?
- Interviewer: All with the same wife?
Mickey: No. The first two, the oldest two with my first wife...
- So you’ve been married twice.
- Are your mum and dad alive?
- Have you got any uncles and aunties?

2 Listening Comprehension

Corrections

- There are five years between Tammy and Tiffany. three years between them
- Nathalie, Danny and Michelle are all in their 20s. Michelle is 19.
- The oldest three children all have the same mother. oldest two have the same mother
- Micky has four children altogether. He has five children.
- Tammy and Tiffany have both got one child. Tammy has got two.
- Micky has been married three times. married twice
- Micky’s partner Carole is in her 30s. She is in her 40s.
- Carole works in a shop. She works in a pub.
- Thomas is older than James. James is older than Thomas.
- Carole has got five brothers and sisters. four brothers and sisters.
- One of Carole’s sisters lives in England. One of her brothers lives in England.

4 Further Listening Practice

A. Falling intonation for statements

- Example
- She has er, three children[down].
- I don’t know her age[down].
- She has er, two brothers and two sisters[down].
- The others all live in Ireland[down].

B. Recognising individual words in a stream of speech 1 – linking

- So five altogether.
- she is 44 years of age
- Her eldest is Kim.
- Have you got any uncles and aunties?
- Has Carole got any brothers and sisters?
- one is in England
- The others all live in Ireland.

D. Discriminating between minimal pairs of sounds 1

- They are all three/free.
- It’s time/Tim!
- I can’t think/sink now.
- Look at your uncles/ankles!
- She works/walks very fast.

E. Recognising individual words in a stream of speech 2 – gap-fill

- I have er, a daughter called Tammy.
- So you’ve got five children?
- The first two, the oldest two, with my first wife.
- the other three children are from my second marriage
- Have you got any grandchildren?
- Have you got a partner at the moment?
- I don’t know her age.
- If I have I don’t know where they are.
- The others all live in Ireland.

F. ‘er’ for pauses

- I have er, a daughter called Tammy.
- Her name is Carole and er, she is 44 years of age.
- She has er, three children.
- She has er, two brothers and two sisters.

G. Sentence stress

- The first two, the oldest two, with my first wife.
- the other three children are from my second marriage
- Tammy’s got two.
- Her name is Carole and er, she is 44 years of age.
- She has er, three children. Her eldest is Kim.
- Her mum is alive.
- The others all live in Ireland.

I. Discriminating between minimal pairs of sounds 2

1. called, called, cold, cold, called
2. thirst, first, thirst, first, thirst
3. years, jeers, years, years, jeers
4. his, his, is, is, his
5. alive, arrive, arrive, alive, alive
6. life, live, life, live, life

J. Recognising individual words in a stream of speech 3 – weak forms

1. Starting with children?
2. The first two, the oldest two, with my first wife.
3. the other three children are from my second marriage
4. Three, with two on their way.
5. Divorced once, pending now for the second time.
6. She works with me in the pub.
7. One is in England...one of her brothers.

K. Recognising individual words in a stream of speech 4 – elision

1. I have er, a daughter called Tammy aged 34...
2. Interviewer: All with the same wife?
Micky: No. The first two, the oldest two, with my first wife.
3. the other three children are from my second marriage
4. Have you got any grandchildren?
5. Um, so you've been married twice.
6. And you're just waiting...

5 Further Language Development

A. Extension exercise

1. Suki has two sons and one daughter.
2. I met my wife at a party. We got married nine years ago.
3. A lot of young people don't believe in marriage. They live with their partners instead.
4. I have six grandchildren. My daughter has two boys and my son has three girls and a boy.
5. My sister is expecting a baby next March.
6. I've been married for three years.
7. My partner and I are getting married next year.
8. My oldest brother works in my father's restaurant.

9. My mother's father is still alive, but her mother died in 1995.
10. Have you got any children yourself?

B. Personal pronouns into possessive pronouns

1. Where did you park (you) your car?
2. Have you met (I) my brother Simon?
3. Did your parents enjoy (they) their holiday?
4. Do you like (we) our new carpet?
5. My son can't stop talking about (he) his new girlfriend.
6. My sister met (she) her husband at university.
7. The cat has got (it) its own bed in the kitchen.

C. Cardinal numbers into ordinal numbers

1. This is the (3) third time he's rung me today.
2. This is the (4) fourth time we've been to Portugal on holiday.
3. This is the (5) fifth day it's rained in a row.
4. Turn into Somers Road and we're the (6) sixth house on the right.
5. What's the date today? Is it the (7) seventh or the (8) eighth?
6. Isn't *i* the (9) ninth letter of the alphabet?
7. We're having a party on the (10) tenth. Can you make it?

D. does, doesn't and don't

1. We don't normally eat white bread.
2. I'm sure Peter doesn't like dogs, so we'll have to put Spot in the garden when he gets here.
3. What does your mother work as?
4. Who does the cooking? You or your husband?
5. Why don't we meet up for a coffee sometime?
6. My brother doesn't say much because he's quite shy.
7. What time does your train leave?
8. You don't look very well. Are you OK?
9. My suit doesn't fit me any more. I must go on a diet.
10. Why don't Peter's parents eat potatoes?

Unit 3 – Tammy

1 Pre-Listening Comprehension

B. Normalisation – gap-fill

Name: Tammy St. John

Address: 313a Hainault Road, London

Telephone number: (work) 0208 550 3451
(mobile) 17742135211

Date of Birth: 9th December 1961/09.12.1961 (British), 12.09.1961 (US) (Tammy's actual words: '9th of the 12th, '61')

2 Listening Comprehension

A. Multiple choice

1. Tammy's mother was born in Scotland/Canada/Germany.
2. Tammy's grandfather had to leave Prussia/Persia/Russia.
3. Tammy was born in Canada/Germany.
4. Tammy's father was in the British Army/German Army/Canadian Army.

B. Note-taking

1. Age: 50
2. Married/Single: married
3. Number of children: one
4. Lives in: Ontario
5. Job: teacher
6. Lives in: Alberta
7. Number of children: one

C. Gap-fill

1. Tammy's second-oldest sister Nancy is married to Tony and lives in Whistler.
2. Tammy brother Brian has three kids.
3. The oldest child is going to start college soon.
4. Tammy's brother Bruce has two little girls.
5. Bruce and his wife recently bought a house for the first time.

D. Questions

1. 'gorgeous'
2. because her mother was in hospital
3. by car ('I've always just driven up.')
4. No (Interviewer: 'It sounds wonderful.'
Tammy: 'You guys should try it.')

4 Further Listening Practice

A. Recognising individual words in a stream of speech

1. But my mum's parents were both from Germany.
2. He's married with one child.
3. they don't have kids between the two of them
4. they have a nice life up there
5. and they've just bought their first house
6. I've always just driven up.

C. Discriminating between minimal pairs of sounds 1

1. day, they, they, day, they
2. had, had, hat, hat, had
3. fairly, fairy, fairly, fairy, fairy
4. leaves, lives, leaves, lives, leaves
5. try, try, dry, dry, try

D. Contractions

1. And (that is) that's why we ended up in Chilliwack...
2. (He is) He's married with one child.
3. And then (I have) I've got another sister...
4. they (do not) don't have kids between the two of them
5. then (there is) there's Brian – married, three kids
6. His oldest (one has) one's just graduated from high school...
7. and (they have) they've just bought their first house which (they are) they're rather excited about
8. (I have) I've been there a few times.
9. I (did not) didn't make it last time...

F. Discriminating between minimal pairs of sounds 2

1. udder, other, udder, other, other
2. bid, bit, bid, bit, bit
3. fifty, fifteen, fifty, fifteen, fifty
4. high, high, eye, high, eye
5. spend, spent, spend, spent, spent

G. Linking

1. Well, I was actually born there.
2. He was an engineer...
3. I have five brothers and sisters.
4. He lives in Ontario.
5. He's a great guy.
6. she's a stepmom to his kid

I. Discriminating between minimal pairs of sounds 3

1. ether, either, either, ether, either
2. began, began, begun, began, begun
3. there, there, dare, dare, there
4. kit, kid, kit, kid, kid
5. gorges, gorgeous, gorges, gorges, gorgeous

J. Simplification – elision

1. And I'm not sure how my grandmother got to Canada either.
2. My sister called Susan lives in Ed...Alberta.
3. He's a great guy.
4. And then I've got another sister who's er, married to Tony...
5. and my youngest brother Bruce
6. His oldest one's just graduated from high school...
7. they've just bought their first house
8. I didn't make it last time 'cos of mum being in hospital...
9. I've always just driven up.

K. Simplification – weak forms

1. Um, your parents, did they originally come from Scotland, or...?
2. They were both born in Ontario...
3. He was at Moscow University when all the troubles began...
4. dad was in the army
5. He's married with one child.
6. and they spent a lot of time in an Indian village
7. Then I've got another sister who's er, married to Tony.
8. His oldest one's just graduated from high school, starting college...
9. and they've just bought their first house, which they're rather excited about
10. I didn't make it last time 'cos, 'cos of mum being in hospital...

5 Further Language Development

A. Extension exercise

1. My parents moved to a mobile home once we'd all left home.
2. Los Cristianos was originally a little fishing village, but now it's a major tourist resort.
3. I was born on Christmas Day as well!
4. We got out at the wrong station, so we had to buy another ticket.
5. What does your wife work as?

6. Katie's the youngest student and Petra is the oldest.
7. Stefan and Carla are getting married next year.
8. We spent so much money on holiday! We've never been anywhere so expensive before.
9. I used to get a lot of headaches when I was a child.
10. We live in a small village of about 2,000 inhabitants.
11. We had a great time on holiday. You should have come with us!
12. I'm going to have huge party when I graduate from university.
13. Sarah bought me a new top for my birthday. Isn't it wonderful?
14. I'm really excited about my new job.
15. This lasagne is gorgeous! Would you like to try some?
16. We're having a barbecue next Saturday. Can you make it?
17. Christoph's in hospital with a broken leg so I'm going to visit him later.
18. When we were in Norway we took a train from Oslo to Bergen.
19. Don't worry about cooking us dinner. We'll just have a sandwich.
20. You've got a terrible cough. You should go to the doctor.

B. Questions with do/does and did

1. Do you like swimming?
2. Did you close the window before we left?
3. Did you enjoy the party last night?
4. Does it rain a lot in Boston?
5. Do you ever have to work late?
6. Does this train go to Wigan?
7. Did you study Latin when you were at school?
8. Do you want to stop now for a cup of coffee?
9. Did she like the present you got her for her birthday?
10. Does your garden get a lot of sun?
11. Do you know if Martin passed his driving test?
12. Does your teacher give you a lot of homework?

C. Transformations

1. It's Alain's (birth) birthday on Saturday, so don't forget to send him a card.
2. Thanks for lending me that book. It was very (interested) interesting.

Answer Key

3. My sister Caroline is two years (oldest) older than me.
4. Sarah loves (child) children so she's going to train to be a (teaching) teacher.
5. We used to (live) live in Boston, but we moved to Vermont when we had the kids.
6. We're going to (bought) buy a new car next week.
7. This book is so (excited) exciting! You must read it!
8. We (taken) took our kids to the circus last week and the loved it.
9. Do you like (driven) driving?
10. I (works) worked through my lunch break so I'm starving! What's for dinner?

Unit 4 – Anne-Maj

1 Pre-Listening Comprehension

Normalisation

1. Anne-Maj comes from west Sweden.
2. She lives in a town called Trollhättan.
3. She has three daughters.
4. Annette is 43, Marie will be 42 in September and Camilla is 39.
5. Anne-Maj had eight grandchildren – six girls and two boys.
6. Her oldest grandson will be 22 in December and her youngest grandchild is 11.

2 Listening Comprehension

A. Gap-fill 1

1. Erika, Hannah, Daniel, Magnus, Marcus, Patrik, Mathias and Martin.
2. Anne-Maj's oldest grandson got his own flat a month ago.
3. He's got a girlfriend, but he is planning to live on his own at least for now.

B. Questions

1. three brothers and two sisters
2. 67
3. 53
4. 150 kilometres (15 Swedish miles)
5. Tidaholm

C. Gap-fill 2

1. Arne has two girls and four grandchildren.
2. Pernilla is 35 and Susanna is 32.
3. Pernilla's son Leo is three and her other son, Samuel, is six.
4. Susanna's oldest daughter is called Julia and she is 13 years old.
5. Susanna's other daughter is called Ellen and she's ten years old.
6. Anne-Maj and Arne have known each other for 25 years and been married for 22.

3 Further Language Development

A. Extension exercise

1. I originally come from Boston, but I've spent most of my life in Chicago.
2. How do you say 'good morning' in Japanese?
3. How do you spell ceiling? Is it c-i-e or c-e-i?
4. The attic is at the top of a house. It's the space under the roof.

5. I'm quite hungry. Can we eat soon?
6. I can't wait to hear all about your holiday.
7. My brother Adam is also a teacher.
8. I can't remember when Bruno's birthday is. Can you?
9. My parents got married in 1990 and I was born in 1992.
10. When I got my first job I rented a little one-bedroom flat in the centre of Birmingham.
11. I quite like living on my own because you can do whatever you want.
12. He says he can't come out because he's in the middle of his exams and he's got to study.
13. I have a much better relationship with my brother now than when we were kids.
14. Our house is quite close to the station so we can pick you up if you like.
15. I've got four brothers so I'm the only girl.
16. My dad works in a law firm and my mum is the manager of a sports centre.
17. Only one of my grandparents is still alive – my mother's father who's 80 and lives in Baltimore.

B. Family members

1. My mother's father is my grandfather.
2. My father's sister is my aunt.
3. My mother's brother is my uncle.
4. My aunt's daughter is my cousin.
5. My father's mother is my grandmother.
6. My sister's daughter is my niece.
7. My brother's wife is my sister-in-law.
8. My brother's son is my nephew.
9. My daughter's son is my grandson.

Unit 5 – Danny

2 Listening Comprehension

Corrections

1. Danny has got two brothers. He's got two sisters.
2. He has two younger sisters. He has one older sister and one younger sister.
3. His sisters live with Danny's father. They live with his mother.
4. His younger sister is 23. His older sister is 23.
5. His other sister is 20. She is 19.
6. Danny is 29. He's 21.
7. Nathalie works with old people. She works with children.
8. Danny's dad has a sister. He has a brother.
9. Danny's uncle is a few years younger than his dad. He's a few years older than his dad.
10. Danny's mother has three half-sisters. She has two half-sisters.
11. Danny has two grandparents. He has one grandparent.
12. His mother's father is still alive. His mother's mother is still alive.
13. A lot of Danny's cousins live in Australia. They live in America.
14. Danny was planning to go to America this winter. He was planning to go this summer.

3 Further Language Development

A. Extension exercise

1. I've got three cousins in New Zealand. They're my mother's oldest brother's children.
2. My sister is three years older than me, so she's always telling me what to do.
3. I'm living with my parents at the moment, but I'm hoping to get my own place soon.
4. Do you get on well with your parents?
5. Is your brother older or younger than you?
6. I want to work for a few years before I go to university.
7. Can you remember what time the library shuts on Saturdays?
8. Most of my family on my father's side live in Wales.
9. Don't you think Zack is a strange name for a boy?
10. We're planning on going to Australia next year so we need to save up.

B. Prepositions

1. Come and tell me all about your holiday. Did you have a good time?
2. I went to London last weekend with an old school-friend.
3. Would you like a bit of dessert? It's too much for me to eat.
4. Sorry, we're right in the middle of dinner. Can I call you back?
5. I get on better with my mother than my father.
6. My father grew up in Connecticut, but he moved to Boston when he was 20.
7. I've got a lot of homework to do, so I can't come out tonight.
8. We're planning on taking our parents to Athens this summer as a surprise.
9. I wanted to be doctor when I was young, but I ended up working in a supermarket.
10. I'm feeling a lot better at the moment. I think it's because I'm eating healthier and doing more exercise.