WORKBOOK AUDIO SCRIPT

Unit 1

LISTENING AND VOCABULARY, Exercise 3, page 8

Steve Hello and welcome to Radio Middleshire. I'm Steve Jones and today we're talking to Harriet Hawkes who made an amazing discovery last week. Welcome to the programme, Harriet. Tell us, what did you discover?

Harriet Thank you, Steve, I've brought it with me to show you. I found this small golden statue.

Steve Wow, that is beautiful. How did you find this?

Harriet Well, my hobby is searching for lost treasure. I use a metal detector to find it.

Steve And how does that work?

Harriet When there is a metal under the ground, like gold, it beeps. And when that happens, it's time to start digging!

Steve How long does that take?

Harriet In this case, it was about half an hour. I dig slowly and carefully so I don't damage any treasure under the earth.

Steve When you found it, how long did it take you to realise that you'd found something historic and not just a souvenir from the local shops?

Harriet I knew as soon as I touched it that it was something important. For one thing, gold is heavier than most other metals and it is also softer. You learn to recognise the difference when you've been treasure hunting for as long as I have. It's certainly the most valuable artefact I have ever discovered.

Steve I wonder what something like this is worth.

Harriet The financial value isn't important to me. Everything I find goes to the Middleshire Archaeological Museum.

Steve So why do you do this, if you're not earning anything from it?

Harriet For me, it's just fascinating to find parts of our country's history that have disappeared under the ground. This statue, for example, is between 500 and 700 years old. It probably belonged to someone very important in Middleshire. Discoveries like this help us to start putting together the stories of where we, as a society, have come from.

Steve Well, thank you very much for speaking to us on Radio Middleshire. We hope you'll join us again when you make your next discovery!

Harriet Thanks, Steve, I hope so too!

Unit 2

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Tour guide Hello and welcome to number 19 Rooxby Street, one of the most haunted houses in Britain! Until a few years ago this house belonged to Mr and Ms Ferdinand. They reported lots of unexpected things happening in the house and when they discovered that people thought the house was haunted, they realised they could sell it to a tourism company for a lot of money. Since then, no one has lived here but there are tours of the house every day.

Let me tell you a bit about the history of the house. In the 19th century, a wealthy family called the Andersons lived here. Mr Anderson owned a business that provided medical equipment for doctors around the UK. He lived in the house with his wife and their twin daughters. And then one day, they disappeared and no one ever saw them again …

Historians have been unable to offer any clear explanation. It's unlikely that they moved house because they didn't take anything with them. It's possible that they all died in an accident but no bodies were ever found …

It might seem unbelievable but a lot of people think that the ghosts of the Anderson family still live here, coming out when no one is around to clean and tidy the house. Ever since their disappearance, there have been reports of strange things happening in the house.

In the 1950s, people often said they saw lights on in the house at night. But that's impossible because the house was empty and there was no electricity there. Neighbours used to say they could hear people shouting in the house and one lady said she heard a young girl crying.

Later in the 1970s, the Owen family lived there and they said that they often heard voices in conversation in one of the rooms but when they went in, no one was there. Mr Owen said that he thought an invisible man lived in one of the bedrooms.

Other stories include unexpected discoveries in the one of the bedrooms. One day, Ms Owen found a photograph of a girl on the wall and another time there was an old child's toy on the bed.

I've never seen anything like that myself. But I can tell you that I often have the very unpleasant feeling of someone watching me and at other times, the room suddenly goes very cold. Who knows, maybe the Anderson family are in today.

We'll start in the front hall. Please follow me …

Unit 3

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Fran Hello?

Mike Hi, Fran, I'm just calling to ask about your aunt's wedding. Did you have a good time?

Fran Oh, hi Mike. Yes, it was amazing. I had so much fun.

Mike That's fantastic. Were there a lot of guests?

Fran Well, I know they invited 100 people to the reception but ten people couldn't come so it was only 90 in the end. But the venue can usually hold up to 80 people, so it felt very crowded in there. The ceremony itself was very small – just the bride and groom and their immediate families.

Mike That's interesting. So, was the ceremony in a church?

Fran I thought it was going to be in a church, but my mum told me that they had decided to have the ceremony in their garden. You know, you can have wedding ceremonies anywhere you want. I know a lot of people still have weddings in churches, but there are lots in hotels and places like that too.

Mike And what was the food like?

Fran They served chicken. It looked amazing and my mum said it was delicious, but since I don't eat meat, I had roasted vegetables. They were really tasty and they had this incredible honey sauce on them.

Mike Wow, sounds great!

Fran It was. But not as great as the cake. That was the highlight for me.

Mike I can imagine. So, did you meet anyone interesting at the wedding?

Fran Yes, I talked to lots of people – friends of the bride and groom. There was a really nice architect at my table, and then later I met a student called Claire. She was really funny. But I spent a lot of time chatting to my cousin, Dani. I hadn't seen her for years and she was next to me at the reception, so that was really nice.

Mike That's really nice. Did it go on very late?

Fran Yes, until three o'clock!

Mike Wow, three o'clock? I'm sure they felt tired the next day!

Fran Yes, and the bride and groom were leaving for their honeymoon the next morning, so I'm sure they wanted to get some sleep.

Mike So, where are they going on their honeymoon?

Fran They got the train to Paris and they stayed there for two days, and I think they're travelling south through Europe for two weeks before flying back from Venice. They sent an email to all the wedding guests this morning from Switzerland. They said thank you to everyone for coming and that they are having an amazing time now.

Mike That's very sweet.

Unit 4

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Girl I've just finished reading an amazing fantasy book called *Battle of the Kings*. It's about a man called Zak Flame who has to leave his village and travel to a far-away Kingdom called Volbrook to defeat an evil king called Victor X.
I really loved all the characters in it. First, there's the hero, Zak Flame. He's very good-looking. He has beautiful long blonde hair and amazing blue eyes. But the interesting thing about him is that he's not perfect. In fact, he often treats people really badly and he can be really horrible to the people who help him and he's always angry or annoyed about something.
Zak's friend is called Harriet Hoof. She's a strange creature – she's half human and half pig. She's completely different from Zak. She's always happy. She smiles and sings songs everywhere she goes. Everyone they meet on their journey likes Harriet because she's so polite and friendly. She was definitely my favourite character.
Then there's Zak's mother Fenecia Flame. She helps Zak on his journey. In fact, she helps him with everything. She gives him and Harriet everything they need. She has some magical powers too, so there are lots of times in the book when Zak depends on her to continue to Volbrook.
There's also another character that goes with Zak on his journey. He's called Azrin. He also has magical powers ... like, he can read people's thoughts and control what they do. But he's also an interesting character because he never wants to do what Zak asks him. He only thinks of himself and the things that he wants. So, a lot of the story is about the interesting relationship between Zak and Azrin.
The only character in the book that I didn't find interesting was the villain, Viktor X. We know that Zak Flame needs to defeat him to get control of the kingdom but we don't really learn anything about Viktor X. The main thing that the author tells us about him is his appearance. He has an enormous nose, like a bird's beak. One of his eyes is tiny and the other one is very big and completely white. His skin is a disgusting green colour and his teeth are broken and yellow.
But in general, I really loved this book and I would recommend it to anyone who likes fantasy novels.

Unit 5

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Man Welcome to the Talking Languages podcast with me, James Trussel. Today we're joined by Aditi Agrawal who's going to tell us about the languages of India. Good morning, Aditi.

Woman Good morning, James.

Man So, a simple question to start: How many languages are there in India?

Woman Well, you think that's a simple question. In fact, it's a very complicated question! No one can agree on how many languages there are in India. Some people say there are approximately 800 languages and some people say that there are approximately 400.

Man Wow! That's a very big difference.

Woman Yes exactly. But the one thing that everyone agrees on is that that number is decreasing and will continue to decrease over time. In fact, some figures say that on average, five languages die every year.

Man So, there are a lot of endangered languages in India. That's very interesting. What's the reason for that?

Woman There are a lot of reasons but two of the main explanations are that people are leaving the country and moving into cities – where a smaller number of languages are spoken. And another reason is the growth of the Hindi language. More people are learning Hindi and fewer people are learning other smaller languages.

Man Yes, let's talk about Hindi. It's the official language of India. Do most people in India speak Hindi?

Woman Yes, 57 per cent of people in India can speak Hindi. Many of these people speak it as a second or third language. A lot of the media in India is in Hindi and it's also the language of Bollywood films.

Man So Hindi is the biggest language in India. What's the second biggest?

Woman The second biggest Indian language is Bengali. But, in fact, the second language in India is English.

Man Really? That's fascinating.

Woman Yes, it is. A very small number of people speak English as their first language – only 0.02 per cent. But a very large number of people speak English as a second or third language – over 100 million.

Man Incredible. So can the majority of people in India speak more than one language?

Woman We think that approximately 26 per cent of people can speak more than one language. The most common second languages are Hindi, English, Marathi and Telugu.

Man Well, this has been fascinating. Thank you very much Aditi. I hope you'll come back and tell us more about the languages of India one day.

Woman Thanks, James. I'd like that!

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Unit 6

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Dad What are you doing today, Lily?

Lily I don't know, dad. I'm bored and all of my friends are busy.

Dad Oh really? What about Jack? He's always free, isn't he?

Lily Not today. Apparently, his sister is feeling really sick today so he's staying at home with her in case she needs anything. You know, she might need him to make her food or get her something from the shop.

Dad That's nice of him.

Lily Yes, it is. And I asked Emily if she could come out, but she said she can't because she's training all day. She has a big cycling race next weekend. She wants to go out on her bike and do the whole route so she's ready for the race.

Dad Wow, that sounds serious. But I think it's going to rain a lot later, so maybe she shouldn't go too far on her bike! What if she's 30 kilometres away and it starts raining? She'll get really wet.

Lily That's a good point. I'll warn her ... But even if she doesn't go out on her bike, she'll probably want to go to the gym.

Dad Have you asked Ryan if he wants to do something with you? You often go to the cinema together at the weekend, and there's that new spy film that you said you wanted to watch.

Lily Yes, I was trying to encourage Ryan to come and see it with me with me, but he said he can't because one of the doors in their house is broken so he's giving his dad a hand with it ... You know, he's good with tools. Maybe I'll see if Harry's free. He might want to come here and do his homework with me.

Dad I saw Harry in the street earlier and said hi. I think he said his mum needs him for something ...

Lily Oh yes, that's right. He's showing his mum how to use her new computer today ... You see? Everyone's busy except me!

Dad I know what you can do, Lily! Your grandma's train arrives in a couple of hours. Mum is going to fetch her from the station. Why don't you go with her?

Lily Oh yes, that's a good idea. Thanks, Dad!

Unit 7

LISTENING AND VOCABULARY, Exercise 3, page 56

Hannah Hi, everyone, and welcome to City Zoo. I'm Hannah, your guide today, and I want to tell you a bit about some of our most important animals here before we start the tour.
So, the first animal I want to talk about is the Galapagos tortoise. A tortoise is a kind of turtle, and like their name suggests, Galapagos tortoises are from the Galapagos Islands in the Pacific Ocean. They spend a lot of time in the sea but they actually live on the land. They are absolutely enormous animals. In fact, males can weigh as much as 227 kilograms. But the most amazing thing about these animals is that they can live an incredibly long time. Scientists think that the oldest Galapagos tortoise was born in 1847. That's 177 years ago!
They have a very strong bite and they can do a lot of damage if they want, but they don't usually use it to defend themselves. Instead, they hide in their shells if they are attacked.
The next animal I want to tell you about is the Sumatran tiger. Sumatran tigers come from Indonesia and they have these beautiful black stripes that help them to hide in the jungle. This is very important when they are hunting, because they need to stay hidden. They often see animals from very far away and slowly move closer and closer until they are ready to attack. Then they can jump on the other animal and kill them by biting them in the neck. Although Sumatran tigers hunt alone, they actually learn to hunt with their mothers and their brothers and sisters. They won't leave their mothers until they're about two years old.
And finally, I want to talk a bit about the cheetah. Like the Sumatran tiger and the Galapagos tortoise, the cheetah is also endangered, so places like the City Zoo are very important because they protect these animals from extinction. The cheetah lives in different parts of South and East Africa. It is the fastest land animal. It needs to be fast because unlike the tiger, when it hunts animals, it chases them. They generally run at about 60 kilometres per hour, but if they need to, they can run at up to 110 kilometres per hour!
However, they can't maintain this speed for more than a few seconds!
So, these are a few of the animals that we will see today in City Zoo. Now, please everybody, follow me ...

Unit 8

LISTENING AND VOCABULARY, Exercise 3, page 64

Girl Hey, Sam. What's the matter?

Boy Hi, Lara. I got really annoyed with my brother.

Girl Oh no, why?

Boy Well, my brother took my bike without asking me.

Girl That's really annoying. I hate it when my sisters use my things.

Boy Well, I don't usually mind if he uses my things and he knows that, but he gave it back to me covered in mud. It looks awful. I got really annoyed about that. But at least it still works ... Once I had to have it fixed after he used it.

Girl So, did you have an argument?

Boy Yeah. I told him that he can't use my things without my permission anymore and he can't go into my bedroom when I'm not there.

Girl Well, that seems fair. Don't feel bad about it!

Boy No, I don't ... I needed to say those things to him. But I should have said it in a nicer way. I think I was quite rude to him.

Girl You shouldn't feel bad about it. I'm sure he won't remember anything you said in a few days. He has to learn to respect your things more. If I were you, I'd say, 'I'm sorry, I shouldn't have spoken to you that way.' And then you don't have to talk about it ever again.

Boy Thanks, Lara. That's good advice ... Anyway, how are you?

Girl Hmm ... I feel a bit stressed.

Boy Really?

Girl Yeah. I have a big history project that I need to hand in on Monday.

Boy Oh no!

Girl I really want to do well in this project. The teacher let us decide what to do our projects about and I chose to do it about women's rights.

Boy That's a very complicated subject!

Girl Yes, it is. But it's really interesting and I really enjoyed finding information for it. I used some really great books and I learned a lot.

Boy But maybe you spent too much time on research?

Girl Well, I don't think so. I definitely don't think I wasted any time. But the problem is that I always have trouble writing … so I put it off for weeks and now I only have a few days left.

Boy I see …

Girl The worst part is that I'm going to my grandparents on Sunday, so I can't do it then.

Boy And what about Saturday? Can't you finish it then?

Girl Well, not really … The problem is that my football team is celebrating the end of the season. You know, because we won our league …

Boy That's amazing … But are you celebrating all day?

Girl No no, just in the evening. But I'm responsible for the food, so I'm going to have to spend the whole day in the kitchen.

Boy Why don't you talk to Mr Pitt? I'm sure he will understand. Last year I couldn't finish a geography project on time so I talked to my teacher about it and she gave me another few days …

Unit 9

LISTENING AND VOCABULARY, Exercise 3, page 72

Man Welcome to the news at five on the Regional News Network. I'm Paul Ross.

Woman And I'm Sabrina Stubbs. Two man-eating wolves were seen at half past ten this morning in the town of Snowpath. The wolves were seen by a local school teacher, Simon Rogers. Simon was leaving the supermarket when he saw the two animals walking in the street by the town library. The quick-thinking school teacher immediately called the police and they closed the street until the wolves left the town. Local vet Jenna Rice told us that it was likely that the wolves had come into town to look for food. She said that Simon Rogers had done exactly the right thing under the circumstances. Wolves usually try to avoid humans but they can be very dangerous. So if you see one, it's very important to keep your distance.

Man Flood waters have hit the village of Dearside in the County of Waterbridge. The floods come after record-breaking rain in the month of November. Emergency services made a last-minute warning of the risk of flooding yesterday morning and this gave local people the chance to leave the village. Dearside resident Judy James said that she'd left her home to escape the flood at 11 o'clock yesterday morning and that the ice-cold water had already started to enter her basement when she left. Like many Dearside residents, Judy said she was worried but happy not to be in danger anymore.

Woman A man in the town of Sturford has given two million pounds to a local hospital. The kind-hearted man is called Dan Jude and he told us that he'd spent a few days in hospital last year having an operation on his heart and wanted to make a donation to show his appreciation for the doctors and nurses that work there. Dan Jude is well-known in the community. He's the owner of Jude's Foods, a chain of supermarkets in the town. We spoke to the hospital manager and he told us that they would use the money to fix the hospital roof.

Man And finally, the world-famous pop singer Miss Bee has announced that she will be going on tour next spring. The tour will start in March in Oldport before heading to Europe. Some dates are already planned in Asia in April before she returns to this country in May to play the last few dates of the tour. Miss Bee told us that she was very excited about the tour and said that she would play a mix of old and new songs every night.

Woman Thank you for watching the news at five. We'll be back in an hour. Goodbye.

Man Goodbye.

EXAM PRACTICE AUDIO SCRIPT

LISTENING Part 3, Exercise 2, page 97

Man Welcome to *The Film Review Programme!* Today we're reviewing some of this week's new films. Let's start with this week's likely hit, Jungle Fever. This is quite an unusual one! Some of you may remember last year's TV documentary film about a family of tigers in India. Well, this is a cartoon based on that programme and I can report that it's great fun for people of any age.
Some of you will be excited to know that actor Steve Wills is back on our screens! You'll remember him as action hero Marty Kay, but in his new film, Call It, he actually plays a chef, working in an Italian pizza takeaway in New York City. Actor Jennifer Peckory plays his manager, Jo-Jo, and romance is in the air!
Don't miss Swim!, a comedy which takes a look at learning to swim as an adult. It's about a 20-year-old man who wants to join in with his friends when they swim in the lake near his home. So, he goes to the local pool to take lessons. Be prepared to laugh until it hurts!
And now it's competition time, so I hope you've listened carefully and made some notes! If you want to enter this month's competition, just go online and answer the ten questions in our quiz. Go to www.films.co.uk and select your answers. Last month, we gave out free cinema tickets as a prize – this time we're offering restaurant tickets which you can use at a choice of exciting places. You must complete your entry by January the twenty-eighth. Make sure you've finished by two p.m., when the competition closes. We'll announce the winners on the thirtieth of January – and if you're lucky, the prize will be yours by the second week in February. Good luck and goodbye!

Narrator Now listen again.

SPEAKING PARTS 3 AND 4, Exercise 3, page 99

Narrator You're going to talk about something together for about two minutes. I'm going to describe a situation to you. A girl is having her sixteenth birthday party next week. Her friends want to buy her a present, but they don't have much money. Here are some things they could buy her. Talk together about the different presents they could buy her and say which would be best. All right? Now, talk together.

EXAM PRACTICE AUDIO SCRIPT

SPEAKING PARTS 3 AND 4, Exercise 4, page 99

Narrator 1 What do you usually do on your birthday?
2 What's the best present you've ever received on your birthday?
3 Do you enjoy buying presents for other people?
4 What was the last present you bought for someone?
5 Do you think presents should only be for children and not for adults?

LISTENING PART 2, Exercise 2, page 100

Narrator 1 You will hear two friends talking about going skiing.

Boy Are you going skiing again this winter?

Girl Probably. It's funny because we go every year and then my parents spend the whole holiday worrying about my brother and I getting hurt. Falling over is part of the experience.

Boy I wouldn't fancy it.

Girl I wish we didn't go for two weeks, though. I love it to begin with but lose interest by the end of the first week.

Boy You could go somewhere warm by the sea in winter instead, like we do.

Girl I love spending time by the sea, but the same thing happens. Before long, I just want to go somewhere else!

Narrator Now listen again.

Narrator 2 You will hear two friends talking about professional football.

Boy Did you see the match last night?

Girl Of course.

Boy The TV presenters were complaining about the mistakes the managers made with the teams they chose and how they should play. It must be impossible for them to get it right every time.

Girl It's easy if you're watching on TV, but much harder when you've actually got to make those decisions yourself.

Boy Exactly. And footballers who get paid millions of pounds a year should really listen more to what managers tell them.

Girl I guess players earn it, with all the training and stuff, but you should still do what you're told.

Narrator Now listen again.

Narrator 3 You will hear two friends talking about a cycling club.

Girl I'm getting my new bike on Saturday.

Boy Hey, great! I'd love to see it. Actually, a few of us are going out with the club on Sunday. If you could come, it'd be your first time since becoming a member, wouldn't it?

Girl Yes, it would.

Boy It'll be a great route. One of the most experienced members has chosen it. It's the first time we've tried it and it looks really interesting – there's supposed to be some fantastic scenery.

Girl I'd love to, but I promised my sister I'd help her then with a homework project she's got.

Boy OK, another time, perhaps.

Narrator Now listen again.

Narrator 4 You will hear two friends talking about a sailing course they did.

Boy That sailing course was great.

Girl Yes. It was a good job I'd read a bit about how to do it before I went, because I couldn't actually hear a lot of what the teacher said.

Boy The sails made quite a lot of noise in the wind, but there was just the right amount for learning how to sail.

Girl And the waves were really small too, which made things easier. I think the club needs to spend some money on new boats, though. The one I was in felt like it might fall to bits at any moment.

Narrator Now listen again.

Narrator 5 You will hear two friends talking about a video game.

Girl Have you tried playing City Driving yet?

Boy Yes, but I was a bit disappointed with it, actually.

Girl Me too, with some of the things in it anyway. The songs that play while you're driving add to the action at least.

Boy That's true. It's a shame that the creatures you choose to drive the cars are so dull.

Girl They're just like the ones in several other games I know.

Boy I only got to the fifth stage of the game – the racing itself was fairly exciting.

Girl I guess we won't finish the game any time soon – there are a hundred races altogether.

Narrator Now listen again.

Narrator 6 You will hear two friends talking about a basketball game they went to.

Girl The game last night was a bit disappointing, wasn't it?

Boy It was. I can't believe I'm saying this, but I actually felt quite sorry for the other team.

Girl Me too. To lose by so much must feel awful.

Boy Especially as our star player was injured a couple of weeks ago and couldn't even take part.

Girl I think it's much more exciting to watch when the two sides are about as good as each other. Even if our team doesn't win.

Boy I agree. It was almost like they were playing a team from a much lower league last night.

Narrator Now listen again.

SPEAKING PART 1, Exercise 2a, page 104

Narrator 1 Do you study or work? What are you studying? / What do you do?
2 Do you like your school or job? Why? / Why not?
3 What is or was your favourite subject at school? What do or did you like most about it?
4 Which subject would you like to learn more about?
5 What do you find difficult about learning English?
6 How often do you use English outside of your English classes?
7 If you could have any job, what would you do and why?
8 What is your greatest study or work ambition?