

Dictation 1

Aim: To give students practice in note taking.

Step 1 Tell students they are going to hear a short extract from one of the texts they read in units 1–4 and that they will hear it only once. Tell them they won't have time to write everything, but they should listen and take notes. Play the recording only once.

Step 2 Put students into groups of three or four and tell them to work together to write the whole text from their notes. Then they can compare what they have written with the relevant audioscript.

Audioscript**Dictation 1 – units 1-4**

The summer's a busy time of year. I work from May through to September and this year I have to work long hours in July and August. When the season ends, I might take a short holiday, but if I do, I'll probably just go and visit a friend in Lyon. Basically, I'm saving money because I'm going to travel round Vietnam later in the year.

Video Worksheet Unit 1

Unit 1 A

Suggested answers:

Paulo is pretending to be the first woman in the top row at the bottom of page 9. (Student – early 20's / Indian food)

Diana is pretending to be the first woman in the bottom row at the bottom of page 9. (Older – visiting grandchildren)

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- 1 grew up in a town
- 2 year are you in
- 3 So you've almost
- 4 Older or younger
- 5 very high-powered
- 6 pastas and stuff
- 7 All kinds really
- 8 don't look old enough
- 9 back home
- 10 The hours

Quiz 1

- 1 If you are fed up it means you have had enough of something, or you are bored. You are upset if something bad has happened, or if someone has been unkind.
- 2 Students' own answers, but it could be anything you couldn't do very well, e.g. learning a language, difficult exercises or homework, practical jobs like cooking or making things, managing money, physical tasks like climbing a mountain, etc.
- 3 You might sort out a problem, a difficult situation, a disagreement, rubbish, recycling, car hire, etc.
- 4 You shake hands to greet someone, but you hold hands with someone you love, or with a child to make sure they are safe.
- 5 You might feel guilty if you think you have behaved badly or done something wrong, e.g. if you didn't help someone when they needed it, if you said something unkind, or if you didn't do something when you said you would.
- 6 You would rush somebody to hospital if they were very ill or had been injured in a serious accident.
- 7 You would you say to be honest before a negative comment, e.g. before saying you don't like something or don't want to do something.
- 8 People might boast about anything they are proud of, e.g. doing well in an exam, being very good at something, having a lot of money or nice things.
- 9 The weather can be miserable if it is very grey, and you can have a miserable time if a lot of things go badly. People can also be miserable if they are sad or depressed.
- 10 You need to warm up before you do exercise.
- 11 A catchy tune is one that you can't stop singing; uplifting music makes you feel cheerful.
- 12 Students' own answers, but it could be anything that they are very bad at, e.g. sports, school subjects, practical jobs, etc.
- 13 When you practise something, you do the same thing over and over to get better at it. When you play something (e.g. tennis), you usually do it as a competition, in a game with somebody else.
- 14 You might need cheering up if you were sad, or if some bad things had happened.
- 15 A baby, a train or bus or anything that has a timetable can be due. It means we expect them to arrive.