

UNIT 01

1.1

G = Guy, O = Olga

- G: Hi. Come in. Sit down. Take a seat.
 O: Thank you.
 G: So... um... what's your name?
 O: Olga.
 G: Right, OK. And where are you from, Olga?
 O: Russia.
 G: Oh OK. Whereabouts?
 O: Saratov. It's maybe 500 kilometres from Moscow. Do you know it?
 G: No, sorry. I'm afraid I don't. My geography of that area's not great!
 So how long have you been learning English, Olga?
 O: About 10 or 12 years on and off.
 G: OK. So have you been to the UK to study before?
 O: No, no. In fact this is my first time in an English-speaking country.
 G: Really?! That's amazing, because your English is really good. I mean, you haven't got a very strong accent.
 O: Thanks. I had really good teachers at school.
 G: Yeah? Mine weren't that good, but then I wasn't a very good student either!
 O: Yes. I was lucky.
 G: So how long are you going to stay here?
 O: I'm not sure. I'd like to do a degree here – maybe in business management, but I'll see. It depends on my husband as well. He's looking for work here.
 G: Oh OK, So how old are you, if you don't mind me asking?
 O: I'd rather not say.
 G: Oh right. OK, fair enough. Anyway, I think that's all I need to ask. I'm going to put you in the top class. Is that OK?
 O: Fine. Thanks.

1.2

- 1 A: What do you do?
 B: I'm a computer programmer.
 A: Oh yeah? Do you enjoy it?
 B: Yeah, it's OK. It pays the bills!
 2 A: Have you studied here before?
 B: No. Never.
 A: So where did you learn your English?
 B: I lived in Canada for a year and I just picked it up there.
 3 A: What do you do when you're not studying?
 B: I like going shopping, going out with friends, that kind of thing, but I've also got a part-time job in a café.
 B: How long have you been doing that?
 A: Only about six months.
 4 A: Have you got any brothers or sisters?
 B: Yeah, seven!
 A: Seven! Older or younger?
 B: I'm the youngest, so, as they like to remind me, I'm the baby of the family.
 5 A: What did you do at the weekend?
 B: Nothing much. I went shopping on Saturday, but that's all.
 A: Oh right. Did you get anything nice?
 B: Yeah, I did actually. I got this really nice T-shirt in the market.
 6 A: What are you studying?
 B: Media studies.
 A: Oh right. What does that involve? I've never heard of that subject.

B: Really? It's quite popular here. You study everything about TV, newspapers and advertising. Some of it's practical, and some of it is more theoretical, almost like philosophy. It's really interesting.

1.3

M = Martin, A = Anna

- M: Sorry, but I've forgotten your name.
 A: Anna.
 M: Oh yeah, sorry. Hi.
 A: So what did you do in the first half of the class?
 M: I don't know. I missed it as well.
 A: Oh dear. Why was that?
 M: Well, I was late getting up and then I rushed out of the house to get the train, but when I got to the station, I realised I'd forgotten my book. So I went back home to get it and then I realised I didn't have my keys either! I rang the bell, but my flatmate was sleeping so he didn't answer. I was banging on the door and shouting, but nothing.
 A: He must be a really heavy sleeper!
 M: It's not that, really. He works nights, so he doesn't get home till five o'clock in the morning.
 A: Oh right. So did you get in the house?
 M: No, in the end, I stopped trying, but by then I'd missed my train to get here and I had to wait another twenty minutes before the next one came.
 A: Oh right. Whereabouts are you living?
 M: Moncada. It's only about twenty minutes by train from here, but the trains only run every thirty minutes. So anyway, what about you? What's your excuse?
 A: Sorry?
 M: What's your excuse for being late?
 A: Oh right. Sorry. Well, I'm looking for a flat to rent and I was phoning round a few places this morning before class.
 M: Right. So did you have any luck?
 A: Not really. I'm going to see one later near the centre of town, but it's quite expensive.
 M: Mmm.
 A: Actually, Frank – the German guy in class – was telling me that you're looking for another person to share your flat.
 M: Yeah, well, we've got a spare room and it'd be good to pay less rent.
 A: So how much would it be?
 M: I guess about forty euros a week.
 A: Really? That's really cheap! So what's the room like?
 M: It's all right. It's quite big. The only problem is, it's an internal room. I mean, it doesn't have any windows to the outside, so there's no natural light.
 A: Oh right. And how many people live there?
 M: Oh, just the two of us. Me and this Spanish guy, Pedro.

UNIT 02

2.1

Conversation 1

R = Ryan, C = Clara

- R: Hey, Clara!
 C: What is it, Ryan?
 R: Have you seen Karim this week?
 C: Yeah, I saw him yesterday. Why?
 R: Is he OK? I haven't spoken to him for a while, but the last time I saw him he seemed a bit down.

- C: Hmm. I know. I think it's his mum. Apparently, she's quite ill and he's just very worried about her.
- R: Oh no. What's wrong with her? Is it very serious?
- C: I think it must be. He was quite upset when I spoke to him, and he didn't want to say much.
- R: Oh dear. That's awful. I feel a bit guilty now that I haven't rung him, because I had a feeling something was wrong.
- C: Why?
- R: Well, I met him outside the university with Chris. Chris and I were chatting, but Karim didn't say much. In fact, he hardly said anything at all.
- C: Really?
- R: And Karim is normally really chatty.
- C: I know. Well, he probably isn't in the mood to talk to anyone at the moment.
- R: Oh dear. Well, if you see him, tell him I'm thinking of him. Say 'hello' to him from me.
- C: Sure.

Conversation 2

B = Belinda, A = Alisha

- B: Hello Alisha! How's it going?
- A: Great actually, Belinda. I've just finished all my exams!
- B: That must be a relief. How did they go?
- A: Quite well, I think. I was really pleased with how I did.
- B: That's great.
- A: Are you all right? You look a bit fed up.
- B: Yeah, sorry. It's not you. I'm just having a few problems with my accommodation.
- A: Oh dear. What's the problem?
- B: Oh, I've just found out I can't continue to stay where I am at the moment.
- A: What a pain! How come?
- B: I don't really want to explain. Basically, I need to find something else and, to be honest, I just don't need the stress.
- A: I can imagine. Can I do anything to help?
- B: No, it's OK. I'm sure it'll sort itself out, but thanks.
- A: Well, at least let me buy you a drink.
- B: OK. That'd be nice.
- A: What would you like?
- B: A cappuccino would be good.
- A: Anything else? A bit of cake? Go on. It'll cheer you up.
- B: Well, I have to say that chocolate cake looks very nice.
- A: I think I'll join you – to celebrate finishing my exams.

2.3

S = Sarah, L = Louise

- S: Hello Louise!
- L: Oh Sarah. All right.
- S: How's it going?
- L: OK. I'm a bit stressed to be honest. I'm working quite hard at the moment. We're finishing at nine most days!
- S: Really? What a pain. You must be exhausted.
- L: Yeah, I am. So what are you doing here? Are you window shopping?
- S: What? No, no. Not really. I'm just meeting a friend here. I'm a bit early.
- L: Oh right. Hey listen, Sarah. I've rung you a few times recently, but you always seem to have your phone switched off or you don't answer it.
- S: Oh right, yeah, Sorry about that.

- L: So why aren't you answering it? Don't you want to talk to me?
- S: No, no, it's not that!
- L: I mean, you usually answer it on the first ring!
- S: I know, I know.
- L: So what? Is it work?
- S: Sort of.
- L: What do you mean, 'sort of'?
- S: Well, if you must know, I'm seeing someone from work.
- L: Oh right! But why are you being so mysterious about it? It's unlike you. You normally tell me everything.
- S: Well, it's just ... well, it's my boss!
- L: You're going out with your boss? So how long has this been happening?
- S: About three weeks.
- L: That's not long.
- S: No. That's why I don't want anyone to know for the moment. I've just changed jobs too.
- L: Oh really? I didn't know that. What are you doing now? Did you get promoted?
- S: No, the new job isn't really a promotion. I'm not getting any more money. I'm just doing something different. It's more marketing than sales.
- L: And you studied marketing, didn't you?
- S: Yeah, that's right. I prefer marketing, so it's a good change. I'm really enjoying it.
- L: Well, with your boss, it sounds like you're having a great time!
- S: But I didn't get the new job because of my boss. I was promoted by Head Office.
- L: Oh right.
- S: But you see, this is why I don't want people to know about the relationship! They'll think I've got the job because I'm going out with the boss. It's really annoying.
- L: OK, OK, I'm sorry. It was a stupid thing to say. Listen, what are you doing on Friday? Do you fancy meeting? It'd be nice to hear more of your news.
- S: I'm afraid I can't. I play badminton on Fridays. And this Friday we're going for a meal afterwards.
- L: Oh right. That's a shame. Maybe next week sometime.
- S: Yeah ... yeah.
- L: So ... when am I going to meet your boss?
- S: Er...Um... er ... now. There – coming towards us.
- L: Wait! That's your boss!

UNIT 03

3.1

C = Claire, R = receptionist

- C: Hello there. I wonder if you can help me. I'm thinking of going sightseeing somewhere today. Can you recommend anywhere good to go?
- R: Well, it depends on what you like. There are lots of places to choose from. What kinds of things are you interested in?
- C: I don't know. Erm ... something cultural.
- R: Oh right. OK. Well, quite close to here is St. Mary's Church. It's Kraków's most famous church – and very beautifully decorated. You can walk there in five or ten minutes.
- C: OK. I'm not really a big fan of churches, to be honest.
- R: That's OK. I understand. Of course, the most visited place near here is Auschwitz. There's a day tour leaving soon.
- C: Actually, we're planning on going there later in the week.