

LISTENING

4A Read the description of a BBC TV documentary and answer the questions.

- 1 What is the aim of the documentary?
- 2 Whose lives does it follow? For how long?
- 3 What is the purpose of the test?

Child of Our Time

Child of Our Time is a BBC TV documentary that aims to discover what makes us who we are. The programme follows the lives of twenty-five children and their families for a period of twenty years. During the series, the children and their parents do a number of tests. In this programme, they do a test to discover whether a male brain is different from a female brain and how this affects our character and abilities.

B **1.3** Take a piece of paper, listen to Parts 1 and 2 and follow the test instructions.

C **1.4** Listen to the explanation in Part 3. Turn to page 158 and check your picture. How many parts did your bike have? Could it work? Does it have a person on it? Compare your picture with other students'.

D **1.5** Listen to people discussing their pictures of the bicycle. Who says sentences 1–6? A man (M) or a woman (W)?

- 1 None of us got the chain, did we?
- 2 Pedals nor chains, so mine will never work.
- 3 None of us drew a person.
- 4 I've got a little bird on my handlebars, though.
- 5 Yours is the most accurate one.
- 6 And you've got lights on yours.

5 Discuss the questions.

- 1 Was the explanation correct for you?
- 2 Do you agree with the presenter's views about men and women?

Women think people are important. Men, on the other hand, are more interested in getting the machine right.

VOCABULARY relationships

6A Work in pairs. Look at the words in the box and answer the questions.

boss-and-employee classmates partner team-mates member
godfather and godmother mentor and pupil fiancée and fiancé

- 1 Which pair works together? *boss and employee*
- 2 Which pair promises to help guide a child through life?
- 3 Which pair is going to get married?
- 4 Which pair involves one person learning from the other?
- 5 Which word describes people who play in the same sports team?
- 6 Which word describes people who go to the same class?
- 7 Which word describes a person who is part of a club?
- 8 Which word is a general word for 'someone who you do something with'?

B Work in groups and discuss.

- 1 Do you associate the roles with men or women or both?
- 2 Do you think men and women are different in the roles? How?

I think women bosses are often less aggressive than male bosses and they are better at listening.

C **1.6** Listen to six sentences. Number the words in Exercise 6A in the order that you hear them.

D Six of the words have two syllables. Find the words and underline the stressed syllable. Say the words aloud, putting the stress on the correct syllable.

speakout TIP

Remember: most two-syllable words in English have the stress on the first syllable. Hold a hand under your chin. Say the word slowly. The jaw (the bottom part of your chin) drops more on the stressed syllable.

SPEAKING

7A Think about your own relationships. Prepare to talk about one man and one woman in your life. Use the questions below to make notes.

- Who are they?
- What is their role in your life?
- How often do you see them?
- How have they helped you and how have you helped them?

I'm a member of a football club, and we meet every week. Our coach is fantastic and he has helped our team a lot.

B Tell other students about these relationships.



VOCABULARY PLUS collocations

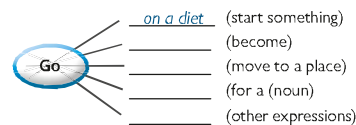
8A Work in pairs and do the quiz opposite.

B Turn to page 158 and read the text to check your answers.

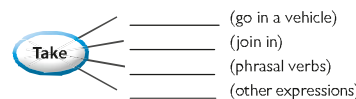
9A Look at the quiz again. Find and circle five expressions using *take*, *get*, *do* and *go*.

B Write the expressions in italics in the correct places in the word webs below.

- 1 *on a diet*, *home*, *off something*, *for a drink/a walk/a meal*, *grey*



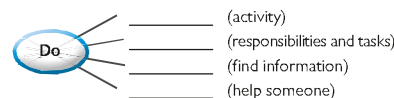
- 2 *responsibility for*, *after someone*, *part in something*, *a taxi*



- 3 *married*, *a job/degree*, *on with someone*, *here*



- 4 *exercise*, *research*, *housework*, *someone a favour*



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SPEAKING

10A Think about your classmates. Write down the name of someone who:

- never gets angry.
- does research for his/her job.
- took a test in the last six months.
- went for a meal last weekend.
- took up a new hobby recently.
- always gets here early.
- went for a walk today.
- got a new job recently.

B Work in groups. Ask the other students to check if they agree with your ideas.

What Women Really Think

Stella magazine commissioned YouGov, a research agency, to interview over 1,000 women in the UK about what they really think. How do you think they responded?

- 1 How many women in the UK would prefer to have a male boss?
(a) less than 30%
(b) about 50%
(c) over 70%

- 2 How many women have gone on a diet in the past?
(a) 20%
(b) between 35% and 45%
(c) over 50%

- 3 How many women spend more than seven hours a week doing exercise?
(a) 4%
(b) 15%
(c) 30%

- 4 What is the biggest challenge for women today?
(a) staying healthy
(b) making enough money
(c) balancing home and work life

- 5 What do women think is the best age to get married?
(a) between 21 and 24
(b) between 25 and 29
(c) over 30

- 6 What do 59% of women think fathers should take more responsibility for?
(a) their children
(b) doing the housework
(c) organising holidays

- 7 According to women, how much housework do they do?
(a) more than 50%
(b) over 75%
(c) nearly all of it

- 8 How many women aged 45–54 met their husbands through the internet?
(a) 1%
(b) 9%
(c) 16%