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Extra Listenings **Answer Key** | Worksheets 1–5

Worksheet 1

2 Speaker 1	/	Speaker 4	X
Speaker 2	/	Speaker 5	~
Speaker 3	X	Speaker 6	X

3 Speaker 2 G

(I skim through at least three online papers / if I went out and bought a newspaper, I wouldn't have that choice ... and I'd be paying for something, most of which I wouldn't read and then I'd chuck it away)

Speaker 3 H

(none of the people I know use Twitter for news of what's going on in the world / Most ... use it to keep in touch with celebrity gossip or to promote their own boring lives)

Speaker 4 E

(There has to be some sort of control body, in my opinion)

Speaker 5 B

(Ît's all so different from just a few years ago / Doesn't that just seem really old fashioned now?)

Speaker 6 D

(friends are people you've actually met in the flesh and get on with. You want to spend time with them doing things, not just typing stuff to someone you've never actually met.)

Worksheet 2

- 2 1 N 2 N 3 S 4 S 5 N
- **3** 1 broken down (*the breakdown of society*)
 - 2 criminal (focusing on them as perpetrators of crime)
 - 3 common (*The word most commonly used to describe them*)
 - 4 sympathetic coverage / sympathy (there is some sympathetic coverage)
 - 5 reality TV (they felt that reality TV ... portrayed them in a better light)
 - 6 (of) their own age / the same age (many were now more wary of boys of their own age)
 - 7 hang out with (changing who they were seen hanging out with)
 - 8 than twenty-five/25 (less than a quarter of stories)

Worksheet 3

- 2 1 Health Matters 4 musicians
 - 2 Sick Note 5 disability
 - 3 Texas
- 3 1 A (I was hospitalised for weeks ... and when I checked out of there I was expecting like this huge ...er... financial axe to fall on my head ... But they just weren't interested waved me on my way and I wasn't British or even a European citizen with the entitlements I think you have over here in EU land. Didn't cost me a penny.)
 - 2 C (if you're in a steady job with the right corporate insurance, you should be covered properly.)
 - 3 D (For a lot of musicians, insurance just isn't economically viable. ... when you get into your 50s and 60s, why, the premiums go way through the roof. Astronomical. Those fees are way beyond most people's reach.)
 - 4 B (the hospital, well, they demanded another \$70,000 for a couple of operations he'd had.)
 - 5 C (Albie Mayhew you know, the Tin Drums drummer – played with all the greats... The guy gave it all, throughout his career, you know: always on tour, always playing)

Worksheet 4

- 2 1 E 5 F 2 B 6 A 3 D 7 G 4 B
- **3** 1 4,000,000 / four/4 million (4 million people)
 - 2 scaling/climbing Everest first (first man to scale Everest)
 - 3 fourteen (per cent) / 14(%) (14%)
 - 4 (their) ancestors (the Maori people migrated from their ancestral homeland)
 - 5 seventeenth/17th century (17th century)
 - 6 press their noses together (pressing your nose against someone
 - 7 the (whole) face (Full-face tattoos)
 - 8 hot stones (*heat up stones*)

Worksheet 5

- 2 to be ticked:
 - 1 both
 - 2 just Pinter
 - 3 just Pinter
 - 4 just Pinter
 - 5 just Hadley
 - 6 just Hadley
- **3** Speaker 2 C

(The first time I worked with Mark ... was a theatre job in fact, back in 1981 in the West End and that was in a play called The Golden Duck.)

Speaker 3 B

(Creative Enterprise had an effect on me that, at the time, I wasn't aware of at all. When we were doing it, it was just another job, just another part. But three or four years later, I was thinking about it all the time. I'd lost that family, lost... that character. Enterprise had a huge impact on me.)

Speaker 4 D

(he decided to... to recycle me as an actor – to give me another part, in other words.)

Speaker 5 F

(Sitting on the bus, you'll see Mark Hadley characters getting on left, right and centre.)

Speaker 6 A

(Until I met Mark in my 20s, I basically played myself all the time. Now, thanks to him, I never get typecast. / I've actually played all sorts of different women in my time.)

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Extra Listenings Answer Key | Worksheets 6-10

Worksheet 6

- 2 1 the first/1st time
 - 2 40,000 / forty thousand, 18/eighteen
 - 3 31% / thirty-one per cent
 - 4 a quarter/ 1/4, 50/fifty per cent
 - 5 more than 60% / sixty per cent
- **3** 1 vary widely (from a wide variety of ethnic and language backgrounds)
 - 2 happy (the more siblings children have, the unhappier they become)
 - 3 bullied and teased (*bullying and teasing by brothers and sisters*)
 - 4 large/huge survey (that's a huge number, the largest survey of its kind)
 - 5 take, borrow or steal (weren't happy about their things being taken, borrowed or stolen by their siblings)
 - 6 envious and jealous (look enviously and jealously)
 - 7 ethnic minority households (less common in ethnic minority households)
 - 8 (their) parents (siblings having to compete for parental attention)
 - 9 support and help (brothers and sisters can also be supportive and helpful)
 - 10 relief (might feel relieved)

Worksheet 7

- **2** 1 C 2 B 3 E 4 A 5 D
- **3** 1 C (the downside is that tuition fees are rising and will almost certainly continue to climb for the foreseeable future.)
 - 2 C (American universities have a long tradition of operating in other countries: Johns Hopkins University, for example, opened a branch in Italy as long ago as 1955 and then another in China in 1986. ... At the moment American universities have 78 campuses overseas, including did you know this? four, relatively new ones in Britain.)
 - 3 D (I think it was the University of Nottingham that established the first large-scale campus abroad, in Malaysia in the year 2000. And then they opened a second one in China four years later.)

- 4 C (University College London recently became the latest university to sign a deal to move into Qatar / UCL has also recently opened satellite operations in Australia and Kazakhstan.)
- 5 A (universities such as Middlesex, which has two foreign campuses now, are entering into agreements with Indian institutions to offer degrees validated by their British partner.)

Worksheet 8

- **2** 1 E 2 B 3 A 4 F 5 C 6 D
- **3** 1 growing (unprecedented growth)
- 2 just over 11 (per cent) / 11(%) (*just over* 11%)
- 3 increasing domestic consumption (Many experts believe China has to increase domestic consumption)
- 4 two decades ago/twenty years ago (For over two decades)
- 5 (as a) migrant (one of those migrants)
- 6 (by) selling hot snacks (*sells hot snacks*)
- 7 bringing up her children (*being brought up by their grandparents*)
- 8 five years (during the next five-year period)

Worksheet 9

- 2 1 E 5 I 7 D 2 B 4 A 8 F 3 H 6 C 9 G
- **3** 1 four months (four-month summer period)
 - 2 (less than) 1/one/an hour (within an hour's drive)
 - 3 expanding environmentally-friendly tourism (to expand environmentally-friendly tourism)
 - 4 a personal recommendation (we personally recommend)
 - 5 eight/8 (the eight-room establishment)
 - 6 milking the cow (to milk the cow)
 - 7 flights, car-hire, (and) accommodation (all-inclusive packages of flights, car-hire as well as accommodation)
 - 8 information and stunning photographs (There's lots more information on our website, where you'll also find a whole load of stunning photographs of the area.)

Worksheet 10

- 2 1 F 2 T 3 F 4 T 5 T
- **3** 1 you lose it (*losing their balance*)
- 2 (to) buy alcohol (Buying alcohol)
- 3 one in three / a third / ½ (one in three)
- 4 die prematurely (from smoking) (smoking contributes to 120,000 premature deaths)
- 5 not to start (smoking) (*don't start smoking*)
- 6 (your) sight / vision (you see objects and reality in a distorted way)
- 7 regular use of cannabis / using cannabis regularly (*The regular use of cannabis*)
- 8 five years (a five-year prison sentence)