

1 Social animals

Vocabulary/ Developing vocabulary p6, 7, 9, 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ <i>Sociology, psychology, etc</i> ▶ Body idioms and human interaction ▶ Word formation – suffixes ▶ Similes (<i>like, as ... as</i>) ▶ Ways of talking (<i>gasp, sigh, whisper, etc</i>)
Reading p6–7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Extracts from <i>Quirkology</i> ▶ Reading for global and specific information
Grammar p8, 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Past tenses: past simple, past continuous, present perfect, past perfect, future in the past ▶ Present and past habits
CLICK onto... Fraternities and sororities p10–11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ International cultural knowledge ▶ Social life in US universities ▶ Rush Week
Listening p12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ A radio interview about chavs ▶ Listening to confirm predictions and for specific information
Pronunciation p15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Word stress
Developing speaking p13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Personal interviews

Developing writing p14–15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Writing a story
Language reference and revision p16–17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Grammar: Past tenses ▶ Present and past habits ▶ Vocabulary: Word formation – suffixes ▶ <i>Sociology, psychology, etc</i> ▶ Body idioms and human interaction ▶ Similes ▶ Ways of talking
Exam success p7, 9, 12, 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Reading: underlining key words in questions ▶ Use of English: Word formation ▶ Listening: answering True/False/Not given questions ▶ Writing: allowing time for planning and editing
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Resource materials teacher's notes: p152 ▶ Resource materials: p162–164

▶ Reading p6–7

Warmer

Write the following on the board: *A lone wolf; A leader of the pack; One of the crowd*. Ask students to tell their partner which one of the three 'types' they are and to give reasons why. In feedback, find out whether students in the class think they fit in with the crowd or go their own way.

1 VOCABULARY **Sociology, psychology, etc**

Write *-ology* on the board and ask students, working in pairs, to think of as many words as they can that end with *-ology*. Elicit ideas to the board and ask students to define any unusual ones. In pairs, students match the words to the definitions.

Key

1 graphology 2 palaeontology 3 sociology

2 Students discuss the questions in pairs. In feedback, encourage students to define the words for the class, and ask a few individuals to summarise their discussion.

Key

Anthropology the scientific study of the origin and behaviour of man, including the development of societies and cultures

Archaeology the study of ancient societies, done by looking at tools, bones, buildings and other things from that time that have been found

Astrology the study of the movements and relative positions of celestial bodies interpreted as having an influence on human affairs. (Many people do not consider astrology to be a serious science as it relies more on human interpretation than on objective experimental proof.)

Biology a natural science concerned with the study of life and living organisms

Geology the science that deals with the Earth's physical structure and substance, its history and the processes that act on it

Meteorology science concerned with the processes and phenomena of the atmosphere, especially as a means of forecasting the weather

Psychology the science that deals with mental processes and behaviour

Zoology the branch of biology that deals with animals and animal life

TEACHER DEVELOPMENT: PRONUNCIATION

Word stress

When introducing new words it is important to point out the strong stress. In these words, it comes on the third-to-last syllable. So, *meteorology* or *psychology*. Write up the words with the stress marked and ask students to copy them, or read out the words and ask students to repeat them and/or to mark the strong stress in their books.

3 Tell the students to look at the book cover and read the definition of *quirkology*. Ask them what sort of book they think it is and what they expect the book to be about. Check that students know what *quirky* means.

Example answers

The book is a popular science book. It probably contains examples of how people behave in unusual ways. *Quirky* means behaving in an unusual or unconventional way.

Ask students to skim and scan the texts to find examples of *quirky* behaviour. Set a time limit of four or five minutes so that students don't spend too long on this first reading task. Then put students into pairs to discuss the examples they found before eliciting answers from the class.

Key

Text a: People are more likely to be prepared to do things for people if they feel they have something in common, such as the same birthday.

Text b: People are more likely to ignore negative aspects of a person and feel sympathy towards them if they feel they have something in common, such as the same birthday.

Text c: People are willing to accept astrological readings to be true so long as you keep them general.

Text d: What we are asked to think about can have an effect on our physical behaviour, so if we think about words connected with being old, we will walk slowly, like an old person.

i Cultural information

Professor Richard Wiseman (born 1966) is Professor of the Public Understanding of Psychology at the University of Hertfordshire in the UK. He has gained an international reputation for research into luck, deception, the paranormal, humour and the science of self-help. He has written four best-selling books that have been translated into over thirty languages: *The Luck Factor*, *Quirkology*, *59 Seconds* and *Paranormality*.

TEACHER DEVELOPMENT: STUDENT TRAINING

Reading methods

You should expect students at this level to approach the reading of texts in systematic ways. In this first reading task, you want them to be able to read through the texts quickly to get the general idea, then pause and read a little more closely when they find the sections that specifically give examples of unusual human behaviour. It is a good idea to explain to students beforehand how you want them to read. Set a time limit and tell students to read round difficult, new words to encourage them to read in an appropriate way for the task.

Alternative idea: jigsaw reading

An alternative way of approaching this reading task is to divide the class into pairs and ask Student A to read texts a and b, and ask Student B to read texts c and d. After reading, students first have to tell each other about their texts. They then quickly read their partner's texts. This saves time and incorporates an information-gap speaking activity.

Exam success

Ask students to read the information. Then they work in pairs to underline the relevant words. Refer students to *Exam success* on page 148.

Key

- that made participants change their physical behaviour?
- that made participants behave differently towards the person they were with?
- that modified the volunteers' perception of other people's actions?
- that proved that meaningless similarities can make the distinction between right and wrong less clear?
- that was designed to disprove something?
- that involved modifying historical information?
- where people fooled themselves?
- where the building was part of the experiment?
- where the main task was hidden from the participants?
- where participants were deceived by more than just professors or psychologists?

- 4 Ask students to read the texts again to find the answers. Point out that this is a scanning task, so students need to keep looking back at the texts to find the answers to each of the 13 questions. Do the first one as an example to get them started. Students check their answers in pairs when they have finished.

Key

- | | | | |
|-----|-----|-----|------------|
| 1 A | 4 A | 7 C | 10 D |
| 2 C | 5 B | 8 B | 11/12 A, C |
| 3 D | 6 B | 9 C | 13 A |

- 5 Ask students to guess the meaning of the underlined words and to check their answers in a dictionary.

Key

- on the pretence of – pretending to do something, but not really doing it
- surreptitiously – in a secret way, so that no one will notice
- critique – careful, written examination of something
- accommodating – helpful
- chunk – large piece of something
- turn a blind eye to – pretend you don't notice something, because you know you should do something about it
- misdemeanours – actions that are bad and wrong
- chap – man, usually one you like (informal, old-fashioned)
- bugging – annoying, irritating

TEACHER DEVELOPMENT: STUDENT TRAINING

Words in context

To help students work out what words mean in context, ask them to identify the part of speech (eg *bugging* must be a verb in the present participle form because it comes after *had been*). Then get them to look for words before and after that provide clues (eg the word *mystery* provides a clue for *bugging* because people are usually annoyed if they can't solve a mystery).

- 6 **SPEAKING** **What about you?**

In pairs or small groups, students discuss the questions. Give less confident students a moment to prepare things to say.

- 7 Ask students to read the personality description and say how accurate it seems. Remind students that the secret of the deception is that the description is general enough to suit anybody.

- 8 **VOCABULARY** **Body idioms and human interaction**

Students work in pairs and read through the idioms. Ask them to tell their partner which ones they know and to try to explain their meaning with examples. Once they have thought about the idioms, they continue working in pairs to match them to the definitions.

Key

- do something behind sb's back = 6
- give sb the cold shoulder = 1
- have sb under your thumb = 2
- lend sb a hand = 4
- pull sb's leg = 3
- stick your neck out for sb = 5

TEACHER DEVELOPMENT: CLASSROOM TIPS

Concept-checking

In feedback to matching tasks, do more than just go through the answers. Ask students some concept check questions, eg *If I see eye to eye with you, do I have a different opinion?* (No) *Do I have the same opinion?* (Yes). Demonstrate a situation or use mime to check understanding, eg say, 'I'm not talking to you – if I see you I'll cross the road to avoid you' (students shout out 'Cold shoulder!').

- 9 Students complete the sentences then interview their partner with the questions. Ask a few students to summarise their discussion in feedback.

Key

- | | | |
|--------|--------|-------------------------|
| 1 hand | 3 leg | 5 head, heels, shoulder |
| 2 back | 4 neck | 6 thumb, thumb |

Extra activity

Divide the class into groups of four and make sure that each group has at least one monolingual English dictionary. Tell each group to choose one common part of the body (leg, hand, head, or perhaps chin, cheek or heart). Give the groups five minutes to look up their part and find two or three useful new idioms or expressions using their body part. Students must present the new phrases to the class – encourage them to give examples, or to act out scenes to show the meanings.

Homework

Ask students to write a 1000-word composition incorporating all the idioms in the lesson, then explain that you are pulling their leg.

- Refer students to the **Workbook, pages 2–3**.

► Grammar in context p8

Past tenses

Test before you teach

Write a small set of time markers commonly used with past tenses on the board, eg *a week ago, earlier today, since the weekend, at this time yesterday, before I got here, for a fortnight*. Ask students to take a moment to think of true sentences about themselves which they could make using the time markers. Tell them to try to vary the tenses they use. Then ask pairs of students to share sentences with each other. Monitor and check how well students can manipulate past forms.

TEACHER DEVELOPMENT: STUDENT TRAINING

Test to teach

The aim of testing students first or of previewing language is to find out how well they already know what you are about to teach. This should inform the way you then teach. If students lack knowledge, you can devote time to explaining meaning and form and to writing accurately. If they already know the language well, you can revise meaning and form briefly and spend more time on fluency and pronunciation.

- 1a Students work in pairs to label the tenses. If they can't remember the names, write them on the board at random and ask students to match the names to the tenses.

Key

- 1 past simple, past perfect continuous
- 2 past continuous
- 3 present perfect
- 4 past perfect
- 5 present perfect continuous
- 6 These forms have no name but they are examples of future in the past: *was about to* + infinitive, *was going to* + infinitive

- 1b Students work in pairs to match the tenses and verb forms to the sentences.

Key

- a past simple
- b past continuous
- c future in the past: *was about to* + infinitive, *was going to* + infinitive
- d present perfect
- e past perfect
- f present perfect continuous
- g past perfect continuous

- Refer students to the *Grammar reference* on **page 136**.

TEACHER DEVELOPMENT: CLASSROOM TIPS

Form

Past forms use the auxiliary verbs *be* or *have* and the past or present participles.

I was running: auxiliary verb *be* + present participle (*-ing* form)

I have been running: auxiliary verb *have* + past participle form of *be* + present participle form of main verb

Meaning

Timelines are a useful way of showing meaning with these tenses as they are about

- past time and its relation to present time
- completeness or incompleteness
- duration or the lack of it.

These can all be shown visually on a timeline.

Draw the following timelines on the board or copy them on to an OHT or interactive whiteboard. Then ask students to match them to the sentences in 1a.

- 1 past _____ X _____ now (past simple)
- 2 past _____ →→→→ _____ now (past continuous)
- 3 past _____ ? ? ? _____ now (present perfect)
- 4 past _____ →→→→ _____ now (present perfect continuous)
- 5 past _____ X _____ X _____ now (past perfect)
- 6 past _____ →→→→ X _____ now (past perfect continuous)

- 2 Students choose the correct alternative. They check answers in pairs before discussing as a class.

Key

- 1 made (finished action, specified time in the past)
- 2 I've (action that began in the past and has continued up to now – it's incomplete)
- 3 passed (finished passed action – the action lacks duration)
- 4 read (past action with a present result – we use the simple form because the actions are complete)
- 5 was (finished past state)
- 6 forgotten (happened before another time in the past – one action, not a continuous action)
- 7 been having (happened for a period of time leading up to another past action – ongoing and continuous)

- 8 were leaving (action in progress at a point in time in the past); turned (single past action)
- 9 have always seen (started in the past and still true now)
- 10 switched (single past action – the continuous form would suggest that the action was repeated over and over again)

3 Students complete the sentences. They check answers in pairs before discussing as a class.

Key

- 1 called, was going
- 2 have had, have taken
- 3 looked, was, had been snowing
- 4 have been waiting
- 5 received, opened, read
- 6 have been studying, haven't made
- 7 had forgotten
- 8 has been barking

4 Ask students to read the text quickly first for general meaning and to summarise for their partner what the experiment revealed.

Key

The experiment revealed that it is the words we use and not our body language that tell people whether we are lying or not.

Students correct the incorrect forms. They check answers in pairs before discussing as a class.

Key

- a have been g had finished
- b did k happened

i Cultural information

See page 24 for note about Richard Wiseman.

Sir Robin Day (1923–2000) was a political broadcaster and commentator. He was a combative and enquiring political interviewer and was well known for his bow ties.

TEACHER DEVELOPMENT: CLASSROOM TIPS

There are three demanding exercises on this page which examine students' understanding of form and meaning. You do not have to work through them all. If students show a good understanding of form, miss out an exercise, or set it for homework, and spend more time doing some speaking.

- 5 Give students three or four minutes to prepare their questions. Monitor and prompt students who are short of ideas.
- 6 **SPEAKING** Ask students to interview their partner. Set a time limit of four to five minutes. Then ask a few individuals to summarise what they found out.

Alternative activity

Ask students to prepare questions in various tenses to interview their partner about their English learning experiences. Ask them to carry out the interview in pairs or as a mingle – students walk round the room and interview three people before sitting down.

Example questions

- 1 When did you first buy a dictionary? / Have you ever been to an English-speaking country? When did you go? (past simple)

- 2 How long have you been studying English? (present perfect continuous)
- 3 Had you ever studied 'future in the past' before today's lesson? (past perfect simple)

TEACHER DEVELOPMENT: CLASSROOM TIPS

Error correction

While students are interviewing their partners, surreptitiously note any errors in form, meaning or pronunciation involving past tenses. At the end of the activity, write five or six sentences containing errors on the board. Don't comment on the sentences yet. Students work in pairs to correct the errors.

This is a very effective way of dealing with error. It means that you do not interrupt the students' spoken fluency while they are speaking, but students are aware that you are listening to them so they concentrate harder on using language appropriately. It also means that speaking tasks are followed up by a useful reflective task on the language used.

Homework

- ▶ Refer students to the **Workbook, page 4.**

▶ Developing vocabulary p9

Word formation – suffixes

Warmer

Write the following words in a list on the board: *useful, usefully, useless, uselessness, useable, user*. Ask students to work in pairs to talk about what the suffixes are and to say how they change the meaning and part of speech of the root word *use*.

Key

- ful: makes *use* an adjective and positive – it has use
- ly: forms an adverb
- less: makes *use* an adjective and negative – it has no use
- ness: forms a noun
- able: makes *use* an adjective expressing ability – it means that it can be used in some way
- er: makes *use* a noun and a person with a job or role – somebody who uses something

- 1 Students copy the table into their notebooks and complete the columns. They work in pairs or individually before checking with a partner, as they prefer.

Key

- Adjective: *-ical, -able, -ly* (as in *friendly*), *-ant, -ful, -less, -al, -ible*
- Noun – abstract/concrete: *-cy, -ment, -ence, -tion, -ity*
- Noun – person: *-or, -ist, -ant, -er*
- Adverb: *-ly*

TEACHER DEVELOPMENT: LANGUAGE

Word formation

Root words can be various parts of speech. *Consider* (a verb) becomes *considerable*, and *thought* (a noun) becomes *thoughtful*. The form of some root words changes before the suffix is added. For example, *description* derives from the verb *describe* not 'descript'.

Friendly is an adjective even though it has the suffix *-ly* which commonly goes with adverbs. To make an adverb from *friendly*, it is necessary to use a phrase: *in a friendly way* or *in a friendly manner*.

- 2 Students work in pairs to add suffixes to the words. If they find this difficult, allow them to use dictionaries to check their guesses.

Key

- 1 painful, painless, painfully
- 2 accidental, accidentally
- 3 complexity
- 4 improvement
- 5 scientist, scientifically
- 6 helpful, helpless, helper, helpfully, helplessly
- 7 thoughtful, thoughtless, thoughtfully, thoughtlessly
- 8 enjoyable, enjoyment, enjoyably
- 9 intelligence, intelligently
- 10 believable, believer, believably
- 11 frequency, frequently
- 12 creation, creativity, creator, creatively

- 3 Working in pairs, students add suffixes to the columns and think of further examples.

Key

Adjective: -ive (dismissive, elusive), -y (tricky, sulky), -ic (pessimistic, organic)
 Noun – abstract/concrete: -ance (reluctance, resistance), -ure (tenure, closure), -dom (kingdom), -ness (sadness, usefulness), -ship (friendship)

Exam success

Discuss the information in the box with the class. Refer students to *Exam success* on page 148.

- 4 Apply the guidance in the *Exam Success* box by asking students to quickly read the text first. What did the researchers find out?

Key

People return more lost wallets which have photos of babies than wallets with photos of other things, and that people are generally quite honest.

Ask students to look at the first gap and to predict what type of word is needed (a noun, a person, a plural). Elicit *researchers*. Ask students to complete the task individually and then to check with a partner.

Key

- | | | |
|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| a Researchers | e significant | h protection |
| b accidentally | f unbelievable | i popularity |
| c conclusion | g considerably | j dishonesty |
| d effective | | |

- 5 Students work in pairs to find and discuss the words which end with *-ish* in the sentences. In feedback, elicit different suggestions before revealing the answer.

Key

The suffix *-ish* makes the meaning of a word less exact. It can mean 'more ...' or 'less ...'. It is often added to numbers or descriptive adjectives.

- 6 Give students three or four minutes to note down adjectives to describe themselves. Then put them in pairs to compare ideas.

Extra activities

Students write a short description of themselves using the adjectives they chose for the speaking activity. Their description could be in the form of a profile for a class magazine or social networking website, or an astrological profile based on their star sign.

Students work in pairs to prepare a short description of someone in the class using words with suffixes from the lesson. Ask them to read out the description without saying who the person is. For example, *She is a tallish student with longish hair. She's insightful and likeable, and works as a journalist for ...* The rest of the class have to guess who it is.

Homework

Ask students to write a personal description or a description of someone who is important to them.

▶ Refer students to the **Workbook, page 5**.

▶ **Click onto... Fraternities and sororities p10–11**

Warmer

Ask students to work in pairs to think of five things that people in their country do in their first week at university. Allow three minutes for this, then elicit a few ideas and write them on the board.

Example answers

Make friends; join clubs; find a room or flat; buy books and materials; meet their tutors, go to their first lecture or seminar

International cultural knowledge: Social life in US universities

- 1 Students discuss the questions in pairs. In feedback, encourage students who have interesting tales about their experiences of clubs or societies to share them with the class.

Key

The photo shows a group of US university students.

Extra activity

Students look at the questions in the subheadings of the text on page 10. Before they read the text, they discuss the questions in pairs and discuss what they know about US universities and the fraternity system. Then they skim the text to find answers to the questions.

Key

What are they? – Fraternities and sororities are social organisations for undergraduate students in North American universities.

What do they do? – They bring people together and help them make friends.

Are they competitive? – They used to be – now they only compete in sports and raising money for charity.

Why do fraternities and sororities sometimes have a bad reputation? – Their joining ceremonies are dangerous.

- 2 Students read the text and find the answers. Encourage them to scan the text to find the information they need for each

question. They can compare their answers in pairs before discussing as a class.

Key

- 1 They are for bringing people together and encouraging people to help and support each other.
- 2 Because historically they had names which used two or three Greek letters.
- 3 The term originates from the first letters in a short Greek sentence or motto.
- 4 They bring people together and help them make friends.
- 5 A place of residence or a place to eat.
- 6 Sports and raising money for charity.
- 7 Forcing someone to perform a difficult initiation task.
- 8 Undergraduates don't tell anyone about them because they are desperate to join the fraternity.
- 9 Initiation has always been like this and all previous members had to suffer the same tasks, and this is the only way to know if somebody is going to be completely loyal to the organisation once they are brothers or sisters.

i Cultural information

Who's Who is an annual publication which gives brief biographical details of well-known people. It was first published in the UK in 1849.

Princeton University is in New Jersey, USA. It was founded in 1746. It is one of the Ivy League universities, the most prestigious universities in the USA. There are eight Ivy League universities – Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth College, Harvard, the University of Pennsylvania, Yale and Princeton.

Word booster

Students match words and definitions. They compare their answers in pairs before discussing as a class.

Key

- | | | | |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 b | 3 a | 5 e | 7 f |
| 2 d | 4 c | 6 g | |

TEACHER DEVELOPMENT: LANGUAGE

Vocabulary development

To teach some of the difficult words and phrases in the text, write the following definitions on the board and ask students to match them to words in the text. Alternatively, write the words from the text on the board, ask students to find them in the text and to guess their meaning from the context. Give them the definitions after they have tried to explain the meanings.

for the sake of = for reasons of

unify = bring together

ban = prohibit

public at large = the general public

philanthropic = generous with charitable work

keen = enthusiastic

pledge = make a promise to be loyal

3 SPEAKING What about you?

Students discuss the questions in pairs or small groups. In feedback, encourage students with interesting things to say about their own experience to talk to the class.

Inside information

Ask students to read and comment.

i Cultural information

The Phi Beta Kappa Society was founded by a Greek scholar called John Heath. The College of William and Mary was founded in 1693. It is named after a British king and queen – America was a British colony at the time. The three Greek letters (*Phi Beta Kappa*) are the first letters of a motto which in English is 'Philosophy is the guide of life'.

Some European universities have student organisations like the ones in the USA. In Germany and German-speaking countries, a *studentverbindung* is an organisation of students and former students. Their most famous tradition is the *Mensur* – a form of fencing. At the University of Coimbra in Portugal, fraternities are called *Republicas* and are run by students. In Sweden and Finland, fraternities are called *Nations* and date from medieval times.

International cultural knowledge: Rush Week

- 4 LISTENING 1.01** Ask students to remind you what they found out about Rush Week in the text. Then ask them to work in pairs to think of at least one other thing they would like to find out about the week. Ask students to quickly read the text and guess what words or types of words might go in the gaps. Play the recording. Students listen and complete the text. They compare their answers in pairs before discussing as a class.

Audioscript

Before Rush Week actually begins we have an orientation night – that's always on a Friday night – and the idea of that is that you can come along with your parents and we explain, to you and to them, what Greek life is like here at the university. You and your parents can pick up some leaflets and brochures we have, and more importantly you can ask some of our students any questions that you have.

Then the first real night of Rush Week is where you go to each chapter house. You get thirty minutes at each house. That's not much time, so everything's very fast, but you'll have a great time. There's a lot of singing, clapping, laughing, and above all talking. You'll want to find out as much as possible about each sorority but they'll also want to know about you. Don't be nervous. You want to like them and they want to like you!

Now, the second night of Rush Week is usually our philanthropy night. There are philanthropy parties where you can work side by side on philanthropy projects with representatives of the different sororities. Remember this is a great chance to find out what type of projects each sorority is most interested in, and what they do to help. Ask as many questions as you want.

OK, now the third night is most people's favourite. That's when we have sisterhood parties. Members of each sorority prepare a short presentation ... usually they're hilarious ... to show what their group is all about. This is where you can get a really good idea about what day-to-day life is like in each different organisation.

Then the next night we organise the preference parties. These are really important, and it's the most serious night. This is when you get a last chance to listen to people talking about their group. After this party, you all go back to the Student Center and you sign your preference card. Try and think back on each night and decide where and when you felt most comfortable. Remember, you should base your decision on your feelings, not on anybody else's.

All right? Finally, we come to Bid Day, the last day of recruitment week. This is when invitations are given out by the sororities. When you get your invitation you can join your new sisters at a welcome party. It's such an exciting time. Enjoy!

Key

a	Friday night	e	find out	i	day-to-day life
b	your parents	f	nervous	j	preference
c	30 minutes	g	philanthropy	k	Student Center
d	chapter house	h	sisterhood	l	welcome


Homework

► Refer students to the **Workbook, page 6**.

► Listening p12

Warmer

Write *urban tribes* on the board and elicit as many different types as you can (eg chavs, punks, goths, metalheads, rags, sloanes, indie sceners, ravers, bikers, skaters, skinheads, mods, beatniks, teddy boys and hippies). What do the students know about these tribes? Do they belong to an urban tribe, or have they belonged to one in the past?

- 1** **SPEAKING** In pairs, students describe the photo. In feedback, point out the ostentatious jewellery (bling) and the contrasting designer clothing.
- 2** Introduce the term *chav* and elicit ideas. Build up a list of characteristics on the board.
- 3** **LISTENING**  **1.02** Play the recording. Students listen and check their predictions. Write on the board any characteristics they have on their lists which are mentioned by the speakers.

Audioscript

PRESENTER: Hello and welcome to *Angry Old Men*, the programme where oldies like myself take a look at the modern world ... and complain about it. If you're like me, then you're probably confused by how fast the world is changing. To help you understand more about society today, each week we invite a young expert to explain some modern mysteries. This week Charlotte Harris, Professor of Sociology at Northlands University, is here to tell us all about chavs. Charlotte, let's start at the beginning. What exactly is a chav?

CHARLOTTE: OK. A chav is a young person, usually working-class, who is not well-educated. Chavs usually wear designer clothes, particularly top sports brands, and they usually wear big, gold jewellery.

PRESENTER: Hmm. Now that you mention it, I have seen quite a few of those around, in shopping centres and so on. Wearing white tracksuits and white trainers. They always seem to have big logos all over their clothes too.

CHARLOTTE: That's right.

PRESENTER: Now, Charlotte, one of the things I, and I'm sure many of our listeners, have always wanted to know about chavs is where the name chav comes from.

CHARLOTTE: Hmm. Experts don't really agree about this. There are two common theories. One is that it's an old Romany word that just means boy or child. But another theory says that chav comes from the name of a particular place, a town in Kent called Chatham.

PRESENTER: Is that where chavs come from?

CHARLOTTE: It's not really fair to say that chavs come from any particular region, it's more a nationwide phenomenon, I would say.

PRESENTER: I see. Now, chavs do seem to have a bad reputation, don't they? Why do you think that is, apart from their bad taste in fashion, that is!

CHARLOTTE: Two reasons, I think. Firstly, just about every youth movement in the past has had a bad reputation when you think about it. So historically speaking that's not too surprising. Secondly, I think newspapers and TV love making them seem worse than they really are. They blame them for everything that's wrong with the country, and make it seem there are far more chavs than there really are. They've even created the idea that there are 'celebrity chavs'.

PRESENTER: Really? Can you give us some examples?

CHARLOTTE: Some newspapers have suggested that the Beckhams are celebrity chavs. The footballer Wayne Rooney too. I'm not sure he'd be very pleased about that though. You'd have to ask him.

PRESENTER: Hmm. I think I'll let you do that ... One thing you haven't mentioned so far is music. Are there any chav bands or chav singers?

CHARLOTTE: Not exactly. Chavs are associated with different types of music. If anything, I would say that they're closest to hip-hop. Because chavs are an exclusively British phenomenon, there are now some British hip-hop artists who are popular with chavs. There's a group called *The Streets*, well, really, it's just one person, called Mike Skinner, and he's written songs where the words often include chav words and expressions. He's been really popular.

PRESENTER: Charlotte, as you know, I'm an old man, I'm sixty-eight next month, although I know I look younger. I've seen so many of these, what do you call them, urban tribes come and go – mods, rockers, hippies, punks ... Do you think chavs are here to stay?

CHARLOTTE: Hmm. That's difficult to answer. I think the fashions will change, but, who knows, maybe they'll keep coming back into fashion at different stages in the future. One thing that I think is significant is that you can now find the word chav in English dictionaries. That means that, whether you like it or not, they *have* made a real impact on British culture in general.

PRESENTER: Thank you *so* much, Charlotte. On a personal note, as an 'Angry Old Man', I will not hide the fact that I would not mind at all if chavs completely disappeared in the future. Next on the programme we're going to try to explain another modern phenomenon – flash mobs. And we'll ...

