

Outcomes

Intermediate – Dictation

Teacher's Notes and audioscripts

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.

Audioscripts

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.

Dictation 2 – units 5-8

One of my friends spent last summer travelling round Europe by train and she brought me back an apron from Lithuania, I think it was, to wear while I'm cooking. It's the best souvenir I've ever had. It's made from this beautiful hand-woven material and it has a lovely stripy pattern which she said is typical from there.

Dictation 3 – units 9-12

Why don't resource-rich countries invest in factories? Well, largely because of corruption and conflict, but it's also because economic instability can reduce investment. Global prices of natural resources vary a lot. If the price falls suddenly, there is obviously crisis. But big price rises are also bad. When resource prices go up, the country's currency also rises.

Dictation 4 – units 13-16

Well, luckily, we were actually on a road and a car came past a minute or two later. It stopped and the woman driving said she'd take James to the nearest hospital. He kept saying he'd be OK, but she insisted and in the end we managed to get him to go – just to be safe. We got him into the car and she took my mobile number and promised to call me once there was more news.