
ANSWER KEY

Unit 1**A**

- 1 Suggested answers:
It's fascinating – full of history; it has a very vibrant nightlife – there's stuff going on 24–7; it's sprawling – it goes on for miles and miles; it's quite chaotic – there are new buildings springing up all over the place; it's really congested – especially during rush hour; cars just crawl along really slowly; it's quite polluted; the public transport is pretty poor – there's a very limited metro, but good ferries!
- 2 They wanted to get back to where they were staying on the outskirts of town and so took a taxi. The taxi got lost and had to stop a van driver to ask for directions. To get the van to stop, the taxi driver cut in front and forced it to stop! He then had to stop a couple of other people for further directions as well – and didn't even ask for extra money!

D

- 1 there's stuff going on
- 2 for miles and miles
- 3 It must've taken
- 4 not a sign of anyone
- 5 cut in front of the van
- 6 we'd agreed a price
- 7 Yeah, eventually
- 8 even outside of the rush hour
- 9 I really recommend it
- 10 It's spotless

Unit 2**A**

- 1 He comes across as being empty and stupid and fake. He seems very unprincipled – like he's only interested in getting ahead, in fame and in money.
- 2 He had a very individual way of dressing – he had long 'samurai-like' hair and always wore clogs, even when it was raining. He was very quiet, but very popular with American girls.
- 3 He had big ideals and was very optimistic. He believed he could cure racism (and hatred) through music. He was a very deep, spiritual kind of person.

D

- 1 he seems to be
- 2 comes across as being
- 3 just strikes me as
- 4 He doesn't deserve it
- 5 eccentric kind of way
- 6 wear it tied up
- 7 endless string of
- 8 Always have done
- 9 such a cynic
- 10 spiritual person, very deep

Unit 3

A

- 1 They complain about the transport system: the underground closes early and the night buses are full of crazy people; there's a lot of crime; the bus drivers – and the people in general – are rude; the customer service is poor; it's expensive – a bit of a rip-off; the shops close too early.
- 2 There's a thriving cultural scene – there are lots of galleries and museums; there's a great sense of history – there are lots of interesting old churches and buildings and so on; the weather is much milder than they expected
- 3 Answers will vary. Students should try and justify answers.
- 4 Answers will vary. Students should try and give reasons / examples.

D

- 1 drives me mad
- 2 know what you mean
- 3 was mugged once
- 4 crack down on
- 5 I wouldn't go that far
- 6 Tell me about it
- 7 costs a fortune
- 8 a thriving cultural scene
- 9 and so on
- 10 as I expected it to be
- 11 Apart from the drizzle

Unit 4

A

The first issue is the death penalty:

Next they discuss introducing a financial transactions tax, whereby money would be put away in case it's ever needed when a bank goes bankrupt:

Finally, they discuss plans to build a super-casino:

B

The first issue – Alexander is in favour. He's a fan of the idea of an eye for an eye, whilst Julia is totally against it. She thinks innocent people would end up getting executed and that if killing is wrong, then it's wrong – even if the state does it. Alexander thinks it'd serve as a deterrent, but Julia points to the US as an example of why this isn't true.

The next issue – Julia is for it. Alexander doesn't know where he stands and doesn't feel he can pass judgement.

The final issue – Alexander is in two minds about it – he can see benefits (it'd boost the local economy and create jobs) and problems (more people would end up addicted to gambling).

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|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 curb the amount of | 6 get into trouble |
| 2 their murder rate | 7 Wouldn't it just discourage |
| 3 an eye for an eye | 8 adopted the same law |
| 4 they brought back | 9 boost the economy |
| 5 if they go bankrupt | 10 addicted to gambling |

Unit 5**A**

- 1 The film was disappointing. It was supposed to be a terrifying horror movie, but it was just silly. It didn't live up to the hype.
- 2 Nicholas's new flat is better than his old one. It's much cheaper, he can walk to and from school / work, but he did like the old place and it was bigger.
- 3 The Thai restaurant was great. The food was really good and they stuffed themselves!
- 4 The morning after Yvonne felt ill. She stayed up late – she didn't get to bed until 3 – and then had to get up early. She felt rough.

D

- 1 haven't seen it, though
- 2 was going to be
- 3 didn't live up to
- 4 talking of expensive
- 5 That's outrageous
- 6 I bet that's nice
- 7 in reality
- 8 remembering foreign names
- 9 that reminds me
- 10 can't have been

Unit 6**A**

Conversation one

- 1 False. He's being sarcastic when he says *That's nice for you!*
- 2 True. People there make a mess, it's a hole and they live like pigs!
- 3 False. Nicci wishes Daniel wouldn't go on about it over and over again.
- 4 False. He decides to move out.

Conversation two

- 5 False. The sackable offence is passing on information.
- 6 True. They're launching a new product a week before them.
- 7 False. She added him on Facebook to try and make up with him after she'd gone behind his back to the boss.
- 8 False. She's unhappy that Daniel is spying.

D

- 1 hardly slept at all
- 2 must be deaf
- 3 Well, I'm glad someone
- 4 I've had enough
- 5 go on about
- 6 Either that
- 7 all due respect
- 8 don't pull your weight
- 9 you must be aware
- 10 be a coincidence
- 11 in an attempt to

Unit 7

A

- 1 The penguins showed homosexual behaviour *before* they were given a chick to rear (and then they continued to act in the same way as heterosexual parents). Homosexual behaviour had been noted *many times* in animals. *Nicci* and *Anna* found this unsurprising, whereas *Daniel* just doesn't believe it!
- 2 The see-through frogs have been developed *to use in the classroom instead of dissecting dead frogs* (see-through fish have been used for cancer research). They all agree that using it to research cancer is OK.
- 3 The inhaler is used to *help them recognise facial signals* (communicate better). It contains a hormone which autistic people have in low levels *for complicated reasons they don't yet understand* (it's not that simple).

D

- 1 heterosexual behaviour
- 2 how they reacted
- 3 bringing up the baby
- 4 Deal with it
- 5 How on earth
- 6 some kind of sci-fi movie
- 7 trace the spread of
- 8 found naturally in
- 9 a deficit of this
- 10 milder forms of
- 11 a breakthrough in

Unit 8

A

I = Iceland, C = Costa Rica

silvery half-light (I)	protected (C)	jungle (C)
honeymoon (C)	rugged (I)	Panama (C)
diversity (C)	cool (I)	stunning (I)
lush (C)	equator (C)	shimmering waves (I)

D

- 1 breathtakingly beautiful
- 2 the darkness
- 3 by candlelight
- 4 I'm getting jealous
- 5 I really will
- 6 snow-topped mountains
- 7 just picture it
- 8 something like 25%
- 9 rich in wildlife and flowers

Unit 9**A**

Suggested answers:

Nelson is the main security guard. He's very strict and won't let you in without an ID card.

The marketing manager deals with marketing: ads, IT campaigns, social networking and so on. She's very good with technology.

Jordana is the secretary. She knows everything about everyone. It's almost like she's the boss!

In the little kitchen, there's a kettle for making tea and coffee, a fridge and a temperamental microwave.

It's an open-plan office – 11 or 12 people work there and they all get on OK. It's *not* really distracting as you just get used to it after a while.

D

- 1 as long as
- 2 his bark is worse
- 3 So has theft been
- 4 Better to be safe than
- 5 comes up with ideas
- 6 count my blessings
- 7 go through these double doors
- 8 a really nice bunch
- 9 pretty decent working relationship
- 10 Doesn't it get a bit distracting

Unit 10**A**

Ed

pretty major: having a kidney removed – one of Emma's friends had one removed recently

amazing: the fact that we can function without one kidney (or other organs)

horrible / disgusting (Ugh!): chopping up a kidney and sucking it out through a tube (keyhole surgery)

nasty (Ooph!): the massive scar that the operation left

Emma

horrible: the film, Marathon Man, in which a dentist tortures someone

not a good thing: Ed having to have five times the normal dose of anaesthetic – there had previously been only one person like him in the dentist's experience!

D

- 1 carried out all these tests
- 2 Makes you wonder
- 3 I kind of wish
- 4 as long to recover from
- 5 donated it to medical science
- 6 compete with that story
- 7 the nerve in your tooth
- 8 It must've damaged
- 9 administer the anaesthetic

Unit 11**A**

- 1 True. She did 5K for charity.
- 2 False. This is Nicholas's suggestion, based on her time for running 5K.
- 3 False. She ran quicker when she was younger. She used to do it in 18 or 19 minutes.
- 4 False. Inspired by her gran, who died of cancer.
- 5 True. He plays *in* goal.
- 6 False. They lost by less than expected.
- 7 True. A rocket-like shot hit him in the face.
- 8 True. They congratulated him and said he'd been the toughest goalkeeper to beat the whole year.

D

- 1 assuming I could actually run
- 2 gasping for breath
- 3 going to burst
- 4 pleased with myself
- 5 'd be proud of you
- 6 glued firmly
- 7 a really tough fixture
- 8 anticipating a busy afternoon
- 9 To our delight
- 10 was down to me
- 11 streaming down my face
- 12 it was all worth it

Unit 12**A**

Students do not have to use exactly the same words, though you may correct errors as you listen.

Expected answers:

- 1 He was *cycling* through the town where he lives – and he hit a *hole* in the road – and fell off and broke his *arm* – he said he could see parts of the *bone* sticking out of his arm (though he may have been exaggerating) – he then got back on his bike and *wobbled* his way to the hospital – when he *checked himself in*, the people in the hospital said he must be *mad*.
- 2 When he was younger, he used to be a *sailor* – one day a wire *snapped* – and *sliced* three of his fingers off – there was blood *pouring* out of the wound – to stop the bleeding, he *burned* the ends of the fingers with a cigarette *lighter*.
- 3 He was in the *navy* – and saw active service during the *war* – a *bomb* went off and he got some *metal* from it in his *legs* – and then they gave him a *pension* and he left.

D

- 1 strong-willed and independent
- 2 whether he was exaggerating
- 3 Spare me the details
- 4 he just shrugged and said
- 5 was serving with them
- 6 or just plain stupid
- 7 saw active service
- 8 put it behind him
- 9 his own piece of land
- 10 gets up at dawn

Unit 13**A**

- 1 It had been lending money to people who couldn't pay back their loans and mortgages. Then house prices dropped because of the recession and the bank was left with a lot of bad debts.
- 2 They were killed by fellow policemen who were involved in a drug dealing ring, which the shot policemen were investigating.
- 3 It converts waste into electricity and fertilizer.

D

- 1 as far as I understand
- 2 seem to have got it badly wrong
- 3 more regulation to stop
- 4 something fundamentally wrong with
- 5 kind of terrorist attack
- 6 huge drug-dealing rings
- 7 It's supply and demand
- 8 hailed as revolutionary
- 9 can be extracted from
- 10 be out within

Unit 14**A**

- 1 Thursday at 2.
- 2 the recession / downturn; redundancies / people being laid off (or sacked)
- 3 corporate box at a tennis tournament
- 4 on a safari in Kenya
- 5 has been delayed
- 6 fire; destroyed its stock (kitchens)

D

- 1 to set up a meeting
- 2 a bit hectic
- 3 on the safe side
- 4 inundated with orders
- 5 turn things around
- 6 missed that somehow
- 7 Look who's talking
- 8 Stressed to be honest
- 9 and all sorts
- 10 all you can say
- 11 see what I can do

Unit 15**A**

The jacket

Nicci thinks the shirtless picture is very macho, for guys who like to show off their muscles. This is why she doesn't think Daniel would like it. However, he thinks he could get away with it if he had to, but admits it's not really his style. He thinks the outfit is a bit sad, like something someone who was trying hard to be cool might wear!

The man wearing the shorts

Daniel quite liked the outfit that was being worn by the guy / bloke on page 104, apart from the shorts. He's not a fan of shorts as he has skinny pale legs that look like a couple of white sticks when he wears things like that!

The red boots and pink tights

Daniel thinks it's hideous, but Nicci thinks it depends on who's wearing it. She has a friend, who has a pink bob and who wears some pretty wild clothes and loads of accessories and so on, and she might be able to pull it off.

The yellow dress

Nicci is slightly depressed that Daniel finds her attractive as she thinks the outfit is very predictable – the high heels and the low-cut dress. Daniel doesn't care. He thinks the woman looks stunning.

The blue jumper

Neither of them really like the blue jumper the girl is wearing. Nicci thinks it's not very flattering and is a weird shape. Daniel thinks it makes her look like she hasn't got a neck!

D

- 1 don't strike me as
- 2 lift the collar up
- 3 I was saying before
- 4 a couple of white sticks
- 5 unless I absolutely have to
- 6 really can pull it off
- 7 I bet you'd go for
- 8 I wouldn't say that either
- 9 doesn't seem too bothered
- 10 I wish I'd seen it

Unit 16**A**

Students do not have to use exactly the same words as were used in the video, but you may want to correct errors as you listen to them discussing their ideas and / or while rounding up.

Possible answers:

- 1 Ed *had been out for a meal* with some friends and then they decided to *have a spontaneous party* in the *flat* they shared. They put some music on – and *an old punk song came on* and he started jumping up and down. He then slipped and fell forward and *whacked his head on the wall* and passed out. *When he came to, there was blood streaming down his face* – and he had to have three stitches!
- 2 Emma *had to have her appendix out* because *it nearly burst*. She was lucky. *She could've died* if she'd left it any longer! It had been uncomfortable for a while, but *she was so busy she didn't really pay it much attention*. One day she woke up and it was *absolute agony*. *One of her colleagues insisted on driving her to the hospital*, and *half an hour later she was in the operating theatre!*

D

- 1 you would have been impressed
- 2 had been out for a meal
- 3 we put on some music
- 4 when I came to

- 5 pretty dramatic at the time
- 6 I lost count of the times
- 7 I had my appendix out
- 8 I could've easily died
- 9 it could've been stress
- 10 insisted on driving me