Pre-Intermediate Workbook audio scripts

Unit 4

1.14 Lesson 4A, Exercise 6

1

Yesterday morning the weather was terrible. It started to rain just after breakfast and it only stopped at about one o’clock. But then the sun came out and we spent the afternoon sunbathing in the park.

2

When we drove to school this morning, it was really foggy. It was so thick that we could only see about 20 metres ahead. Not only that, the road was really icy and slippery because the temperature in the night was about minus ten degrees Celsius. The bus driver had to drive really slowly and carefully.

3

It was school sports day yesterday. Unfortunately the sky was quite cloudy for most of the day and the sun didn’t shine at all. It was quite mild and we heard some crashes of thunder, but luckily it didn’t rain.

4

I went to play football in the park with some friends on Sunday morning. It was a lovely clear day but it was freezing cold and very frosty. There wasn’t any snow but the grass was completely white! Then in the afternoon the weather changed. The wind started to blow and it snowed quite heavily. By the evening there was about 10 centimetres of snow on the ground.

1.15 Lesson 4C, Exercise 3

1

**Man** Hi. Mrs Dennington?

**Woman** Yes, that’s me. Are you Mr Jones?

**Man** Yes.

**Woman** Come in, come in.

**Man** Hmm. I can see straight away there’s a lot of damage here!

**Woman** Yes. It was about twenty centimetres deep in my living room!

**Man** So, what would you like me to look at?

**Woman** Well, this wall by the kitchen. The water made a few holes near the bottom.

**Man** Oh yes, I see.

**Woman** Is it safe?

**Man** Safe? Yes, perfectly safe. You don’t need to worry about that. But it doesn’t look very good!

**Woman** So can you fix it?

**Man** Yes, of course. I suppose it’s about two days’ work, so … let’s say £300.

**Woman** That’s fine. When can you do it?

2

**Man** Did you read this article?

**Woman** Which one?

**Man** About California. They need rain!

**Woman** Really?

**Man** Yes. It says here that in some places it didn’t rain at all during the whole winter! The ground is so dry. Look at this photo.

**Woman** That’s amazing.

**Man** What are you having for breakfast?

**Woman** Just toast and jam. Do you want a piece?

**Man** Hmm. No, I fancy eggs.

**Woman** We haven’t got any eggs.

**Man** I can buy some at the shop next door.

**Woman** It isn’t open yet. You need to wait about twenty minutes.

**Man** Forget that, toast and jam is fine.

1.16 Lesson 4C, Exercises 4 and 5

1

**Woman** Hello.

**Man** Hi.

**Woman** I’m collecting for emergency relief. Can you spare a few coins?

**Man** Actually, I’m in a bit of a hurry. I need to get the supermarket before it closes.

**Woman** Which supermarket? The one in the shopping centre?

**Man** Yes …

**Woman** Oh, you’re fine. That’s just round the corner. And it doesn’t close until 8 o’clock. You’ve got ages!

**Man** Right … OK. So, what’s this charity?

**Woman** We’re collecting money for food packages to send to Somalia. The situation there is terrible: more than a million people have got nothing to eat. These photos show what’s happening there and how food packages are helping. Maybe if you can spare a minute …

**Man** Yes, yes. It looks terrible. I’ve got some money in my pocket … hold on.

**Woman** Anything you can spare …

**Man** Here.

**Woman** Thank you!

2

I was in Japan when it happened, but not near that part of the coast. In fact, I was in Tokyo. I was working there for a few days. While we were having a meeting, somebody heard the news or saw it online. And then everyone was talking about it – in Japanese, of course. I didn’t know what was happening because my Japanese isn’t very good. I had lessons for a while but I found it really difficult! Anyway, I knew something was wrong. I could tell that from their faces and from their voices when they talked. After a few minutes, somebody explained to me in English. Later I saw it all on TV, how that enormous wave came in and destroyed everything on the coast. It was shocking.

3

I took a gap year at the end of my university course. I studied medicine, but I didn’t want to be a doctor – my interest was in research. I wanted to be a scientist. Anyway, for my gap year, I went to Cameroon in Central Africa. I got a job helping a medical charity and stayed for the whole year. Basically, I worked as a doctor’s assistant in one of their medical centres. We were really busy because that year, there were a lot of cases of Yellow Fever. It was spreading fast, and people were coming to the medical centre every day with the disease. It took ten months to get it under control. After that, I changed my plan – I didn’t want to be a scientist after all. So I went back to the UK and finished my training to become a hospital doctor. That took two years. Now I’m looking for a job – and I’d love to go back to Africa.

4

**Woman** Look out of the window. What a great view!

**Man** Yes, it is. Amazing. Look at those trees – and that mountain in the background.

**Woman** It’s a volcano, I think.

**Man** Is it? Yes, maybe. I’m not sure.

**Woman** We can ask.

**Bell boy** Here are your suitcases, madam.

**Woman** Thanks very much! Can I ask you a question?

**Bell boy** Yes, of course.

**Woman** Is that a volcano or just a mountain?

**Bell boy** It’s a volcano: Mount Bagana. But don’t worry – the last time we all had to leave the hotel was five years ago.

**Man** Only five years? So, it’s an active volcano?

**Bell boy** Yes, active. But it’s quiet now.

**Woman** For the moment …

**Bell boy** Yes, for the moment.