

Student's Book Audioscript

- 8 high-risk
- 9 narrow-minded
- 10 well-behaved

6.3

- 1 low-cost airline
- 2 extra-curricular activity
- 3 dead-end job
- 4 feel-good movie
- 5 groundbreaking research
- 6 high-pitched voice
- 7 labour-saving device
- 8 high-heeled shoes
- 9 eco-friendly detergent
- 10 life-changing experience

Lesson 6B

6.4

- 1 a hang up b hung up
- 2 a app b up
- 3 a crashed b crushed
- 4 a ran out b run out
- 5 a rang b rung

6.5

- 1
- A What did she say?
- B She didn't say anything. She just hung up.
- 2
- A Oh no. I don't believe it!
- B What's up?
- 3
- A My computer's just crashed and I hadn't saved.
- B Oh no, how annoying.
- 4
- A Can you print out this letter for me?
- B Sorry, the printer's run out of paper. We'll need to get some more.

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- A Is there still no news from the plumber?
- B Yes, he rang this morning to say he was coming.

6.6

Interviewer How much do you depend on your phone in daily life?

Clive I'm a journalist, and when you're a journalist, it's very difficult to turn your phone off. My job can be unpredictable – for example, being sent to Las Vegas to cover the worst shooting in American history. You know, I get a phone call and I'm on the next flight out.

Interviewer Would you describe yourself as a techie?

Clive Not really. I only really use WhatsApp and Twitter. I know there's a whole world of apps out there, but I don't feel as if I'm missing out – I mean, I don't sit on the Tube frantically playing games on my phone.

Interviewer So deleting apps wasn't a problem for you?

Clive Well, I missed the two I normally use. But my phone's mainly for reading newspapers and getting information for stories.

Interviewer How did you find the challenges?

Clive Days 1 to 4 weren't a problem at all. In the evening, it feels absolutely fine to put my phone away. When I go out for dinner with my wife and leave my phone behind, it makes no difference because it would never ever be on the table. In fact, I get a little irritated if I'm in a group and someone is scrolling through a phone. I don't say anything; I just quietly get wound up.

Interviewer So there was nothing you missed?

Clive Not really. My only real guilty pleasure is checking the football, but the bottom line is, if I wasn't at work, I could live without my phone.

Interviewer What about the last three days?

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Clive Days 6 and 7 were more difficult. At the weekend, I normally work from 1 p.m. until after my programme ends, News At Ten, about 11 p.m., and without a phone it's tricky to get a heads-up on the stories before work. I considered going out and buying the papers, but part of the attraction of the phone is you don't have to go out in the cold, so I broke the rule and turned my phone on to go through the papers. I was also panicking that if the Queen dropped down dead, or some other big news story, they wouldn't be able to get hold of me, and I'd quite like to keep my job, so I decided to keep my phone on, but just not to look at it.

Interviewer What did you learn from the challenges?

Clive What I learned is that I use my phone more than I thought. By the end of the week, I was actually using it more than when I started. I still like to think I prefer talking face-to-face, but I missed not being able to pick up the phone when I wanted to use it. And I use Twitter more than I thought.

Interviewer What did you decide you couldn't cope with?

Clive I couldn't cope with not being kept in the loop with friends on WhatsApp. There were group messages I couldn't read or respond to.

Interviewer And what can you do without?

Clive I still think I can do without social media, but as a journalist, I have to play along with it up to a point, because this is how the world works.

Interviewer Clive's results were surprising. His daily phone screen time had actually gone up from 45 to 50 minutes, and his number of pick-ups a day from 11 to 16. So maybe he just didn't need to divorce his phone in the first place!

6.7

A

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B

...the weird thing is, as far as I'm concerned, is that she doesn't really like eating what she makes. In fact, I don't think she has a sweet tooth.

C

I wouldn't exactly say he was a hypochondriac, because he doesn't often go to the doctor, but I do think it's an obsession...

D

She also has two or three that live in her flat, and she even used to have one that lived in her office, but I think it died.

E

She collects the films themselves and as much merchandising as she can. She has dolls from the films, small toys, and anything she can find.

6.8

A

My nephew Sacha is absolutely obsessed with Lego. He's nine years old now, but he's been crazy about Lego since he was, well, since he was about three or four years old, and he is so good at assembling the things that he makes – he never asks for help, he never has done, what he does is he just reads the instructions and then he does it himself. When he wrote his letter to Santa this year, he just put Lego, Lego, and more Lego. Then a couple of days after Christmas, his parents, that's my brother and my sister-in-law, had a lunch party and a load of people came with kids, kids who were friends of his, and he just refused to come out of his room and he wouldn't

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play with them because all he wanted to do was carry on making one of the Lego sets he got for Christmas. I've never seen a kid quite so obsessed, and for such a long time, with one particular toy.

B

My sister-in-law, Miriam, she's really into baking. She has a very demanding job: she's a surgeon, but she spends loads of her time baking. I think she's got every single cookery book, baking book, that's in print, and in her kitchen she has a million and one different cake tins and equipment. I have to say she's incredibly good – makes the most amazing cakes, biscuits, whatever – but the weird thing is, as far as I'm concerned, is that she doesn't really like eating what she makes. In fact, I don't think she has a sweet tooth. Very weird.

C

So, my partner, Miguel, is totally obsessed with his health, you know, absolutely obsessed, and it drives me up the wall. He's always talking about how he feels, and taking his blood pressure on this wee machine he's got for it and how everything he's eaten has affected his body and, like, he talks about how many times he's been to the loo, I mean, seriously. And he also takes all these, you know, like vitamins, you know, supplements and stuff, like the fridge is full of them. I wouldn't exactly say he was a hypochondriac, because he doesn't often go to the doctor, but I do think it's an obsession, and nothing makes him happier than sitting down with a lovely herbal tea and a mate and going on and on about his health problems. And of course, you know, at the end of the day there's actually nothing wrong with him, he's like the healthiest person you've ever met, so it's quite a joke really.

D

I've got a Polish friend called Dagmara who has a bit of an obsession with cats. She's got this small plot of land with like, a shed near where she lives, and she's got about 40 cats there which she goes and feeds every day and they've all got names. And she's always rescuing new cats she finds all over the place and taking them there. She also has two or three that live in her flat, and she even used to have one that lived in her office, but I think it died. And everything in her house, like mugs towels, crockery, all of it has got something to do with cats. And like, she's so normal in about every other way, but she does have a thing about cats. It's kind of weird.

E

A mate of mine, well, his girlfriend Silvia, really likes, actually, I think it's fair to say she's obsessed with Disney. Anything Disney, the films, she collects the films themselves and as much merchandising as she can. She has dolls from the films, small toys, and anything she can find. She even wears clothes, and the clothes have pictures of Disney characters all over them. Right now it's getting a bit out of hand, because she doesn't have a very big flat and there's Disney stuff everywhere and it takes up all the room, there's toys all over her bed. Her boyfriend's getting a bit fed up with the whole thing and I can't say I blame him.

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