

- B:** My sister.  
**A:** Get out of here!  
**B:** Yeah, she moved to the city, too. She found a job here and she needed a place to stay.  
**A:** Well, it makes sense for you two to live together, then. I'm really happy for you.  
**B:** Thanks.

## Module 4

### 4c

**1.**  
 Good morning. News is coming in of a huge storm that hit the east coast last night. Experts believe it was a category three hurricane and one of the worst in the last ten years. The strong winds have damaged or completely destroyed several houses as well as important buildings. More than 200 people are without a place to sleep tonight. The Super Stadium is open for people affected by the disaster and volunteers are there to help anyone in need.

**2.**  
 Good afternoon. Today has been another day of bad weather all over the country. Yesterday authorities closed many of the main roads coming in and out of the city. Many schools didn't open for the third day running. Residents have decided not to stay at home, though, and the streets are full of people enjoying the extreme weather. Experts expect more snow before the week is over, but better conditions and higher temperatures on the weekend.

**3.**  
 Good afternoon. Here is the main news. Rescue workers are making slow progress at the shoe factory in Northfield, where a fire broke out last night, destroying half of the building. Most of the workers escaped without injuries but part of the building collapsed and some workers didn't make it out. The rescue team is in contact with the workers, two are injured, but the other 18 are healthy and in good spirits. Let's go over to Janice Simpson at the scene...

**4.**  
 Good evening. Here is the news at 8 o'clock. Strong winds hit the southwest of the country today, causing serious damage in the area. The continuing heavy rain has flooded many areas. Students at Kingsley High School were in danger this afternoon as water levels from the nearby Edison River became dangerously high. Luckily, rescue teams got all the students out and nobody was hurt. In other parts of the country, the storms continue...

### 4d

**A:** Hey, Noreen! You're back! So, how was your vacation in Iceland?

- B:** Awesome. The place was beautiful, but you won't believe what happened on the second day.  
**A:** What? Tell me.  
**B:** It was pretty unbelievable. I decided to take a bus tour to a volcanic area in the south of the country. We left early in the morning and, after some time, the bus stopped so that all the passengers could take some pictures and relax a little. I was feeling very tired after the long journey and so I decided to go to the bathroom to freshen up. I washed my face, put up my hair and changed my T-shirt and went back to the bus. To my surprise, when I arrived back, everybody, including the driver, was searching for a missing passenger.

- A:** So what did you do?  
**B:** Well of course I wanted to help in the search, so I joined one of the search parties. We walked around the nearby area trying to find the missing person.  
**A:** Did you?  
**B:** No, after about an hour of searching and no luck, we went back to the bus. The driver called the police and soon after, they arrived with a rescue team. They even had a helicopter!  
**A:** Wow! And? What happened?  
**B:** Well, I was standing close to the driver of the bus. He was giving a description of the missing passenger to the police and rescue team and I suddenly thought "Wait a minute... that kind of sounds like me!"  
**A:** Oh, no... You're kidding, right?  
**B:** Unfortunately, I'm not! I was shocked! I ran over to the driver and told him that maybe I was the person they were looking for. He looked very surprised and called all the passengers back onto the bus. When he counted us again and called out names, he realized that we were all there. All that time I was looking for someone who was, in fact, me! Embarrassing!  
**A:** But hold on a minute. Didn't any of the passengers recognize you when you first got back to the bus?  
**B:** No, I think because I changed my T-shirt, I looked different.  
**A:** What about your name? Didn't they say your name throughout the search?  
**B:** Well, the group I joined didn't remember the name of the missing person, and I didn't ask anyone else. Anyway, in the end we all laughed about it.  
**A:** Hmmmm. I bet the police didn't find it very funny...

## Module 5

### 5b

- 1.**  
 This is a final boarding call for passengers on flight R217 to Calgary. Would passengers on this flight please proceed to Gate 14.  
**2.**  
 Your attention, please. Check in for flight 2110 to Paris is closing. Passengers who have not checked in for this flight please proceed to the check-in desk.

**3.**  
 Ladies and gentlemen, the captain has turned on the Fasten Seat Belt sign. If you haven't already done so, please put your carry-on luggage underneath the seat in front of you or in an overhead compartment. Please take your seat and fasten your seat belt. Also make sure your seat back and folding trays are in their full upright position. Please ask the cabin crew if you need any help. Thank you.

**4.**  
 This is your captain speaking. I'm sorry to say that we can't land at our destination because there is a heavy snowstorm. We are currently searching for an airport to land at. Again, I'm very sorry for the inconvenience.

**5.**  
 This is your captain again. Let me be the first to welcome you to Frankfurt. The local time is 9:45 a.m. and the temperature is a cool 59 degrees. I hope you enjoyed your flight and if you are connecting to another flight, please pay attention to the TV monitors in the terminal building for your gate number.

### 5c

- A:** Welcome back. Summer is almost here, and that means it's time for a vacation. But before you go, there's that eternal problem you need to deal with. What to take? What not to take? How much to take? It can be pretty stressful, but don't worry. Carrie is here to give you a few tips.  
**B:** Hi, Steve.  
**A:** So, what's the first thing to think about?  
**B:** Well, let's start with things you shouldn't pack. Airlines lose about 40 million suitcases every year, so you'd better not put valuable things, like expensive jewelry, into luggage you are going to check in.  
**A:** Yes, I try to avoid doing that. Anything else we shouldn't take with us?  
**B:** Well, most countries don't let you enter with fruit and vegetables, and in fact most uncooked food. But some countries have strange rules about what you can't enter with. For example, in Singapore you're not allowed to bring chewing gum into the country.  
**A:** Really? Why's that?  
**B:** Well, they're trying to stop people from sticking gum in public places. They like to stay clean in Singapore. But my point is, do some research about the country you're visiting before you leave.  
**A:** OK. Now, let's get more practical. Whenever I travel, my main problem is trying to pack light.  
**B:** You're not alone, and it's not always an easy thing to do. A good idea is to call the hotel, or friend you're staying with before you leave and ask if they have a hairdryer, towels... Anything that you can leave behind is going to help you travel light.  
**A:** That's good advice. I always want to know whether the hotel has an iron or not.  
**B:** Also, you'd better have a good idea

of what the weather is like at your destination. That way you can avoid taking clothing you don't need at all. You should try to avoid "just-in-case" clothes, which you're never going to wear. Also, try to wear your heaviest shoes and coat while you're traveling so that you don't need to pack them in your suitcase.

**A:** More good advice. Thanks, Carrie. Now let's talk about...

## 5d

Northern Africa Travel. If you would like information about our day trips to Morocco, press one. For our cruises to Tunisia, press two. For other destinations, press three.

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We organize day trips to Tangier, Morocco every week. The trip starts with a drive from the Costa del Sol to the town of Tarifa, at the southern tip of Spain. From there, you travel by high-speed ferry across the Strait of Gibraltar to Morocco. The journey continues on a bus to the beautiful city of Tangier. Our walking tour begins at the main gate entrance into the Medina, the old city. One of the main attractions is the Kasbah. You can also visit a 17th-century palace which today is a museum. There are also souks, or markets, where you can get some souvenirs to take home. Then, we stop for lunch at a traditional Moroccan restaurant where you can taste some delicious dishes and some traditional mint tea. The trip continues with a visit to the impressive Cave of Hercules, about 9 miles outside the city, and to the white sand dunes. Here you have time to explore, take pictures and the more adventurous can even ride a camel. We finally say our goodbyes over dinner and begin our trip home.

Prices start at 60 euros for adults and 40 euros for children and students. For families or groups of five or more, the price is 50 euros for adults and 30 for children and students. To book tickets, please wait on the line for the next available agent...

## Module 6

### 6a

**A:** Hi, Dom. What are you reading?

**B:** It's a quiz with interesting questions about your carbon footprint.

**A:** That's all you hear about nowadays. Everybody knows about it.

**B:** Are you sure? This quiz gives you a better understanding of the problem and I'm sure there are things you have never thought of. Do you want to give it a try?

**A:** Sure. I will get them all right.

**B:** Look at question number 1. A flight from London to Hong Kong is the same as using how many plastic bags?

**A:** Umm... I'd say 300,000.

**B:** Lucky guess. You're right. But isn't it amazing?

**A:** Well, I know traveling by plane is pretty much the worst thing you can do.

**B:** OK, let's continue. Which packaging

helps you reduce your carbon footprint?

**A:** Well, no packaging is the best. But I suppose the answer is "paper".

**B:** That's what I put. But it's actually plastic.

**A:** No way!

**B:** Yeah, producing paper and cardboard creates about ten times more carbon dioxide than plastic bags.

**A:** Really? I use reusable bags, so I'm OK.

**B:** What about the third question? Which of these increases your carbon footprint more?

**A:** Well, I think buying locally produced food is good for the environment. So, I'll say "buying nine pounds of imported bananas".

**B:** Wrong again. Bananas aren't too bad, because they travel by ship, and they have their own packaging. But out-of-season flowers come from hot countries and they travel by plane to stay fresh. So they increase your carbon footprint more.

**A:** I told you about planes. What's the next question? I'll get this one right.

**B:** What produces 2 pounds of carbon dioxide?

**A:** Umm... I don't think it's the plane. The plane produces a lot more. Using a computer for 32 hours? No, I don't think so. But it's definitely not both.

**B:** Come on.

**A:** I don't know. I'll choose "a", the plane.

**B:** Sorry, it's "c". Both "a" and "b".

**A:** Oh, that's not fair. So, using a computer produces so much carbon dioxide?

**B:** Well, yes. It has to get energy from somewhere.

**A:** You're right. This quiz makes you think.

### 6c

**A:** Good afternoon. It's been over 40 years since Neil Armstrong walked on the moon. Since then, people have wanted to know, where next? Well, Mars is top of the list, and here to talk about Martian exploration is Robert Brody, from the University of West Virginia. Welcome, Professor Brody.

**B:** Hello there.

**A:** So, when did it all begin?

**B:** Well, actually, it all started hundreds of years ago with the invention of the telescope. Since then, we have been able to see what Mars is like, and have a better idea of what we might find there.

**A:** When was the first spacecraft sent to Mars?

**B:** Well, space scientists tried to send a few unmanned spacecraft in the early 1970s, but without success. The probe *Viking 1 Lander* landed first, in 1976. It was a successful mission and it sent back information about Mars, including the first photographs from the planet.

**A:** Did it return home?

**B:** No, it's still there. But it sent information to Earth for 2,245 sols.

**A:** Sols?

**B:** I'm sorry, a sol is what we call a day on Mars. It's a little longer than an Earth day. And there are 668 sols, or Martian days if you like, in a Martian year. That's

twice as long as an Earth year.

**A:** I see. Interesting information. So, tell us professor, what is happening at present?

**B:** Well, as we speak, there is a probe on Mars. Scientists at NASA are able to move it around and gather rocks and soil, and analyze them. Basically, they are looking to see if there was any life on Mars in the past.

**A:** Is there any life there now?

**B:** I very much doubt it. Mars is a dry, cold place with very little atmosphere, not the sort of place where life usually exists. But we could change all that with terraforming.

**A:** What's that?

**B:** Terraforming is taking a planet, like Mars, and changing the atmosphere, the temperature and so on, so that it will be possible to live there.

**A:** Is that really possible? I mean, can scientists change a planet's atmosphere?

**B:** We're doing it already, with global warming. Ha, ha. In theory, it could be possible, and many scientists are working on solutions to create an atmosphere on Mars similar to the atmosphere on Earth. But it is an enormous task that would take a long time.

**A:** Still, it gives you something to think about...

### 6d

#### Beth

Young people find it really hard to imagine the world without the Internet, but the way I see it, things were better in the past. When people needed information or an answer to a question, they searched in books or asked around. But most importantly, they tried to think and work out the answer themselves. Nowadays, they immediately go online, even for very simple questions. People have stopped thinking and that is a problem. They depend on the Internet too much.

#### Jack

I can't imagine life without the Internet. I surf the Net or chat every day. I have lots of cyberfriends and it takes time to stay in touch with them. My favorite pastime is playing online video games and I can do that for hours. Then I always watch a movie online, or read the newspapers. I can spend all day in front of the screen, and sometimes I do, which is a problem. I order a lot of junk food because I never have time to cook and, as for exercise, when can I find time for that? To be honest, I think I should start being careful, maybe change my lifestyle a little.

#### Julie

The Internet? Well, it's very useful. You can send e-mail and stay in touch with people all around the world and find information about the strangest topics. And of course, the funny videos you come across are unbelievable! However, there is one thing that worries me: giving out my personal details. For example, I don't feel safe buying things online and giving my credit card number. And as for social media sites, well,