

LISTENING (scripts)

Task 1

UNIT 1 Getting to Know Someone

Girl: So, how long have you been here?

Boy: I've been here er just a couple of days actually; I haven't been here long at all. I'm on a big er big journey, round, you know I'm going all over the place. What about you?

Girl: Well, I ... I live in Portugal, but I've (yeh?) been here now two weeks and I'm staying for a month.

Boy: Oh, wonderful, you see . . . coming down here's like for you a summer holiday?

Girl: Yes. I come every year. I come for a month, and, you know, we have a nice time here.

Boy: Oh . . . where do you live ... up in Lisbon or somewhere like that?

Girl: Yes . . . (laugh) yes, I do.

Boy: (laugh) . . . how did I guess? Well, I'm just, I'm just on this big journey, you know . . . around about. I'm just freewheeling for a bit.

Girl: Where're you from?

Boy: Australia, from Sydney (Goodness!) ... yes ... yeh, I was at university, you know, I just finished and er, thought I'd go off round the world for a bit.

Girl: What a long way to come . . . that's ... you have along holiday, then, because, you know, to ... you ...?

Boy: Well, I've finished studies you know ... I ... I haven't started work yet, so I thought I'd just take some time - however long it takes - to go round the world (Oh, marvellous!) If I need some money, I just work where I am, you know (Ah, ah.) But at the moment, I'm just here having a holiday up the campsite - wonderful here. I've, I've just arrived in Europe - a couple of weeks ago. I went to France and er . . . I came round er through the United States, and I went right across the States and er I've come across to Europe now, France, now Portugal.

Girl: Oh, wonderful!

Boy: Yeh, I'm just going really places where the windsurfing's good, 'cos that's er, that's what I like to do best.

Girl: You windsurf!! Listen maybe if you like, you can come over and have supper with us...

Boy: Oh, that would be lovely.

Girl: Well, you can tell us all about your stories and you. . . we can make you a very nice meal, how about that?

Boy: ... would be marvellous ... a wonderful Portuguese meal ... a real Portuguese meal, how lovely, that'd be marvellous ...

Girl: Good.

Task 2

UNIT 9 And They All Lived Happily Ever After

Friend: How did you meet David then?

Storyteller: Well, there was a couple of friends and I, we decided we wanted to go on holiday to Greece . . . just at the end of school. We hadn't got much money, we saved up, I did some babysitting, I worked in a shoe shop on a Saturday. We got some money together and we went off. Anyway, oh . . . the journey, oh . . . that's a story in itself. We got the train from Victoria, we went down to Dover, we got on the ferry to Calais (Yeh). We got on another train over to Athens. Now, that was where we went wrong because, well, at first, I thought we went wrong ... got on the train to Athens and it was so crowded, you wouldn't believe it ... it was unbelievable . . . we had to stand all the way. We got to the Greek border, we ... we ... at the back of this train, there was an empty freight van, so we climbed into that, and honestly it was wonderful ... it was the best way to see it ... it was a really clear night and we travelled through the night and you could see everything and oh ... it was (Great) wonderful, really good. Anyway, we had a few days in Athens . . . that was really hot and crowded, and then we decided we would go off on a cruise. And that's where I met David. He was there with some friends . . . he's American . . . he was there from the States. And er . . . we met, we danced a couple of times at the disco, and

we went round the islands, and they came with us . . . we all palled up. And it was really nice ... you know, typical holiday romance . . . And I thought, oh well, that's it, you know, won't see him anymore. I went back home and er he went off to the States and er ... I suddenly got a letter! And he wrote to me, and next thing I went out and had a holiday over there, and he came back and had a holiday here . . . and, er, two years later we got married, and we've been together four years now ... and it's really great, I've never, ever regretted it ... really fantastic.