FILE 4

Listening 1

Jack
Hello. Jack speaking.

Jane
Hi Jack. How are you?

Jack
Jane! How amazing. I’ve been meaning to phone you. What have you been up to?

Jane
Well, loads, actually. I’m still in Milan working for a fashion house. But I’m back in England for the weekend – I’m at my mother’s – I got back two days ago. I thought maybe we could meet up. I could come up to London, maybe.

Jack
Sure. Maybe on Sunday. So how’s Milan?

Jane
Well, hard work actually. Really long hours, so I’m tired all the time. At least I don’t have time to be homesick or anything. So why were you going to phone me?

Jack
What would you say if I told you that I’d been offered a job in Milan?

Jane
I’d be amazed. Doing what?

Jack
Well, I’ve decided that I’d rather not carry on at college, so I thought I’d do a bit of travelling for a year or so. And this job came up – teaching kids.

Jane
Teaching them what?

Jack
English. I’ve always been interested in grammar and stuff. And, well, what do you think?

Jane
I think you’d be mad to do that. You shouldn’t throw away two years of study like that. I thought you were enjoying the course you were doing.

Jack
Well, I was, I suppose. But I’ve just got a bit fed up with it recently. And it’ll be two more years before I graduate. I just feel I’m not doing very well. If I’d known it was going to be so hard, I would’ve done something else. I don’t think I’m cut out to be a fashion designer somehow.

Jane
Well, OK. It’s your life. But I honestly don’t think you’re doing the right thing. I hope you’ve thought about this a lot.

Jack
Don’t worry, – I have. But listen, if I do take the job in Milan, do you think I could stay with you until I can find my own flat?

Jane
Well, OK. It’s your life. But I honestly don’t think you’re doing the right thing. I hope you’ve thought about this a lot.

Jack
Well, OK. But I honestly don’t think you’re doing the right thing. I hope you’ve thought about this a lot.

Jane
Mmm. That’s easier said than done. You haven’t seen the size of my apartment – it’s tiny. And it isn’t just up to me, you know. I’ll have to ask the girl I’m sharing with. But, if you can’t stay with me, I’m sure you could stay with one of my friends for a while – he’s got a huge flat.

Listening 2

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Fiona
OK. Here’s the scenario. You’re walking down the street and you find a wallet. You open it up and there’s one thousand pounds in it. But nothing else. No identification. No pictures or driving licence. Nothing. What would you do with it?

Ben
Well, erm … I wouldn’t even touch it. If I saw a wallet on the floor, I’d just walk on by. I’d leave it for someone else to worry about.

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Fiona
What about you, Martin? What would you do if you found this imaginary wallet?

Martin
Oh, I’d definitely pick it up and see what was inside. The person who dropped it might’ve left an address or phone number, but, to be honest, I’d probably just put it back if there was no address. What else can you do? Maybe the person who dropped it will come back and look for it. If you took it away, then the person who lost it could never find it.

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Fiona
What would you do, Sally?

Sally
Oh, I suppose you should take it to the police, but I suspect I might just pick it up and spend all that money on shopping. Oh dear. That’s not very honest of me, is it?

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Fiona
Amanda, if you found a wallet full of cash, what would you do?

Amanda
Well, I wouldn’t believe my luck for a start, but you couldn’t possibly keep it, could you? I’d take it to a police station, of course, and let them sort everything out, but I’d expect that whoever’s wallet it was might give me some money for being so honest.

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Fiona
And what about you, Tim? What would you do?

Tim
Well, I wouldn’t give it to the police. I’d probably do something like put up a sign in a local shop or on a lamppost asking people to ring my mobile if they’ve lost a wallet. Then if they could describe the wallet and tell me what was in it, I’d meet them and give it back. I suppose I might get a lot of jokers calling, but I’d just have to live with that.