

Starter

➤ Exercise 3b (p. 5)

Hi, my name's Peter. I am fourteen years old.
Hi, I'm Sally. I am thirty years old.
Hello, my name is Susan. I'm twelve years old.

Module 1

➤ Exercise 2 (p. 8)

Hello, I'm Kate. My favourite hobby is basketball. It's great!
Hi, my name is Bob. My favourite hobby is reading. My favourite writer is Stephenie Meyer.
Hello! My name is Rosa. My favourite hobby is art. It's also my favourite subject at school.

➤ Exercise 2 (p. 10)

- 1 Hello, my name's Peter. I am a firefighter. It's a dangerous job.
- 2 Hello, my name's Kelly. I am a nurse at Morton Hospital.
- 3 Hello, my name's Anna and I like painting. I am an artist.
- 4 Hi, my name's Steven and I love animals. I am a vet.

➤ Exercise 6a (p. 15)

Good afternoon, listeners. Police are looking for four missing people. The first missing person is a middle-aged man named Chris Morgan. Chris is 56 years old. He has got short grey hair, blue eyes and a moustache. The second missing person is a girl named Sally Radel. Sally is 25 and of medium height. She has got long, straight, fair hair and green eyes. Police are also searching for Mary Carmichael. Mary is eighteen years old and has got brown hair and brown eyes. She is slim and of medium height. We are also looking for Jim Grady. He is a tall man in his late sixties. He's got a beard, a moustache and grey hair. If you see them, please contact the nearest police station.

➤ Exercise 1b (p. 18)

Hi, my name's Paul. I'm 18 years old and I'm from Florida. I am a student at the University of Florida. I'm good at sports. I can swim and dive. I can even dance and I can play the guitar. It's my hobby. I can't cook or sing.

➤ Exercise 5 (p. 18)

A: Good morning. Can I help you?
B: Hello. I'm here to join the football team.
A: Great! Let me take your details. What is your first name?
B: Kelly.
A: Nice to meet you, Kelly. What's your surname?
B: Samuels. That's S-A-M-U-E-L-S. Samuels.
A: Great. Kelly Samuels. OK, next question. Are you single or married, Kelly?

B: I'm single.
A: OK. Single. And what nationality are you?
B: I'm American.
A: American ... OK ... and how old are you, Kelly?
B: I'm 19.
A: And what's your address?
B: 1515 Primrose Street, Portland. That's number 1515, Primrose P-R-I-M-R-O-S-E Street.
A: Last question. What is your telephone number?
B: My telephone number is 503-153-5482. That's 503-153-5482.
A: Thank you, Kelly. The first football team meeting is this Saturday. See you there!

➤ Exercise 2 (p. 20)

Quiz show host: Welcome, viewers, to today's quiz show on famous landmarks. Contestants, Alex and Kelly, are you ready?

Kelly: Yes.

Alex: Yes.

Quiz show host: OK. Here is the first question. In which city is the Great Sphinx?

Alex: It's in Beijing, China.

Quiz show host: Sorry, Alex, that's wrong. Kelly?

Kelly: It's in Giza, Egypt.

Quiz show host: Correct, Kelly. The Great Sphinx is in Giza, Egypt. Next question. Where is the Leaning Tower of Pisa?

Kelly: It's in Italy.

Quiz show host: That's right, Kelly. The Leaning Tower of Pisa is in Italy. Kelly, you now have two points. Third question. In which country is the Sun Pyramid of Teotihuacán?

Alex: It's in Mexico.

Quiz show host: That's right, Alex. The Sun Pyramid of Teotihuacán is in Mexico. Fourth question. Where is the CN Tower?

Kelly: It's in Washington, D.C., USA.

Quiz show host: Sorry, Kelly, that's wrong. Alex?

Alex: It's in Toronto, Canada.

Quiz show host: Correct, Alex. The CN Tower is in Toronto, Canada. Kelly and Alex, you both have two points. Fifth question. Where is the Taj Mahal?

Kelly: It's in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Quiz show host: No. Sorry, Kelly. That's wrong.

Alex: It's in Agra, India.

Quiz show host: Correct, Alex. The Taj Mahal is in Agra, India. Last question. Where is the Emerald Buddha?

Kelly: It's in Bangkok, Thailand.

Quiz show host: Correct, Kelly. The Emerald Buddha is in Bangkok, Thailand. Kelly and Alex, you both answered three questions correctly. It's a tie! Congratulations to you both!

➤ Exercise 4b (p. 22)

Anna: My favourite hobby is cycling because I'm good at cycling and I can ride my bike very well. I have got a beautiful bike. It's blue.

Sam: My favourite hobby is swimming. I can swim very well and I'm good at diving, too. The swimming pool is near my house so I can swim every day.

➤ **Exercise 5c (p. 23)**

Speaker A

I'm Antony and I'm from Brazil. Most people in my country are good at football, but I'm not. My favourite sports are basketball and cricket. I can't play cricket well, but I'm very good at basketball. I'm in the school team.

Speaker B

I'm Becky from the UK. My hobby is reading. I enjoy reading everything and anything. I don't like sports because I'm not any good at them. My friends play basketball and football, but I can't play any sport at all. I'm not artistic either so I can't paint and I can't play a musical instrument.

Speaker C

My name is Chris and I'm from Ireland. In my free time I like listening to music and playing sports. I'm really good at cricket and I play for the local team every weekend. I play football and basketball at school, too, but I'm not a very good player.

Speaker D

I'm Donna from Scotland. I can play the piano. I really love it and I'm not bad at it. I'm not into sports, but I sometimes watch football on TV. My favourite hobby is painting. I'm really good at it.

Module 2

➤ **Exercise 2 (p. 25)**

(TOM) In my house there is a large living room, a modern kitchen, 4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. My favourite room is my bedroom.

➤ **Exercise 2b & 2c (p. 40)**

Speaker 1

I live on the top floor of a block of flats. I can see a beautiful park from my bedroom window, and a famous building from my living room window. People on the floors under me can't see what I see. I am very lucky.

Speaker 2

I don't like catching buses or trains so it's important for me to live very close to a supermarket, a chemist's and a post office. I want to walk out my door and have all the shops I need. Luckily, my flat is in an excellent location. It's great. I can buy anything I want quickly.

Speaker 3

I live in the city centre in a lovely flat. There are huge glass windows in every room so my flat is very bright. I always have the windows open - in the winter and in the summer. Luckily, I live on a top floor of a block of flats so there isn't any noise from the street. I don't like noise.

Speaker 4

I live in a brand new flat. I love it. But I haven't got lots of brand new things in it. I've got lots of old things because I think old tables, sofas and desks are so nice. I have got a bookcase that is 100 years old. It's beautiful. Everyone notices it. Things that are only a few years old are not very interesting.

Speaker 5

There isn't much space inside my flat, but that's OK because I live alone and I haven't got a lot of furniture. Also, I am always out with my friends. I don't like to stay at home. It's much more fun to be out doing things! So it doesn't matter that the rooms in my flat aren't big.

Speaker 6

I live in the city, but I am lucky because there is a big outdoor space with flowers and trees beside my block of flats. In the summer, I sit under the trees and read. It is always very quiet. I only hear birds. It is very relaxing.

➤ **Exercise 5b & 5c (p. 41)**

Brenda: Hi Stuart. Are you in your new house yet?

Stuart: Hey Brenda. Yes, and it's great.

Brenda: What's it like?

Stuart: It's big. It's got 2 floors and a big garden out the back.

Brenda: How many rooms has it got?

Stuart: It's got a large living room and kitchen, a dining room, 5 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms.

Brenda: Wow! What's your room like?

Stuart: It's quite large and bright. It's got a great view of the garden.

Brenda: That's great. What about the garden?

Stuart: It's really big and it's got a lot of trees and flowers in it and a pond with 5 fish in it.

Brenda: Cool! Is it in a nice area?

Stuart: Yes, it's really nice. There's a park nearby.

Brenda: So, what's your favourite thing about it?

Stuart: My bedroom. It's great having my own room now.

Brenda: You're so lucky! Your house sounds really amazing.

Stuart: It is. Why don't you come round and see it?

Brenda: Thanks, that would be great.

Module 3

➤ **Exercise 6a (p. 47)**

Sam: Hi, Olga.

Olga: Hi, Sam.

Sam: This is my friend, Nestor.

Olga: Hi, Nestor. Nice to meet you!

Nestor: Nice to meet you, too.

Olga: Do you go to our school?

Nestor: No, I live in Boston. I go to school there.

Olga: What's your favourite subject?

Nestor: I like all of my subjects, but I don't like Maths. My favourite subject is Science.

Olga: Really, I like Maths, it's my favourite subject. Do you do any sport?

Nestor: Yes, I do. I really like baseball. What about you?

Olga: I like watching sports, but I don't like playing them. Well, I have to go. I have to get up early tomorrow.

Nestor: Not me, I don't like getting up early, but sometimes I don't have a choice because I live in a flat and my flatmates are loud.

Olga: I know what you mean. I live in a flat, too and I have loud neighbours. Well, it was nice to meet you.

Nestor: See you later, Sam.

Sam: See you.

Nestor: Bye.

➤ Exercise 2a (p. 49)

- 1 A: What time is it?
B: It's twelve o'clock.
- 2 A: Excuse me. Do you have the time?
B: Yes, it's two thirty.
- 3 A: Can you tell me the time, please?
B: Sure. It's five fifteen.
- 4 A: Excuse me. What time is it?
B: It's twenty to eleven.
- 5 A: What time is it, please?
B: It's eight fifty now.
- 6 A: Excuse me. Do you have the time?
B: Yes, it's a quarter to ten.

➤ Exercise 1a (p. 54)

Ann: Is this your family, David?

David: Yes, we are on an excursion. That's my dad, John. He's tall and has got a beard and a moustache. He's very kind. Next to him is my mum, Helen. She's very gentle. In front of her is my sister, Sally. Behind Sally is Tony, my brother. He's very funny.

Ann: You have a great family, David.

David: Thanks.

➤ Exercise 4 (p. 54)

Nick: Hi, I'm Nick. I'm your new neighbour. This is Burt.

Amy: Oh, hi Nick, Burt. I'm Amy. Are you brothers?

Nick: No, Burt's my cousin. I don't have any brothers or sisters. What about you?

Amy: I have a twin brother and two sisters.

Nick: Wow! That's pretty cool.

Amy: Yes, it is.

Nick: What do your parents do?

Amy: They both work in the same hospital. My mum's a nurse and my dad's a doctor. What about your parents?

Nick: Well, my mum's a teacher at an elementary school. My dad's a pilot. He lives in Toronto.

Amy: You mean they are divorced?

Nick: Yes. My mum and I live with her parents now.

Amy: Is this your grandma?

Nick: Yes, it is. Come and meet her.

➤ Exercise 3 (p. 56)

Teacher: Good morning, class. Today's lesson is all about reptiles.

Reptiles date back about 280 million years. Yes, that's right! Dinosaurs are the most famous reptiles of all, even though they are not around anymore. These days, there are about 6,000 types of reptiles including snakes, lizards, turtles, alligators and crocodiles.

Some reptiles are dangerous. Some have got very sharp teeth, such as alligators. Some species of snakes are poisonous, such as tiger snakes in Australia and Coral Snakes in the Americas, to mention a few.

We can find reptiles all over the world, except in very cold places. Some live on land and some live in water, but most of them live in hot, humid and tropical places. This is because reptiles have got cold blood. Reptiles are animals with a backbone and, except for snakes, most reptiles have four legs. Reptiles come in all shapes and sizes. Some are less than 5 cm long while others grow up to 9 metres long.

Most reptiles are meat-eaters and eat other animals and insects, but a few lizards and turtles only eat plants.

Now, let's watch a short film about reptiles ... (fade) ...

➤ Exercise 2b (p. 58)

James: Emma! Look! This is a photograph of my family.

Emma: Oh! Who is the woman with the light hair and blue eyes, James?

James: That's my mum. Her name is Charlotte.

Emma: Wow! Your mum is pretty! Who's next to her?

James: That's my aunt, Anna. She's an actress.

Emma: Really?

James: Yes. She's an actress on TV.

Emma: And who's this?

James: That's my sister Katie. She's at university. She studies languages. She can speak Spanish and Italian.

Emma: Can she? How old is she?

James: She's 21. She lives on campus at Oxford.

Emma: And who's this?

James: That's my brother Sam. He's 18.

Emma: He's got brown hair and brown eyes just like your sister!

James: I know. Katie and Sam look like my mum, whereas I look more like dad.

Emma: Is this your father, here?

James: Yes. His name is Lucas and he's 47. He's a vet. He likes his job a lot.

Emma: It's my dream to become a vet! My parents are both vets and my favourite subject is Biology.

James: Is it? I'm no good at Science. I want to become an author.

Emma: You write really well. I read all your articles in the school newspaper.

James: I'm glad you like them.

Module 4

➤ Exercise 7 (p. 69)

- A** *Sonya*: Can I have a bunch of those, please?
Merchant: These red roses?
Sonya: No, the yellow tulips. These flowers are my favourite.
- B** *Merchant*: Good afternoon. What can I get you?
Peter: I'm so thirsty. It's too hot for coffee, can I have a large juice, please?
Merchant: Sure. One large pineapple juice. That's £2, please.
Peter: Here you are. Thank you.
- C** *George*: Hi, I'm looking for a present for my mum.
Merchant: You must see this scarf.
George: It's nice, but that ring is perfect.
Merchant: Good choice.
- D** *Alfred*: That's beautiful. How much is it?
Merchant: It's £10. We make this pottery ourselves. I can paint your name on it.
Alfred: That's great.

➤ Exercise 3 (p. 72)

Cinco de Mayo, Nebraska

People in Omaha, Nebraska, are getting ready to celebrate Cinco de Mayo. The festival starts on April 30th and ends on May 2nd. The first evening is very special, you can watch them crown the queen! It begins at 6:45, so be sure to get there early. People of all ages can enjoy going on carnival rides and watching the fantastic parade. And that's not all! Don't miss the live music, delicious food, and all the great fun! On May 1st there's a special treat, a burrito eating contest! It's free to enter so bring your appetite! Sunday May 2nd is the 5K run/walk. It starts at 9 am, so you can wake up and run! What a great weekend! Make sure you don't miss it!

➤ Exercise 2b (p. 77)

I'd take him/her to the restaurant in Picture C. The place is popular with young people because it's modern and stylish. The service is fast and it's got a lively atmosphere. It might be a bit busy and the music is loud but I'm sure he'll/she'll love it. I wouldn't take him/her to the other two restaurants because although they look nice, I'm sure they are very traditional and suit older people's taste.

➤ Exercise 3c (p. 77)

The climate where I live

In my country, we have long, hot summers with very few showers. The temperature during the day is usually around 35°C. Sometimes though, on really hot days, temperatures can reach 45°C. Nights in summer are always hot, too.

I like the summer but it always seems to go by so quickly. It actually lasts longer than in most countries

and makes spring and autumn much shorter. In summer, sometimes it can be difficult to sleep at night when it's really hot, but not often.

I love autumn and spring the best because the weather is mild. It's nice and warm and not too cold. These seasons are fairly short – no more than 4 weeks each – and lead up to a cold winter.

It's a nice autumn day today and it's sunny, so indoors it's quite hot and if we go out, you'll see how warm it is.

Generally it doesn't rain very much, so people don't have grass lawns because they need a lot of water. Some people don't have gardens or they have very small ones that are easy to look after. Most people, though, have desert plants, such as Yuccas and cacti, that don't need much water to survive.

Module 5

➤ Exercise 2 (p. 79)

- 1** *Mark*: So, Jane, how was your weekend?
Jane: It was very nice. It was exciting to see the giraffes and take photographs of the monkeys.
- 2** *Mary*: What was the play like, Tony?
Tony: It was amazing. All the actors were great, too.
- 3** *Sandy*: Where is my book? I can't find it on the desk.
Mark: It's on the table in my room.

➤ Exercise 4 (p. 82)

In ancient Rome, most people didn't have much time for fun. However, when they did have time, they all, rich or poor, loved to play games. They had fun ball games, board games, and also dolls and toy soldiers. One ball game was a lot like our popular game of football today. Romans went to bath houses once a day to bathe and swim. The ancient Romans worked hard all day. Most people could not read or write because they couldn't go to school. Only rich boys went to school. The ancient Romans loved music. They could play the flute and the guitar but they didn't have pianos. They didn't have bikes or cars either, so they didn't travel often.

➤ Exercise 3 (p. 90)

Most young people love films and they go to the cinema once or twice a month. We asked a few teenagers if they go to the cinema and what films they go to see.

Speaker 1

I actually go to see quite a lot of films and I don't really know if I can say that I have a favourite type. I'm not very picky and I think that I enjoy everything from comedy to horror. I guess I just love going to the cinema.

Speaker 2

Believe it or not, I rarely go to the cinema because I'm simply too tired in the evenings. The last time I went to the cinema was last summer. I went to see an old black and white film in an outdoor cinema and I fell asleep halfway through the film. I usually rent DVDs and watch them at home at the weekend, but even then I rarely see a film all the way to the end.

Speaker 3

I go to the cinema about three times a week, and sometimes more. I really enjoy going in the morning on Saturdays and Sundays and I mostly see adventure or action films. My parents get upset, though, because all of my allowance goes to the cinema.

Speaker 4

Films are a big part of my life. I couldn't live without them. I see a different film every night, either at the cinema or at home. I love thrillers and horror films and I have a collection of hundreds of DVDs. I really enjoy going to the cinema with friends. Last weekend we went twice. It was great.

Speaker 5

I love watching films and I usually see about four or five a week but never at the cinema. I don't know exactly why, but I can't stand the cinema. I prefer to watch films at home. My parents bought me a great big screen, so I always invite my friends over. What's more, it's cheaper than going to the cinema.

> Exercise 3b (p. 95)

Man: Hello, listeners. Today, Emma Samuels is with us. Emma is an archaeologist from London University. Emma, a few weeks ago you made an exciting discovery, didn't you?

Woman: Yes. Last month, when I was in Wales with some of my students, we discovered some ancient Roman buildings buried in a field that nobody knew about.

Man: Nobody knew the buildings were there?

Woman: No! We were the first people to discover them.

Man: Can you tell us a bit about the buildings?

Woman: Well, we aren't sure what the buildings are yet. All we know is that some of them are enormous. We think this means they were very important.

Man: Is one a palace, perhaps?

Woman: Maybe. We think one building was probably the home of a very rich person. So possibly it is a palace. We think another building was a huge warehouse where the Romans kept food.

Man: How exciting! Emma, is it common for archaeologists to find things from Roman times in Britain?

Woman: Yes, quite common. For example, a year ago, archaeologists discovered a gladiator cemetery.

Man: How exciting!

Woman: But it's not just professional archaeologists who make discoveries. Members of the public

sometimes find things too. For example, last year, a man found an ancient pot buried in a field that had over 50,000 Roman gold coins in it!

Man: Yes, I heard about that! Emma, how long were the Romans in Britain for?

Woman: They were here for about 400 years.

Man: And why did they leave?

Woman: They left because their homes in Italy were under attack. All the soldiers went back to Italy to fight.

Man: Thank you, Emma. That was very interesting.

Woman: You're welcome.

> Exercise 4b (p. 95)

Anna: I went to Paris, France. It was amazing! I went up the Eiffel Tower – the view from the top was fantastic! I visited the Louvre and saw lots of famous works of art. I also visited Notre Dame and went on a cruise down the River Seine. Paris is a great city to visit because there are lots of famous buildings to see and lots of things to do. Why don't you come with me next summer? We'll have a fantastic time!

Paul: I've gone to Barcelona, Spain. It was fantastic! I seen the Sagrada Família – it is a very beautiful building! I visited Güell Park. It has got lots of beauty. Also, I been to the beach. You should visit Barcelona because it is a good city to visit.

Module 6**> Exercise 2 (p. 97)**

It's very quiet and open here with no one around for miles. It must be late summer as the field is full of yellow corn. The weather is fine and the sky is blue with a few patches of cloud in it. The people are probably a group of friends. They are dressed in jackets and shorts and they seem to be wearing helmets. They are crossing the field from one side to the other. I can't see a road. They are going along what appears to be a path. I imagine they feel very relaxed and are enjoying the fresh air and the countryside.

> Exercise 3 (p. 108)

1 I've always dreamed of cycling across country and I was in great shape when I finally started my journey. At first, everything was running smoothly, but something really small turned into something big. I had a mild toothache that turned into an unbearable pain; I couldn't even eat my sandwiches! In the end, I had to take the train back home to see my dentist.

2 When my sister and I went to Hawaii last summer, we decided to hike up Kilauea, the Big Island's famous volcano. It was a long hike, but seeing the lava flowing was so amazing! Anyway, things took a bad turn when on the way back I stepped on a big rock and nearly fell over. I was in so much pain that we had to have a car drive us back to the hotel!

- 3 The first time I went skiing I was so excited that I went out and bought myself a new white snow jacket. That was a huge mistake. The temperature was just below zero and my nose was feeling really dry. My doctor says this is always a warning sign. On the way down my first slope I felt a warm liquid start dripping down my nose. By the time I got down the hill, my new jacket was covered with blood!
- 4 My friends and I decided to go camping in Italy during our Easter holidays. It was supposed to be four days in the great outdoors. Well, leave it to unlucky me to come down with the flu. I had such a high fever that when I woke up after falling asleep in the tent, my pyjamas were drenched in sweat!
- 5 We were so excited to be in India and since we love Indian cuisine, we started trying all the dishes at the hotel buffet. It wasn't the smartest thing to do. When we went on an elephant ride in the afternoon, we were both so full that we couldn't even enjoy it.

➤ **Exercise 4 (p. 108)**

D: Hello. What seems to be the problem?

P: I have a really bad cold.

D: What are the symptoms?

P: I feel very weak and I've had a fever since yesterday.

D: It sounds more like the flu to me.

P: Maybe you're right. What should I do?

D: I think you should stay in bed for a couple of days.

P: The problem is that tomorrow I have a really important exam at school.

D: I'm afraid you can't go to school. You can retake the exam when you're well again. Make sure you drink a lot of liquids and try to sleep it off. You can also take this to get your temperature down.

P: Thank you, doctor.

➤ **Exercise 6 (p. 109)**

Last winter I flew to Ireland to visit some cousins. I was very excited because it was my first time in a plane! I was on my own but John and Monica said they would come and meet me at the airport.

I went through check-in and, a little while later, boarded the plane and found my seat. When I looked out of the window, the weather was dark and stormy. Then the engines started and everyone fastened their seatbelts. The next thing I knew, we were up in the sky. At first, everything went smoothly. Then, suddenly, there was a flash of lightning and the plane started jumping around. The stewardess told us not to worry and to keep our seat belts fastened. After that, it just got worse and worse. The plane tipped over from side to side and I began to feel really scared. Fifteen minutes later, it dived down towards the ground at a huge speed. "We're going to crash!" I screamed as I closed my eyes in terror.

I couldn't believe it when we landed safely at the airport. As soon as my cousins heard about it, they laughed. Apparently, pilots often dive suddenly to avoid air pockets. All the same, I was very relieved to be down on the ground again!

➤ **Exercise 1d (p. 112)**

Speaker 1

Last year, I volunteered at an orphanage in Kenya. It was the most amazing experience. Volunteering makes you realise how lucky you are and teaches you to be grateful for what you have. The children at the orphanage were really sweet and I grew very close to all of them. When the time came to leave, I was really sad to say goodbye. I still send the kids postcards and letters in the mail. And I write to the other volunteers who were at the orphanage with me.

Speaker 2

This summer, I volunteered for two weeks at an orphanage in China. It was one of the best experiences of my life! I took lots of things from home to give to the children as presents – things like board games, toys and paints. It was so much fun watching the kids play with their new toys. Volunteering is very hard work though! I loved the time I spent at the orphanage but two weeks was enough for me. Many of the people I volunteered with stayed for longer than two weeks. But for me, two weeks was just the right amount of time.

Speaker 3

Two years ago, I volunteered at a large orphanage in Brazil. I made friends from all over the world and had the chance to work with an amazing group of children. Volunteering is an incredible thing to do because when you volunteer, you aren't just a tourist – you actually feel like you're living in that country. The local people treat you differently, too. They're so happy that you have come to help their community that they do everything to make you feel welcome. They treat you like you're a local, not just a tourist.

Speaker 4

Last year, I volunteered for a month at an orphanage in Vietnam. I chose a tiny orphanage in a mountain village in Northern Vietnam, so I was really surprised to find lots of other foreign volunteers at the orphanage. There were people from Europe, Australia and even South Africa, which was really great. I loved every minute of my volunteer experience. The children at the orphanage were all really happy and well looked after. I've already written to the manager of the orphanage to say that I want to come back next summer.

Speaker 5

Last summer, I volunteered at an orphanage in Thailand. My work at the orphanage was the most difficult thing I have ever done in my life! However, it was also the best experience of my life. I was only

meant to spend a month at the orphanage, but when the time came to leave, I didn't want to. That's why I stayed for two months instead of one. The children at the orphanage were really happy to have me there, and it felt great to see the smiles on their faces every day. I really recommend volunteering.

➤ **Exercise 2a (p. 112)**

The picture shows a group of teenagers on a bus. There are three girls near the front and a boy sitting behind them. Others are sitting at the back. The girls are wearing brightly-coloured clothes and smiling. They and the boy are sending texts or playing games on their mobiles. They all seem to be enjoying themselves so they are probably on a school trip somewhere. I personally find days out like this a welcome change from the dull routine.