

6.3 Vocabulary and skills development


GOALS ■ Recognize linkers in conversation ■ Understand and use adjective suffixes

Listening & Speaking linkers in conversation


WHAT THINGS CAN'T YOU LIVE WITHOUT?

In a study of 2,000 people from the UK aged 18–65:


1 in 20 said they need a foreign holiday once a year




6 in 10 said the things they can't live without have changed as they have got older




For **WOMEN** chocolate, a best friend, and a cup of tea are of high importance




For **MEN** it is football and a cooked breakfast



33% said they could easily live without their smartphone, computer, and social networking, but 60% said they would find it very difficult




77% say every item they own is replaceable



THE TOP TEN

1 Internet connection	6 Cup of tea
2 Television	7 A strong relationship
3 A best friend	8 Car
4 Daily shower	9 Glasses
5 Central heating	10 Coffee



1 In a recent survey in the UK, people talked about the items they couldn't live without. Look at the infographic and discuss the information with a partner.

- 1 Do the results surprise you?
- 2 Do you think the results would be different in your country?
- 3 What do you think would be in the top ten?

2a 6.7 Listen to someone being asked what she couldn't live without. What does she answer?

b 6.8 Listen and complete the extracts.

- 1 _____, somewhere where the weather is a bit more reliable.
- 2 _____, I'm sure the challenge keeps you healthy.
- 3 _____, we've just booked two weeks exploring the lakes and volcanoes of Nicaragua. I can't wait ...

3a What do you think the meaning/use of each missing phrase is in exercise 2b? Discuss with a partner.

b 6.9 Read and listen to the information in the Unlock the code box about linkers in conversation to check your answers.

UNLOCK THE CODE linkers in conversation

We use linkers to show how ideas are connected and to help listeners to follow the conversation. For example:

- to get someone's attention we may say *actually, in fact*
- to paraphrase we may say *in other words, to put it another way, what I mean is*
- to return to a previous topic we may say *as I was saying, anyway, anyhow*

- 4 Which sentence a–d follows 1–4 most logically?
- I wear a lot of make-up to feel confident.
 - I also think it will cost too much money.
 - I think you should always try something new.
 - I hate waiting at bus stops or in train stations.
- What I mean is, I'm a bit impatient.
 - In other words, don't stick with the same old things – you'll get old before you should.
 - Actually, I never leave home without putting it on. I just don't want people to see me without it.
 - Anyway, to get back to the point, I don't agree with the idea at all.
- 5a **6.10**))) Listen to four more speakers. What items can't they live without?
- b **6.10**))) Listen again and complete the extracts.
- Speaker 1: _____, I'm in charge.
Speaker 2: _____, I usually wear flat ones to get to the event.
Speaker 3: _____, where is it?
I had it a moment ago, wait it must be ...
Speaker 4: _____, I think the real reason I love it so much is ...
- 6a Work in small groups. Discuss the things you feel you can't live without. Give your reasons, using the phrases in the Unlock the code box on page 60.
- b Make a list of the top five things you can't live without.

Vocabulary & Speaking adjective suffixes

- 7a Look at these sentences from the listening in exercise 5 and underline the adjectives.
- Get nervous about catching the train.
 - I find it very stressful.
 - They're rather uncomfortable.
 - I only wear them to special events.
 - It reminds me of all the happy times I had ...
 - I'd be helpless without it.
- b How do you know they are adjectives? Read the Vocabulary focus box and check your answers.

VOCABULARY FOCUS adjective suffixes

We can make adjectives from verbs and nouns by adding suffixes. Some of the most common adjective suffixes are:

- ful → careful, cheerful
- less → helpless, careless
- ous → dangerous, nervous
- able → washable, sociable, reliable
- al → musical, practical
- y → cloudy, dusty

- 8 Add the correct suffix to complete the adjectives in these sentences.

-al -y -ous -able -ful -less

- Eating chips is not very health_____.
 - Mobile phones used to be really enorm_____. Now they're much smaller and lighter.
 - Most of our possessions are replace_____. We could live comfortably with a lot less.
 - She's really music_____. She can play three different instruments, and sing.
 - This guidebook is completely use_____. All the information is out of date.
 - My shoes may not be fashion_____, but they are very comfort_____.
 - I think this cheese is off. It's very smell_____.
 - She loves wearing very colour_____ clothes.
- 9a Complete the sentences so they are true for you.
- The one possession I own that is not replaceable is ...
 - To be successful in life, I think you should ...
 - I feel nervous when ...
 - I'm/I'm not a practical person. I can/can't ...
 - The most sociable person I know is ...
 - At weddings, it's traditional to ...
 - I think what I eat is healthy/unhealthy because ...
 - I find it easy/difficult to be cheerful when ...
 - I feel comfortable when ...
 - I'm totally useless at ...
 - I'd love to/hate to take part in dangerous sports because ...
 - I think you need to be very careful when ...
- b Compare your answers in small groups.

helpless
careless washable
cloudy dangerous
easy successful sociable
dusty useful
careful cheerful
difficult reliable practical
traditional nervous
replaceable