New Headway Elementary (fourth edition)
Practise your skills (Slovakia edition)

Tapescripts

**PRACTISE YOUR SKILLS UNITS 1–2**

T 1.1
Narrator: Audio profile 0, example
Hi, I'm Dean from Huddersfield. I'm 45 and looking for anything from friendship to the woman of my dreams. I'm an engineer, divorced, and a big football fan. I'm looking for someone of a similar age living in Huddersfield.

Narrator: Audio profile 1
Are you looking for a beautiful, lively young professional in her thirties? Well, you're looking for me, Stella. I'm 36, living in East Anglia, and working in property management. I'm looking for a fun guy, nothing over 44 please! You should be super sporty, and take good care of yourself.

Narrator: Audio profile 2
I'm Fred. I'm a retired widower in my early sixties. I have three grown-up children, who all live away from home. I'm looking for a lady companion to spend time with. If you love to dance, you'll be perfect for me. My passion is ballroom dancing, so, let's dance the night away together.

Narrator: Audio profile 3
Sheila. I've just divorced my husband after 30 years of marriage, and I'm looking for a good time, at last! Mr Right for me has to be romantic, caring, and have a good job. I love traveling, and I'm actually living in a camper van at the moment. You can be from any part of the UK, I can come to you!

Narrator: Audio profile 4
Hi, I'm Ed, a car mechanic from Norfolk. I'm 24. I love rugby and home cooking ... um, not my own though! I am looking for a mature woman in her thirties or forties. I would like a stable, loving relationship.

Narrator: Audio profile 5
Lucile White. How can I describe myself? Well, I work hard, I'm a doctor at St Barts, London. In my spare time I love reading, the cinema, theatre, and occasional trips to the countryside. I guess I'm looking for a soulmate with similar interests, preferably not a doctor, and no lawyers please! Sorry lawyers.

**PRACTISE YOUR SKILLS UNITS 3–4**

T 3.1
Julia: Are these photos of your family, Richard?
Richard: Yes, my mum's side of the family all live in the USA.
Julia: Really? You never told me that before! Where do they live?
Richard: In Boston.
Julia: Hey! I've got some cousins in Boston, too. Who in your family lives there, then?

Richard: My grandmother, my aunt and uncle, and my three cousins, John, Matt and Ellie. That's Ellie. She's the youngest. She's 25.
Julia: Is your grandfather still alive?
Richard: No, he died a few years ago.
Julia: Oh, right. So, how old is your grandmother?
Richard: She is 87 now.
Julia: Wow! That's amazing! I haven't got any grandparents now.
Richard: Yeah, she's great. She loves talking to everyone – she is very friendly.
Julia: What's her name?
Richard: Julia, the same as you!
Julia: You're kidding! I should visit her one day! Do you go and see the family a lot?
Richard: We usually go once a year if we can. But it's a bit expensive to fly to the States every year.

Julia: Yeah, I guess so, and if you all go that's four tickets. You, Linda and the two kids.
Richard: Yes, but time is also a problem. I prefer to go for a month and make a real holiday of it.
Julia: Yeah, you're right. It's not worth going all that way just for a week or two. So what do you think of Boston? Do you like it?
Richard: Oh, I really like it, it's great. It's easy to get around and there are lots of good museums and theatres.
Julia: Yeah, I love it too. The nightlife is good too because of all the university students. You're making me miss it!

T 3.2

**PRACTISE YOUR SKILLS UNITS 5–6**

T 5.1
Charlie Chaplin was an international film star but he was born and grew up in London. When Charlie was born here in south London in 1889, his family was very poor. Charlie was only five years old when he acted in the theatre for the first time. By the time he was seventeen years old, Charlie was a very popular comedy actor in theatres in London and around England. In 1910, Charlie travelled to the USA for the first time. He travelled by boat. In 1912 he moved there to live. Charlie made his first film in 1914. At this time, the cinema was very new. Films were black and white, silent and they were only ten minutes long. Because there weren't any televisions, lots and lots of people went to the cinema. Charlie made over 50 films between 1914 and 1916. People all around the world watched his films and Charlie quickly became very famous and very rich. He played a comedy character called the Little Tramp in most of his films and soon everyone recognised his hat, moustache, and walking stick. Chaplin stayed in Hollywood until 1952. He built a film studio and he wrote, directed, and produced many films, and composed music for them too. People say that Charlie Chaplin was the first and greatest film star. Now, over thirty years after he died you can watch many of his films on DVD and see he was a great comedian.

**PRACTISE YOUR SKILLS UNITS 7–8**

T 7.1
eBay is the world's biggest online shopping centre where you can buy or sell almost anything you want. With approximately 84 million users online across the world, eBay has significantly changed internet commerce and our shopping habits in general. It all started in 1995 when Pierre Omidyar, a computer programmer, wrote the code for an auction website from his home computer. You can now buy anything on eBay, from special collector's items, to a car or a computer. The advantages for consumers are clear. eBay provides an open market where the cost of the things you buy and sell are dictated by individual people. It also shows us what items and objects people want to buy most at any point in time. Shoppers on eBay are protected by the company's service agreement. This means that customers can report anyone who tries to sell something illegal or in bad condition. However, there have been some criticisms of the company. In 1999, a man offered to sell one of his own organs online and psychologists have also highlighted the dangers of getting addicted to 24-hour shopping. Despite this, eBay continues to expand and now includes PayPal, a safe, fast and easy way to send or receive payments of money online, and Skype, a communications company which offers free voice and video telephone. The future of the company looks bright as more and more people join the online shopping revolution.

**PRACTISE YOUR SKILLS UNITS 9–10**

T 9.1
Hannah: It's 11 o'clock, you're here with us on Radio Norfolk. Here's Jen and Mike to tell us what's coming up this weekend in King's Lynn and West Norfolk.

Recommendation 0, example
Mike: Thanks Hannah. Well summer is upon us, so it's time to enjoy some flowers. Learn about the hundreds of varieties of red roses at Pensthorpe Nature Reserve and Gardens. An impressive display of roses from all over the world awaits you.

Recommendation 1
Jen: Do you want to do something new with your spare time? Pop into the King's Lynn library between 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 p.m. this Saturday. The library's personnel will show you...
how to research your family tree. There are loads of free resources available.

Recommendation 2
Mike: If you haven’t seen the Lenzman photographic exhibition at the tourist office you have one more week to go. The exhibition features photos taken of King’s Lynn by night, don’t miss it.

Recommendation 3
Jen: What about a spot of tennis? This Sunday is the start of the notorious Greenacres lawn tennis tournament. It takes place over two weeks and promises to be knockout entertainment!

Recommendation 4
Mike: And there’s plenty more to do outdoors. How about visiting the outdoor theatre at Holkham Hall, Wells-next-the-sea? This weekend you can see Shakespeare’s *The Tempest*, performed by local actors.

Recommendation 5
Jen: And finally, no weekend in Norfolk would be complete without a little bit of folk dancing … Morris dancing to be specific. And what better place to enjoy it than at the Queen Victoria pub in Snettisham, this Friday night at 8:00 p.m.

**PRACTISE YOUR SKILLS UNITS 11–12**

**T 11.1**

**Abby:** Hi Diana. Can you see me? This webcam thing doesn’t always work that well.

**Diana:** Yes, as clear as day. How are you?

**Abby:** Wonderful thanks! And what about you Diana, what are you up to? I see you’re coming out to California in October, with your new man. Are you coming to stay with us in Monterey?

**Diana:** Yes please, Steve and I have decided to spend three weeks in California. We’re flying in to San Francisco and then flying back to London from Los Angeles. We can’t wait to see you and Joe.

**Abby:** Awesome! So are you going to rent a car or something?

**Diana:** Yeah, we thought we’d spend three days in San Francisco, and then hire a car. We’ll drive to visit you in Monterey for a few days, then head south toward Los Angeles.

**Abby:** When are you arriving?

**Diana:** October the sixth. I think it’s a Wednesday.

**Abby:** Alrighty. Well, after your stay in San Fran you’ve got to head straight for here. You can stay as long as you like. Joe has to work, but I’m working from home at the moment. I can take you around to see all the sites.

**Diana:** How far is Monterey from San Francisco?

**Abby:** Not so far – about a two hour drive, let’s say.

**Diana:** We thought we’d stop off at Santa Cruz on the way.

**Abby:** Oh don’t bother with that. We’ll take you to Santa Cruz.

**Diana:** Perfect. And what will the weather be like?

**Abby:** It’s normally about 70 degrees, sorry, that’s 20 degrees Celsius in your language!

**Diana:** Great, so we can go to the beach?

**Abby:** Absolutely, here you can go practically all year round!

**Diana:** Oh Abby, I’m so excited. If we could stay for four nights from the tenth, that would be just fabulous.

**Abby:** You’re booked in, just give me a ring when you set off from San Francisco. Anyway, enough about the travel plans. Tell me how things are back in the UK …