

Listening

Part 1 Multiple choice

- 1** In pairs, discuss which of these situations might make you laugh. If possible, give an example.
- you feel nervous
 - you make a mistake
 - you see somebody else make a mistake
 - you feel embarrassed
 - you're trying to be polite
 - you get a sudden fright
- 2** Read the first line only of questions 1–8 in 3 below and match each situation with extracts a–h.
- 'Did you go to Justin's on New Year's Eve?'
 - 'The arrested man has been named as Robert Winchester.'
 - '"Unmissable" according to *Time* magazine.'
 - 'As we were walking past the graveyard, we noticed a figure standing by a gravestone.'
 - 'Have you heard the one about the tortoise?'
 - 'What are you going to sing for us today?'
 - 'I have a copy of your CV here.'
 - 'They asked 97 volunteers to watch various film extracts, and secretly taped their laughter.'
- 3** You will hear people talking in eight different situations. For questions 1–8, choose the correct answer (A, B, or C).
- You hear a man telling a joke.
What is the joke about?
A A detective and a snail.
B A group of detectives in New York.
C A tortoise and some snails.
 - You hear a newsreader making a mistake in a news item.
What is the item about?
A A crime at the Prime Minister's home.
B Improved security at the Prime Minister's home.
C An injury to a detective during an arrest.
 - You hear a woman being interviewed for a job.
Why did the woman leave her first job?
A Because she fell asleep while working and was fired.
B Because she went to work for another furniture company.
C Because the company had to close all its shops.
 - You hear a report about a scientific study.
What surprised the researchers?
A They had thousands of bursts of laughter to analyse.
B There were a lot of different sounds in the laughter.
C The women laughed more often than the men.
 - You hear a boy and a girl talking at a party.
Where have they seen each other before?
A at school
B at Martin's house
C at another party
 - You hear a man telling a scary story.
What does the old woman in the story say?
A She says, 'What do you want?'
B She says, 'Suddenly, my heart started thumping.'
C We don't know what she says.
 - You hear a radio advertisement for a film.
What kind of film is it?
A a love story
B a comedy
C a documentary about holidays
 - You hear a man called Brian give an audition in a talent show.
What does the judge think of Brian?
A He's confident, but that's all.
B He's got the right look, but he can't sing.
C He hasn't got a good voice or any confidence.

