

FILE 1

Listening 1

- Mark** Hi. Had a nice afternoon?
- Claire** Yeah, not bad. What have you been up to?
- Mark** Nothing much. I've been reading one of your magazines. I've just done this personality quiz in it.
- Claire** Oh, right. I did that quiz this morning. Let's compare answers. What did you find out about yourself?
- Mark** Well, apparently, I'm a creative person with lots of imagination.
- Claire** Mmm... So am I. I'm not sure I believe that though. I've never seen you create anything very imaginative! And I was hopeless at Art at school. But anyway go on...
- Mark** Well, according to the quiz, they're about the only positive qualities I have! It says that you can't trust me to do anything – you know you can't depend on me. And it also says that I should grow up!
- Claire** You should grow up?
- Mark** Yes. Apparently, I behave like a child. What else does it say about you?
- Claire** Well, the answers are not quite so unkind to me. Unlike you, I'm trustworthy. I always keep my promises and I don't tell lies.
- Mark** That's true. I don't think I've ever heard you tell a lie. What else?
- Claire** It says I think about other people, not just myself, which is nice. And I'm never disloyal to my friends. I think that's really important, don't you?
- Mark** Yes, I do. Sadly, I don't have that quality, apparently. In fact, according to this quiz, I'm a really horrible person. I always want my own way and never listen to anybody else. When I've made a decision nobody can ever persuade me to change it, even if I'm wrong. I don't think that's me, is it?
- Claire** Well... I don't know. Sometimes you don't listen.
- Mark** Mmm. Maybe not. But I'm sure my personality isn't as bad as the quiz says.
- Claire** OK. OK. Remember it's only a quiz. And look, we both have the same answer to question 10. It says we're friendly and like the company of other people. That's not so bad, is it?

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Listening 2

- 1**
- Dan** Have you been waiting long, Jenny?
- Jenny** Yes, since the surgery opened at two o'clock. It's nearly three now so I hope I get to see someone soon. I was here for more than three hours last week.
- 2**
- Wayne** What are your sisters like, Laura?
- Laura** Well, they're both very kind – the sort of people who think of others. I suppose my older sister is the hard-working one – she's got a good job and her career is really important to her. My younger sister wants to leave school early and isn't particularly interested in having a successful career. My mum and dad have told her she'll regret this in the future, but she won't listen to them. She never does.
- 3**
- Sara** What have you done to your hand, Paul?
- Paul** Oh, this. Yes it's a scary-looking bandage, isn't it? You remember I volunteered to do the cooking at the barbecue after the football match on Sunday? Well, like an idiot, I tried to turn over one of the steaks with my fingers, and I touched the metal thing by mistake.
- Sara** Ooh, I bet that hurt.
- Paul** Yes, it did. It's very sore.
- 4**
- Joe** Have you ever been on a blind date, Sally?
- Sally** I have, actually. A friend of mine organized a date for me with her cousin once and we had dinner in a really nice restaurant. He was actually quite good-looking, in a way – he was a computer programmer if I remember rightly. But he wasn't really my type – we didn't have much in common at all and I haven't seen him since.
- 5**
- Jeff** Ow...Oooh...
- Sophie** Oh Jeff! What happened?
- Jeff** I walked into your glass door. I just didn't see it. I thought the door was open.
- Sophie** Oh, Jeff, there's blood everywhere. Sit down here. You've got a really nasty cut just above your nose. I'll go and see if I can find some tissues or something.
- Jeff** Wow! It really hurts.