

an adult is tough. I think a lot of people would like to stay young forever.

I True. Some people never grow up, do they?
I suppose that's why it's called Neverland.

B = Beth A = Anna

B I think I remember this story, I think my dad read it to me at bedtime.

A My dad read it to me too and I've just read it to my four-year-old daughter. It was my favourite when I was little, and now it's her favourite, too. Did you like it when you were a child?

B Well, I used to love any story with princes and princesses who lived happily ever after.

A But actually this is a dark story – it's really sad and ... it's cruel and the wicked witch is really wicked.

B Wasn't it about a married couple who were longing for a baby?

A That's right they ...

B ... and then when they finally had a baby a wicked witch whisked it away.

A Yeah, but only because the wife's husband had stolen salad stuff from the witch's garden.

B I'd forgotten that.

A Yeah, the wife craved lettuce, presumably because she was pregnant, and the husband was caught stealing it, so the witch took the baby, a girl, and when she became 16 locked her up at the top of a tower without any door or any stairs.

B So how did the witch get her into the tower in the first place?

A You're too logical ... don't ask difficult questions. Anyway, the girl had beautiful, thick, long ... very long, blonde hair and she used to throw it out of the window so ...

B So there was a window!

A Yeah, one window ... so the witch used to call 'Rapunzel, Rapunzel let down your hair!' and then climb up the hair to the girl.

B Wow!

A Then one day ...

B I know ... one day, a handsome prince came riding by on a white horse and saved the girl and she became a princess and they lived happily ever after.

A No! You're going too fast. The witch discovered the prince and threw him out of the window – he didn't die, but he was blinded and spent years wandering around.

B What about the girl?

A The witch took her to a desert and finally the prince heard her singing ... they met and her tears fell on his eyes and ...

B Don't tell me – he could see again and they went off together to his castle, got married, and lived happily ever after!

A You got it!

Unit 5

5.2 Breaking the rules

Conversation 1

A I can't believe it! We had to pay a fine for taking our kids on holiday in school-term time!

B Well, they're trying to put a stop to it. And to be honest, I don't think parents should make their kids miss school for a holiday.

A That's because you haven't got kids. You don't have to pay the ridiculous prices they charge for flights during school holidays.

B You don't need to go abroad on holiday. You should take them somewhere in this country.

A Oh yeah. Very relaxing, trying to keep three kids happy when it's cold and raining.

Conversation 2

A Do you see those two men over there?

B Yeah, what about them?

A They're smoking. They shouldn't be smoking in here.

B Well, they are standing near the door.

A It doesn't matter. You're not allowed to smoke anywhere in a public building – everyone knows that. Do you think I should tell them to stop?

B No, you mustn't get involved. They'll probably get all aggressive about it. Just ignore them.

A No, we can't just sit here and do nothing. I think someone has to say something. Excuse me ...

Conversation 3

A What an unpleasant man!

B Well you did nearly walk into him! I've told you before – you've got to stop texting when you're walking along the road.

A I can text wherever I want to, thank you!

B No, he had every right to tell you to watch where you're going. You can't walk along like that with your head down, expecting everyone else to walk around you.

A Well he didn't need to be quite so rude!

B I think you're the one who's being rude. If you must text while you're out shopping, you should stop somewhere and get out of everyone's way.

A Oh come on, everyone does it! You can't stop every time you want to look at your phone!

5.4 Rules for life

1 **Ellie** Oh, I love this quote so much! I think about it every time I'm on the dance floor! It's definitely the best way to have a good time! And really, other people aren't that interested in how I'm dancing, are they? They're all worrying about how well *they're* dancing! Now, ... the bit about loving ... mmm, that's easier said than done! It's a lovely idea, but unfortunately human beings do have a very long memory for being hurt! And ... the singing bit ... I can do that, no problem... in the shower! I know my family can hear me singing, but ... they never complain – probably 'cos they're even worse singers than I am!

2 **Dan** It makes me smile, that quote. I'd heard it before actually, as a joke, about this man, Michael. He's very religious, but ... he's always moaning while he's praying to God, and complaining that his prayers are never answered. He keeps saying, 'Look God, you don't have to answer *all* my prayers, but how about just this one thing? I mean, it happens to *someone* every week, so why can't it be me?' After years of this, God finally loses his patience and speaks to the man. 'Michael, you've got to help me out here... Just buy a ticket, will you?!' It's good, because it shows that, when we moan about our lives, and say we're fed up with the way things are, we can't just sit and wait for new opportunities to come to us. We've got to do our bit, too.

3 **Amanda** Oh, I know that one – it's a quote from Kierkegaard, the philosopher. I kind of hate it actually, because it's one of the things I find most difficult about life. I mean, ... you learn lessons from what you've done wrong, but you can't go back and do it again, and do it better. So, yes, as he says, we *have* to live life forwards – but, I'm sorry, sometimes I can't help desperately wishing I *could* go back and do something again, ... and get it all right!

4 **Mark** Both of these quotes really make me laugh! That one is actually true, ... if I see that the remote is on the other armchair, I will sometimes stay with a programme longer, and I might then change my mind about switching over! And it says something about modern life ... the amount of choice we have, and how easy it is to keep switching from one thing to another. I'm *just* ancient enough to remember when there were only three or four TV channels, and you had to walk over to the TV to change them – so you didn't very often! And the Internet doesn't help – 'oh, I'm bored with this article, click, here's something else ... mmmm, I'm getting bored again ... click! I think this other quote is my favourite, though ... it's hilarious. Things do seem to go a certain way on different days, don't they? And I'm *certainly* having a statue day today!

5.5 have got to

1 A Is your mum away?

B Yeah, so Dad's got to do all the cooking.

2 A Where's my phone? I've got to call Jim.

B It's where you left it, on the table.

3 A Can I go out now, Mum?

B No, you've got to do your homework first.

4 A Have some more tea.

B Thanks, but I've got to go now.

5.6

Part 3

One of the students raised her hand.

'Yes, Kirsty?'

'What about the beer? What does that represent?'

'Ah, I'm glad you picked up on that,' said the professor, smiling. 'That's just to show that no matter how full your life seems, you can always find space for a drink with some friends.'

5.11 Requests and offers

1 A Hi, it's me again. I've just realized I've got a doctor's appointment at 11.00 tomorrow morning. Could we possibly meet at 12.00 instead?

B Er, no problem. I could meet you for a working lunch if that's better.

A That would be great!

B OK, let's make it 12.30, then, in the canteen.

2 A Would you mind if we didn't go out to eat tonight? I'd really like to watch the football live.

B No, that's fine. Would you like me to get a takeaway?

A Oh, that'd be amazing!

B OK, I'll get an Indian, and I might just watch some of the match with you.

3 A So, how's my favourite grandson? How's school?

B It's OK ... I'm ... erm, doing fine.

A Liam, would you mind not texting while I'm talking to you? It's very rude!

B Oh, really sorry Gran, it was something really important. I'll put it away now.

4 A I hope you've enjoyed your stay with us.

B Yes, we have. The room was lovely, with such a great view!

A Good. Now, can I get you a taxi?

B No, thanks. Our friends have come to give us a lift to the airport.

Unit 6

6.1 Leonardo DiCaprio

1 A Where and when was he born?

B He was born in Los Angeles in 1974.