


Vocabulary and listening

Expressions with *life* and *time*



- 1 Work with a partner. Complete the expressions below with either the word *life* or *time*. Use a dictionary to help.

Having the *time* of your *life*!

take your <u>time</u>	you can bet your _____
get a <u>life</u>	better luck next _____
kill _____	get a new lease of _____
third _____ lucky	it's high _____
no _____ to lose	for the _____ being
that's _____	stand the test of _____
not before _____	in the nick of _____
any old _____	dead on _____
a cushy _____	anything for a quiet _____
come to _____	it's the story of my _____

- 2 Complete the lines with an expression from 1.
- No need to hurry. Take ...
 - For goodness sake, hurry up. There's no ...
 - The operation was a success and grandpa got a new ...
 - Shakespeare's plays are still popular. They've stood ...
 - I got to the bank in the ... It was just about to close.
 - Come and visit any ... I'm nearly always in.
 - Stop crying – you can have another ice cream. Anything ...
 - The game came ... after Salah scored his goal!
 - I fell in love, and she wasn't interested. It's the story ...
- 3  12.9 Listen to five conversations. What are they about? Which expressions from 1 do you hear? Turn to page 150 and practise with your partner.

A poem

- 4  12.10 Close your books and listen to a poem. What is its basic message?
- 5  12.10 Read the poem on this page. It's similar to the one you just heard, but there are many differences. Listen again and note them all. Which poem do you prefer? Why?

No time to think

No time to think, no time to muse,
 No time for anything but news.
 No time to pause, no time to feed,
 No time for anything but speed.

No time to wander in the snow,
 No time to watch the flowers grow.
 But time enough to dash about
 And time enough to screech and shout.


Not time enough to love, love, love,
 But time enough to shove, shove, shove.
 And no time to laugh or have some fun,
 No time to dawdle in the sun.

No time to rest and take a seat,
 No time to chat to folks you meet.
 No time to eat, no time to drink,
 But most of all, no time to THINK!

- 6 Work with your partner and write another verse to the poem. Read aloud your verse to the class.

What do you think?

- Is life too busy for most people today? In what ways?
- What about your own life? Do you constantly keep up with the news? Do you race about? When do you find time to muse?
- If you had a lot more free time, what would you do with it?

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