

Talking about you

6 Complete these sentences with your ideas. Compare in small groups.

- 1 At weekends, I often ...
- 2 My parents have never ...
- 3 I don't think I'll ever ...
- 4 I was saying to a friend just the other day that ...
- 5 I hate Mondays because ...
- 6 I'd just arrived home last night when ...
- 7 I was just getting ready to go out when ...
- 8 I've been told that our teacher ...
- 9 In my very first English lesson I was taught ...
- 10 The reason I'm learning English is because ...

🔊 1.5 Listen and compare ideas. What are the responses?

Informal language

SPOKEN ENGLISH Missing words

- 1 Which words are missing in these lines from conversations?
 - 1 Heard about Jane and John? Thought not.
 - 2 Leaving already? What's wrong?
 - 3 Failed again? How many times is that?
 - 4 Sorry I'm late. Been waiting long?
 - 5 Doing anything interesting this weekend?
 - 6 Like the car! When did you get it?
 - 7 Bye, Jo! See you later.
 - 8 Just coming! Hang on.
 - 9 Want a lift? Hop in.
 - 10 Seen Jim lately?

Read the lines aloud to a partner and think of a suitable response.

🔊 1.6 Listen and compare.

- 2 Read the conversation. Which words can you leave out to make it more informal?

A Good morning!
B Good morning. It's a lovely day, isn't it? Are you on your way to the park?
A No, unfortunately I'm not. I'm just off to work.
B You're working on a Saturday! That is a shame.
A I know. It just can't be helped.

🔊 1.7 Listen and compare. Practise with a partner.

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Listening and speaking

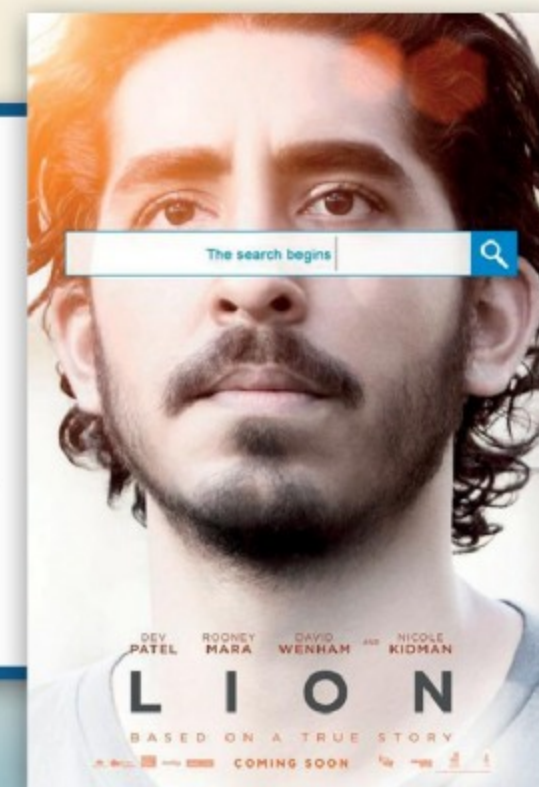
'Lion' – the remarkable story of Saroo Brierley

1 Saroo Brierley became famous worldwide when his incredible life story was made into a film. Look at the photos and read the **Fact File**.

- What nationality is Saroo?
- Where was he born?
- What was his birth name?
- Where does he live now?
- What is his book called?
- What is the film called?
- Who starred in the film? Have you seen it?

FACT FILE Saroo Brierley

Born	Sheru Munshi Khan, 1981 in Ganesh Talai, India
Home	Hobart, Tasmania, Australia
Nationality	Indian and Australian
Occupation	Businessman and author
Books	<i>A Long Way Home</i> – autobiography, made into a film, <i>Lion</i> , starring Dev Patel, Sunny Pawar and Nicole Kidman.



2 Why do you think he changed his name? What happened to him? Discuss with a partner.

3 🔊 1.8 Listen to some of the things Saroo said about his story in an interview with the **BBC World Service**. Answer the questions.

- 1 Where did Saroo fall asleep?
- 2 He says: 'We got off the train.' Why do you think he was on a train? Who do you think he was with?
- 3 Where was he? Why was he so scared?
- 4 How do you think he ended up in Australia?
- 5 What do you think is the significance of '14 hours' and '1,200 km'?
- 6 'I zoomed down and bang – the waterfall where I used to play.' How did he 'zoom down'? What did he find?
- 7 Why didn't he recognize his mother at first? What had his mother believed?
- 8 Why was Saroo heartbroken?

Now turn to the next page to find out more about Saroo.