

# Recording scripts

## Unit 5

### Listening Part 1

#### Recording script CD1 Track 13

##### Extract One

- Jasmine:** Are you all right now?
- Harry:** Hmm, so so – some days are better than others. I'm still having occasional flashbacks.
- Jasmine:** What happened?
- Harry:** Well, I was doing my normal Thursday workout on the treadmill. I started with a gentle jog for ten minutes or so, then I decided to run fast for ten minutes. So I pressed the increase button.
- Jasmine:** Had you been on that machine before?
- Harry:** Not that one, but one very like it, so I was quite familiar with the controls, I mean, I knew how it worked.
- Jasmine:** So, then what happened?
- Harry:** Well, nothing happened for a few seconds, then the belt suddenly speeded up. I tried to slow it down, but nothing happened. When I tried pressing the automatic slow-down button, it was like I was putting my foot on a car accelerator.
- Jasmine:** That must have been terrifying. What did you do?
- Harry:** I looked round for help, thought maybe someone could switch the electricity off. It would have been a very sudden jolt, but better than not stopping at all. But there was no one else in the room. In the end, all I could do was jump off and keep my fingers crossed.
- Jasmine:** And that's how you broke your leg? Are you going to do anything about it?
- Harry:** I'm not sure yet. I'm considering taking the company that runs the gym to court – that's what my solicitor suggests, but I'm in two minds about it.

##### Extract Two

- Police officer:** OK, just tell me in your own words what happened, Mr Philips.
- Driver:** I'll do my best, but it's all a bit of a blur.

**Police officer:** Tell me as much as you can. It was about midnight, wasn't it?

**Driver:** I'd say it was nearer one o'clock. We were coming home from a holiday in Germany. We'd spent all day travelling, so I suppose we were pretty tired.

**Police officer:** How far were you from home?

**Driver:** About half an hour. We were travelling fairly fast – the roads were empty and we were just looking forward to going to bed.

**Police officer:** What's the first thing that happened?

**Driver:** We were driving under a bridge when there was a crash of breaking glass and something hit my left arm. I managed to keep my right hand on the steering wheel but I didn't have much control over the car. Before I knew what was happening, we'd left the road and were heading for a clump of trees. I was sure we'd had it.

**Police officer:** What's the next thing you remember?

**Driver:** Well, everything happened so quickly. I remember waking up on the grass verge with people looking down at me.

**Police officer:** And when did you realise what had actually happened?

**Driver:** When one of the paramedics showed me the stone that had come through the windscreen.

##### Extract Three

**Reporter:** So, what is your situation at the moment?

**Resident:** We're sleeping in the main hall of the local secondary school, with many of our neighbours. We're all in the same situation – just doing our best to look on the bright side.

**Reporter:** Do you know when you can move back?

**Resident:** No, at the moment all our houses are still under a metre of water – and apparently it's still rising. It hasn't stopped raining since Sunday.

**Reporter:** What happened exactly?

**Resident:** Well, there's a river at the bottom of our garden – more of a sluggish stream most of the time, actually. Last weekend, with all the rain we'd had, it burst its banks and washed over our garden. It was very quick once it started. I was frantically trying to stop it by digging ditches to take the water away – but there was too much of it, and in the end I just gave up digging and got out as quickly as possible.

**Reporter:** And what's the damage?

**Resident:** Well, everything downstairs is ruined. We'll need new furniture and carpets, and we'll probably need to have the walls replastered. I keep thinking how disastrous it could have been. At one stage I imagined seeing the whole building collapse. Some of our neighbours are ...

## Speaking Part 2

### Recording script CD1 Track 14

**Student:** OK, well, in this photo there's a firefighter putting out a fire with a hosepipe and he's almost certainly doing it to save people's lives and property. It's a pretty dangerous job because obviously he could die in a fire or get seriously burnt. And he's doing it, I don't know, because someone's got to do it. It must be a worthwhile occupation – you know, very rewarding when you save someone's life. And in this photo there's a diver – he could be a police diver – he seems to be in a lake, or it could be a river. This is probably quite dangerous because the water could be deep or there could be strong currents. There could be glass or other dangerous things in the water, and divers can get their equipment tangled up somehow. I suppose police divers find their work quite exciting – I'm sure it's never boring, and it's very worthwhile – though they must never know quite what they're going to find in the water.

**Teacher:** What kind of qualities do you think are most important for someone doing occupations like this?

**Student:** I'd say you've got to be brave, you know, not frightened easily – perhaps enjoy excitement that comes from doing dangerous things.