

## Listening Skills

### Exercise 1

Cover the transcripts below and listen to the class audio.

What is the general emotion or context of the audio texts?

a) surprise	b) disappointment	c) anger
d) satisfaction	e) discomfort	f) confusion
g) pain in multiple parts of the body	h) pain in one part of the body	i) medication needs to be started

1) Mr Smith has been complaining of pain again. This time it is not in his knee, or in his ankle. He reports that the pain has moved up to his hip. I've recommended to the management team that his mattress is replaced, which should help but I have also given him some paracetamol for the time being.
2) This morning Mr Johnson was very positive about his upcoming flu jab. Yesterday he was quite the opposite and I expected to have a fight on our hands today, trying to convince him to go along to the nurse.
3) A hospital – or any health service for that matter – depends on funding for its survival. All governments know that. In the past few years, funding for the NHS has stagnated. So that asks all kinds of questions – is the funding available? Does the government want to prioritise the health of the nation? They've said they do but the situation indicates the opposite. Who knows what's next?
4) I've bought a special new bed recently for my husband, who is immobile at the moment, recovering from two broken legs. He says the mattress is firm and sleeping in it is perfectly fine. He says he has no complaints about that aspect or the fact that the bed seems solid. However, the mechanism which moves the end of the bed up and down, you know, for watching TV and eating dinner and stuff like that. Well, it's just so unpredictable. We paid a lot of money for that bed and we expected better.
5) When some residents arrive at the home, they can be quite fussy about things like how their rooms are set up or the temperature of the communal areas. Mrs Greene was no different. At first, she was clearly uncomfortable and considering leaving the home but after some positive discussions with staff and some welcome changes to her routine, she says she is feeling settled.

## Love – Listening Practice

### Vocabulary

Vocabulary	Definition
euphoric	euphoria / ecstasy the highest form of happiness
daydreaming	a series of pleasant thoughts while you are awake
fault	an error / a problem
haze	smokescreen a state of confusion / lack of clarity
rose-coloured glasses	Looking at things in a way which is too optimistic – unrealistically positive
rollercoaster	An exciting ride at a theme park – Disneyland etc Dramatic, unpredictable, big swings of emotion / excitement

### Comprehension

Listen to the audio here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f\\_OPjYQovAE&t=158s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f_OPjYQovAE&t=158s)

### Answer the questions below:

- 1) How do psychologists refer to the first stage of love? .....
- 2) The VTA manages motivation and processes .....
- 3) Love:
  - Euphoric
  - Draws you towards your .....
- 4) **True/False/Not Given:** Love can reduce critical thinking
- 5) What lasts longer than the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of love? .....

## Answers

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- 1) H
- 2) A
- 3) F
- 4) B
- 5) D

### Love

- 1) How do psychologists refer to the first stage of love? *Infatuation / passionate love*
- 2) The VTA manages motivation and processes *rewards*
- 3) Love:
  - Euphoric
  - Draws you towards your *new partner*
- 4) ~~True/False/Not Given~~: Love can reduce critical thinking
- 5) What lasts longer than the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of love? *Attachment / Compassionate love*