

**Exercise 1: Listen to some positive news stories. Put the headlines (a–f) in the order that you hear about them.**

- a. Cleaner gets a new flat
- b. Animal receives a new home
- c. Woman gets ring back
- d. People can rent gardens online
- e. Child saves family members from water
- f. New mums and dads receive cash



**Exercise 2: Listen again. Are the statements True (T) or False (F)?**

1. The boy was in the water for around 60 minutes.
2. Someone saw the boy in the water and called for help.
3. The woman's ring fell into the water while her partner was asking her to marry him.
4. The man who found the ring took a long time to find it.
5. A new app helps both garden owners and people who don't have a garden.
6. The app creator hopes it will improve relationships between people who live in the same area.
7. Bess the dog didn't like being near people in the past.
8. The couple gave money to people with babies in the street.
9. The cleaner had to live in a different place when she lost her job.
10. The cleaner was given a new home by the company she worked for.

**Exercise 3: Complete the sentences from the news stories with one word. The first letter is given. Then listen and check.**

1. The woman was getting on a boat the day after g\_\_\_\_\_ engaged, when the ring fell off her finger and into the water.
2. The a\_\_\_\_\_ of the app is to help those people who want gardens, and others who have gardens, but can't look after them.
3. The app's c\_\_\_\_\_ wants to bring people together and make communities stronger.

4. For a long time, this female dog was very n\_\_\_\_\_ around people and other dogs ...
5. Parents buying things for their new babies in California yesterday were s\_\_\_\_\_ to find money in the products.
6. And finally, a cleaner who l\_\_\_\_\_ her job got a big surprise yesterday ...

## ANSWER KEY

Exercise 1:

e-c-d-b-f-a

Exercise 2:

1-T    2-F    3-F    4-F    5-T    6-T    7-T    8-F    9-T    10-F

Exercise 3:

1-getting    2-aim    3-creator

4-nervous    5-surprised    6-lost

## TRACK 01

A seven-year-old boy in Florida saved his father and little sister when strong river water took them away from their boat. The boy swam for about an hour before he got to land and then ran to a house to call for help. The local Fire and Rescue Service were able to find the father and four-year-old sister still in the river and bring them back to safety. A woman who recently got engaged and then dropped her ring into a lake has got it back. The woman was getting on a boat the day after getting engaged, when the ring fell off her finger and into the water. It took a local man just twenty minutes to swim to the bottom and find it. The woman and her partner described the diver as 'brilliant'. People often rent rooms in other people's homes. A new app lets them rent other people's gardens. The aim of the app is to help those people who want gardens, and others who have gardens but can't look after them. The app's creator wants to bring people together and make communities stronger. A dog that has been in an animal centre for ten years has finally found a family to love her. Bess arrived at the centre needing medical care. For a long time, this female dog was very nervous around people and other dogs, but after a social media campaign, Bess has finally found a family to love and take care of her. Parents buying things for their new babies in California yesterday were surprised to find money in the products. A couple had put a total of \$1,000 into lots of different products in different shops as secret surprises. They said they knew how hard it was to be new mums and dads and they wanted to make some new parents' lives a little easier. And finally, a cleaner who lost her job got a big surprise yesterday when she received a new home. The woman, who had cleaned a block of flats for twenty years, moved into her sister's home when she lost her job with the building management company. But the people who live in the flats

love the woman so much that they got together and paid two years' rent on an empty flat in the building for her and her family.

## TRACK 02

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