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Part 1

Listen to someone talk about their life experience. Decide whether the statements **01-06** are *T* true, *F* false or *N* not stated in the recording.

SCRIPT

My name is Kate. I used to work in a shelter and I still get nightmares about cages and animals' howling. It was so depressing to see the animals actually knowing why they were there.

My working there resulted in getting three dogs from the shelter. The last one was called Bingo but I renamed him Buddy. To tell the truth, he didn't notice which means he wasn't actually used to being called by his name. He was eight years old, overweight and had bad eye infection. He obviously had problems walking.

*The owners came to the shelter and told the manager they were sorry. They just didn't know what to do. They didn't seem to have money, time and patience to look after their pet any longer. It almost looked like **THEY** were those everybody should feel sorry for.*

I couldn't work up tears. Bingo looked at me with his sore eyes and licked my hand. That was it. I cannot take them all home, can I? So I took Bingo and decided to find another job. I simply had enough...

Part 2

Listen to price negotiating and complete the sentences **01-05**.

SCRIPT

A: Excuse me, how much is this car?

B: Why don't we sit down and discuss the price? How much would you like to pay?

A: Sorry, I'd rather you told me what the price is.

B: Well, with tax, registration and license it is worth fifteen thousand dollars.

A: Fifteen thousand?! That is far too much...

B: OK, what price are you thinking is fair?

A: I say thirteen thousand would do.

B: Oh, let's be reasonable, shall we? Thirteen thousand is practically giving it away. How about fourteen thousand?

A: That car has been in accident, hasn't it? I won't pay fourteen thousand for it.

B: OK, thirteen thousand six hundred is my final offer.

A: I appreciate your help. I'll come back later.

Part 3

Listen to some information about The Great Barrier Reef. Complete the text with the right expressions according to what you hear.

SCRIPT

The largest structure in the world created by living organisms, one of the seven wonders of the natural world, a UNESCO world heritage-listed site – that's Australia's Great Barrier Reef. Composed of over 2,900 individual reefs it stretches¹⁰ for over 2,600 kilometres and contains over 900 islands.

Visitors come here to admire the world's largest collection of coral reefs; with 400 types of coral, 1,500 species of fish and 4,000 types of molluscs¹¹. To get an idea of its enormous area, its size can be roughly compared to the combined area of the United Kingdom, Holland and Switzerland. If you are not much into diving and snorkelling (which are of course the best ways of exploring its beauty), you may enjoy the crystal-clear turquoise¹² waters with their colourful marine life from underwater viewing stations and glass bottom boats.

Part 4

Listen to the account of some important periods in British history. Look at the pictures. Who was not mentioned in the recording? What do you know about the person?

SCRIPT

In 55 BC, Julius Caesar attacked Britannia. The Celts kept fighting against the Romans for several years, but they were beaten, and the territory fell under Roman dominion until the 5th century.

The Battle of Hastings (1066) changed the future of England when William Duke of Normandy (the northern France at that time) and his soldiers defeated the King Harold.

William became King of England known as William the Conqueror. French language and political system influenced England greatly for many centuries.

The War of Roses (1455–1485) was a fight for the throne between two royal dynasties: The House of York (emblem white rose) and The House of Lancaster (emblem red rose). Peace was made by the act of marriage when Henry VII of Lancaster married Elizabeth of York and so founded the dynasty of Tudor. Two of the best remembered of the best remembered kings of the Tudor family is Henry VIII and his daughter Elizabeth I. The kingdom became a world leading power under their reign.

The Victorian Era (1837–1901) is named after Queen Victoria who ruled over 60 years. She was the first monarch to live in Buckingham Palace. The Victorian Era was a period of colonies and a lot of prosperity.

Key:

Part 1: 01 F, 02 N, 03 T, 04 T, 05 F, 06 T

Part 2: 01 **15,000** (fifteen thousand) 02 **tax**, 03 **13,000** (thirteen thousand), 04 **14,000** (fourteen thousand), 05 **13,600** thirteen thousand six hundred

Part 3: 01 structure, 02 islands, 03 coral, 04 fish, 05 Switzerland, 06 underwater

Part 4: b) Sir Winston Churchill