

# Task-Based Learning: Audio recordings

## 2a Crime and punishment

A: Well, these guys stole a lot of biscuits, 240,000 biscuits!

B: God, what would you do with so many biscuits?

A: What would you do with them? I don't know! Were they trying to export them or something? It is theft and it's...It's quite a lot of biscuits, but what do you think, would you give them six months in prison? Something like that, would that work? To stop them from doing it again?

B: Possibly? Or maybe make them eat them all in a short space of time! No, that's not very realistic, but...

A: Presumably they had to break into the factory...

B: They had to break in, so that's criminal, definitely!

A: That's pretty serious.

B: So yeah, some kind of prison sentence...

A: Six months, is that enough?

B: Yeah, I would think so, don't you? But maybe some kind of twist on it though, something that's not just a prison sentence, maybe something like learning about good nutrition, I don't know, just something else like that.

A: What have you got?

B: Okay, I have got a really weird one. So there was this guy who stole...

A: Oh, I see it, the underwear thief!

B: He stole underwear over 120 times from washing lines and people's houses, sorry, we didn't say, women's underwear. First of all, that's obviously a little bit creepy, which is one issue, but more importantly, it is actually theft. It might be only small theft, one thing at a time, but it is theft and it's definitely not okay, so...Maybe a prison sentence would be too much, but maybe he should have to go and like apologise to every single woman in person who he stole the underwear from.

A: Okay, that would be pretty embarrassing. But don't send him to prison, it's not serious enough.

B: No, I don't think so!

## 2e My neighbourhood

A: Okay, so I live in a residential area in a town outside Stuttgart. Erm, generally it's a nice area, and I know a lot of people, so that's good, but there are quite a few things that bother me. Erm, I think the biggest one is that there's absolutely no parking and it can take...it can take up to half an hour to find a parking space, um, which is kind of annoying, at the end of the day... erm...

B: So do you end up parking a long distance from your home?

A: Generally yes, um, unless I'm really lucky, um, but actually I end up not driving as much as I might, because I might never be able to find a parking space, which is maybe good for the environment. Erm, and, but the other, the other thing is, the reason I drive quite a lot is because certainly within the town it's quite

hard to get to different places unless, unless you...yeah...unless you are prepared to wait for ages, which I'm not, very often.

B: So do you live outside town?

A: Well, no, I live on the edge of town, but you have to...you know, unless you are going down the main road, then...yeah, you need to be able to drive or walk or cycle.

B: You don't have good public transport...in Germany?

A: Well, no, the..it is quite good, but not within the town, it's good going to, going in and out of Stuttgart but in town it's not so good itself. Erm, okay, so that, that's one thing that annoys me, the other thing is I'm not brilliantly organised and, erm, there are no shops, no little local shops in the area so I have to get, again, get in the car and go to a supermarket and at the end of the day I don't really feel like doing that, generally, so I would love to have a little sort of corner shop or something so I can get my last minute supplies.

B: Yeah, that's really surprising.

K: It's really annoying. Yeah.

A: Yeah. Because we've got a load of those, we have a lot of little shops near us.

B: Yeah, well, maybe my area, you see, is full of really old people, erm, which is probably...is quite...I guess they have more time, they're more organised, and they can go out and get stuff.

A: Do they all drive as well?

B: Oh yeah. But, also, um, that's probably another thing that gets to me a little bit about living in an area with a lot of old people, is that they really watch everything you do to make sure you do it right, you know, they will inspect the bins that have been put out on Thursday evening to make sure they're lined up exactly in a row and exactly with the handle round the right way, and everything like that, and if you get it wrong you will get a knock on the door.

A: Fantastic!

B: So, and that, that's just one example, so you have to do things right, because they really will be checking. And what's really important, and what really gets to me, is on...on Saturdays for example there's, erm, there's like two hours in the middle of the day usually between 12.30 and 14.30 when you have to be completely silent and also, erm...

A: Why, why do you have to be silent?

B: Why? To respect people's...to give people...peace and quiet. But my problem is on Saturdays is I tend to like to sleep after the week, and then I kind of get up and do the shopping, and shops are closed on, here on Sunday, so you really do have to do your shopping. You also have to get your washing done because you're not really supposed to use the washing machine or cut...or make any noise, like with lawn mowers and stuff like that.

A: Do you have to, er, sign up and make an appointment to use the washing machine?

B: Well I, fortunately, I've got my own house. But still, they can hear it, somehow, I don't know how, but they can hear my washing machine in my cellar. But...so that's my, probably my biggest issues, but I've learned to live with it, and adapt to it, but...that's how it is.

### 3a How strict were your parents

A: Okay, right, I'll start. So I want to find out how strict your parents were. What's your impression?

B: Of my parents?

A: Yeah!

B: Actually, that's, that's quite a difficult one because, I don't know if you remember, but I went to boarding school.

A: Okay.

B: So, I mean, put it this way, they send me to boarding school when I was 7 years old, so that's quite Victorian. I don't know whether that makes them strict or not.

A: Okay.

B: But it was, it wasn't until I was 16 that I was really living at home and so could fully experience their rules and regulations.

A: Well here's one, here's one then because when I was around that age, my parents said to me: 'You can't have any parties at home and we'll know because we'll see cigarette ash or, we'll see, you know, we'll know if you've had a party.'

B: When you were 16?

A: Yeah, or 15 or something and they were really adamant that that was not allowed and I was quite afraid, I can't remember if they threatened me with something like we'll send you away from home or something like this...

B: You lived in fear!

A: So I never had a party at home.

B: Well I mean I suppose then...I didn't have any crazy parties, but that was probably me, but I know my parents were absolutely fine with me having a few friends over, you know, almost like the most boring teenage party you could imagine...

A: Oh and they stayed over?

B: ...like games and dinner-party or something like that yeah...So it wasn't very Rock and Roll, but my parents did let it happen, so...

A: What about this one? What about jobs and chores? Did they make you do...?

B: Oh yeah, that's a good one actually because when I turned 15 or 16, if I wanted pocket money, well first of all they made me go out and get work in a pub, as a pot collector and washer. Secondly, if I wanted any pocket-money at all, we had a list of chores that we had to do like the gardening, mowing the lawn, digging up tree roots...

A: Weeding!

B: Stuff like that, exactly. What about you?

A: I had to do that as well. I had to do chores as well and I was also made to go out and get a job when I was 15...

B: So that's similar, yeah. It's kind of a form of slave labour.

A: Sounds really similar actually. Did your parents ever hit you like when you were a kid?

B: No, absolutely not, no...

A: Never?

B: There was never any issue with that, in fact they rarely shouted. I mean my Mum is like me, she gets angry easily, but you know not physically, just like raising her voice. My Dad's very very placid.

A: I did actually get hit for playing with electricity, like for really...and also...

B: I can understand that!

A: ...For stealing, or not stealing...Once I was caught with money in my bag which I hadn't actually stolen...

B: Where did it come from?

A: I don't know, there was 10p in the bottom of my bag...

B: Actually, it's, yeah...

A: ...and I think I was hit as a kind of, you know, not in real anger, but just to stop me...

B: Well I mean now that, now that you mention that, it reminds me of when I was about probably 5 or 6, I stole some coins from my parent's drawers and I got a smack on the bum, that's the closest I guess to...

A: Okay, so I think it's about the same?

B: Probably, sounds like it, yes.

### 3e This house believes...

A: Okay, so this is reasons why smartphones should be banned for children. I don't know if we can say that they should be just banned completely, because I can't think of any way of doing that, but we could say that they should definitely be banned in schools because they are really distracting and I think...I think they reduce kids' attention spans.

Female: But you know what, I disagree a little bit with that because I think it should certainly be limited, but I think a lot of educational tasks now involve using mobile devices and digitalisation of classrooms is obviously a big topic, so I think if it's managed by teachers then it's okay, but certainly they shouldn't be like checking Facebook or something like that while they are...

B: But can teachers really manage that?

A: Yeah!

B: I mean yeah they can? Can they check what they are looking at?

A: I think that's what they are learning to do, it's a phase of getting used to...

B: Okay. So well maybe we should leave that one out then for schools...

A: I think for schools...I think managed mobile device use in class is okay...

B: Alright!

A: But for just complete kids who are doing whatever they want on it, then that's not okay.

B: So maybe we could argue for a sort of, you know there is kind of parental locks that you get, so something that kind of limits the way that kids can surf the internet or even limits the time that they can use their phone, you know apart from emergencies. I don't know, when I look at my phone, it tells me, you know, you have had one and a half hours a day of screen time or something and I think that's incredible.

A: Okay, that's a possibility. The other issue is communication, I guess a lot of parents particularly like to be able to communicate with kids during the day on a practical level, so maybe again with the parents you would have to work out times they can communicate or the kids would...

B: Yeah well they could be set up so they would always take incoming calls... You know, that would be alright, so the parents could always call the children. The other thing that we could mention, since it's, you know, against smartphones, is how competitive kids get...

A: Absolutely!

B: And I've got to have the latest model and...

A: Absolutely and that's an extension of the kind of uniform issue, clothes or not, because people show off with the latest model of whatever and the different apps.

B: It's really polarising, so if you don't have a lot of money, you can't afford this and then that might lead you to being, I don't know, stigmatised or something.

A: A little bit, yeah. And basically, there is also other issues, like some kids get involved in certain chat groups and things and others get left out and there is perhaps bullying issues or people taking photos, which also has its legal implications and things, it's tricky...

B: Do you think that you could actually prevent that? Technologically?

A: I think school... I don't know technologically, but I think schools, certainly here, are beginning to establish agreements and things or make it very clear that it's illegal and they cannot take any photos, I guess, because you can get those things that you can put over the camera now, so that blocks... that little light thing at the top, that blocks the camera, so they can't use it. But obviously, they could take it off if they want to, but I think anything we can introduce to discourage certain behaviours is good.

B: Yes, so it definitely needs to be regulated more and controlled more.

A: Mhm.

### 3f FutureTech 1

A: So, how realistic is this particular technology? Can we expect to see anything like it in the near future?

B: Well, stuff like this already exists, actually. For instance, smart glasses which record everything that you see on a loop and then you can play it back later. I think there has been some research into contact lenses that take photos whenever you blink, so then these memories can be saved, stored or accessed later, you know, from a hard drive. I think there are quite a lot of benefits here, like you can recall things you might otherwise forget, maybe what somebody said in a business meeting or something you saw in a shop that you can't really recall the details about... There are some legal issues though, I think. Who owns the files? Can the police access them to help combat crime, you know, like with... that happened with that phone the other year, can they break in? What about the privacy of the other people recorded, like passers-by who didn't give you their permission to be recorded?

A: Yeah, so there are certainly things to think about. This one involves using a separate computer though, so what about the idea of a microchip implanted into the brain of the user? Is this really plausible?

B: I don't really think it's going to happen anytime soon, but the idea of superintelligence though, where artificial intelligence is interfaced with human intelligence, kind of brain-computer-intelligence, is something that a lot of money is being put into right now. A lot of the research is being done by the large tech companies and the ultimate goal is to use the technology, AI specifically, to enhance the way we see and interact with the world.

A: So how exactly?

B: Well like I said before, it will be used for simply helping you remember details you might forget, or it could help you with everyday tasks, for instance typing without using your hands, that would be brilliant, accessing phone numbers and email addresses instantly, even communicating with someone who speaks a different language. I suppose it could have benefits for those with injuries or disabilities, the AI can compensate for parts of the brain which have been damaged or which function less effectively. I don't think any of this is likely to happen anytime soon though, 50 to 100 years perhaps?

A: Does any of this talk of powerful AI actually worry you?

B: Well not particularly, but there are some people who are very concerned about AI, you know, if it becomes sufficiently intelligent why would it want to interface with a far less clever human? I mean it would be easier for the AI to exist without the weak human holding it back. For me, that's a kind of conspiracy theory. I'm more concerned about what I mentioned earlier: What we do with the memories that are recorded, who owns them, who can access them? There are tricky legal, even ethical, questions that will need to be answered.

### 3f FutureTech 2

A: Yeah, I can imagine that with GPS technology already being so advanced, I can imagine that it would come along fairly soon, yeah, because I think that parents would find it useful.

B: Yeah, I think it's probably right. I think the technology is definitely...must be on the way.

A: Yeah. And I personally think, because I have two teenage daughters and I do wonder where they get to and who they are with and whether they are smoking or whatever...

B: Doing whatever...but would you really want to know all the time where they are and what they are doing and kind of who they are with...guessing who they are with and what might be going on?

A: Well it's difficult, I know there are implications, but I would, I'd like to know more, yes and...

B: And what about them? Do you think they want you to know?

A: No, they wouldn't, but that's, but I'm their dad and I feel like I have a right to know.

B: Okay, but at what stage should they have their own privacy and learn to be responsible and at what stage are you seeming a bit nosy really?

A: Well perhaps they have to prove to me that they can be responsible and be in a world without being tracked.

B: Yeah, personally I think it's a bit creepy actually but I can imagine it being okay for like smaller kids when they are like going to school on their own or you might be at work and you might not be back and they might be doing stuff at home...you think they are doing stuff at home but actually they have gone somewhere else. I imagine that could be quite interesting.

A: Yeah, I can agree with that. I can certainly see that it would probably be more useful for younger kids than teenagers. I can see that it could be intrusive, but at the same time you worry as a parent...

B: Sure! Sure, I agree.

## 4a Bad neighbours: Antony

So it all started when Paul came up to our flat to complain about the noise. He said we were walking around in our shoes you know, stamping up and down and he seemed to suggest that we were doing it deliberately. You know, we do follow the rule about not wearing shoes indoors and I explained that patiently to him, so I don't know where he got the idea that I was angry with him about the complaint. You know, it's just not true. And I wasn't going to say anything, but while we were there, I told him about the smells from his kitchen? Honestly, he's always cooking you know fish or liver or something and it comes straight up into our flat when the window is open. Also, I had a go at him about his yappy little dog! It's constantly barking and the other day, we even found an unwelcomed present, you know what I mean, outside our door. I mean how could that happen? Did he do it deliberately? And then he moaned about our rubbish, saying that we put too many bags in the communal rubbish, but I don't know how he could now this. I mean, is he watching the courtyard from his window or something? And anyway, we only put out one bag every three days or so! There isn't even a house rule about this. The most offensive complaint he made was about the football match the other day, do you remember when England were playing Albania? So he accused us of shouting and screaming and even throwing beer bottles out of the window and I don't even like football! It was the neighbours above us creating the noise and they kept me awake, too. Anyway, he's one to talk, he acts as if he is the quiet one, but at least once or twice a week he has friends round and they all stand about on his balcony upstairs, smoking and talking at the top of their voices. So to be honest, he's a hypocrite.

## 4a Bad neighbours: Paul

Well look, I've been patient and polite with them for months now, but that is just too much. Like, every day, they are walking up and down, in their boots on the floor, making noise just to disturb me because they know I don't like it. So when I told him and he got angry, very red in the face, he was just shouting at me, he said he'd had enough of the smells of my food, he said I'm always cooking this or that, fish or liver or other things, he is crazy. I'm a vegetarian, I don't even eat meat! Vegetables and sometimes chicken, well, so almost a vegetarian, but anyway, then he started complaining about my poor little puppy Sally.. Like, saying she's always making too much noise and worst of all, he said that Sally had left some dog mess outside their flat. But why would my puppy do that? Can he prove this? So anyway, I was really quite angry and I gave him a piece of my mind: I told him not to put so much rubbish out. Every day, every day, they throw out a new bag of rubbish and it's too much. There is never enough room for my bags. No wonder there is so much rubbish, they are always having parties! The other night, when England were playing football, they were like...they were like hooligans, English football hooligans. Shouting and screaming, all that, the whole match and then because they lost, they started throwing glass bottles out of the window down into the courtyard. It's ridiculous, that's no way, that's just not a good neighbour! So he tells me that I'm always making noise with my friends too, but I don't do such things. I, I'm a gentleman. A retired teacher, a responsible member of society. And, just once last week, okay, I had a reunion with my colleagues, just...it was like a little poker party. We let our hair down a bit; we smoked a few cigars and chatted. But that's an exception to the rule, I live...usually, I live, I like a quiet life, just with my little dog Sally.

## 5a Nostalgia story

I'd say one of my happiest memories, and this is going back quite a few years, goes back to early childhood. We used to spend our summer holidays in the Channel Islands – Guernsey usually – and I have these very vivid memories of walking along the coast path to our favourite beach which I think, now, looking back on it, was called Petit Port, and you had to get to it via a series of – what seemed to me – hundreds of steps. And my parents were heavily laden with, you know, the picnic basket and Dad had my little brother in the papoose on his back, and fishing nets, and buckets, and all sorts of stuff like that...deck chairs. So we'd get to the bottom and we'd find our usual spot and set up camp. And then, I can just remember, Dad and I going off into the rock pools because that's one of the things that I remember most about Guernsey on the whole, is that, because of its rocky coastline, there's loads and loads of excellent rock-pooling opportunities. And, I had always about, I don't know, five maybe even six buckets and we would go to the rock pools, with our fishing nets, look what we could find, and we...at the end of the day we had literally crabs, we had little fish, we had shrimp, we had all sorts of things, and we lined them up, in seawater, in the buckets, and, you know, had a look at what they were doing during the day, and then just before we went home in the evenings, we would go back to the rock pools, pour out the water with the animals, and then pack up camp and, uh, yeah, go back up the hundreds of steps, at least that's what it seemed like to me. So, yeah, that's one of my most favourite memories.

## 5c Where were you when... 1

Back in 2001, I was, er, already working with the publisher I work with now, and it was a... fairly, fairly busy time at work, I remember, and it was a...late summer's day, good weather, I think the weather was changing because I got this really, really bad migraine. And, I left work early, early afternoon, took the train home, lay down on the sofa, switched the television on, just to, you know, have some background...and back in those days, the German cable television, you could get CNN, and I was flicking through the channels and, er, I stopped on these pictures of a plane crashing into the World Trade Centre and it was just...I didn't believe what I was seeing, initially, and then, to see the news reporters... literally speechless, and not...being able to describe properly what they were seeing either and just...you could see the shock was written into their faces and they kept repeating themselves because it was though they were trying to convince themselves that what they were actually seeing was true and, yeah, that's what I remember on 9/11.

## 5c Where were you when... 2

So, where was I when, er, the news of Brexit came in? Er, I'm British, as you can hear, but I live in Germany so...all the discussions about Brexit were very much in my mind, erm, in 2016, and the news came through, I actually heard it when I woke up, I was woken up by the news, because I'm woken up by the radio in the morning, and, er, I'd gone to bed the night before, thinking, ah, you know, this is just a formality, Britain, the UK, is never going to, er, leave the EU. Anyway, so the radio went off, and woke me up, and the first, literally, the first thing I heard was, er, the results, 52 percent to 48 percent, and my reaction was...shock, really, I just...was suddenly wide awake and sat up and thought my goodness, this is a big thing, er, and I'll always remember this and, er...and the effects of it, I knew that the effects, it would affect my family because I'm, as I say, I'm British, but my wife is German and my children are...have both passports, so it was, er, just odd, just a shock, really.

## 5e Heroes 1

I don't really have a hero as such but somebody I certainly respect and have...really have a lot of respect for is Michelle Obama. Erm, I've recently been reading her new book, and I've learned so much about her and it's increased the amount of respect I have for her, she's...I didn't realise that she came from such a...humble background, erm, she's obviously brilliantly clever, and really dedicated to getting a great education, erm, starting a...having a wonderful career, erm, she's also managed to combine that brilliantly with being married, and having kids, and...under normal circumstances, combining all that and having it all, is really really quite hard, and there are a lot of challenges involved but, then marrying, erm, somebody who's going to be the president of the United States, erm, really dramatically changes...changes what's expected of you and, erm, being, becoming a first lady, which is a huge job in itself which you're not paid for. And then, having to travel all the time, but look after your kids, make sure their life isn't affected. Erm...and also being dedicated to a really good cause, she did so much for, erm, changing eating habits for kids in the States in schools so now healthy, relatively healthy food is being served in schools and that's really helping to combat child obesity. Erm...so, yep, she's, she seems to be as well, very...she's got a lovely genuine, open nature, and she's just passionate about the things she does, and... she's just very convincing, I have so much respect for the way she's pulled it all together.

## 5e Heroes 2

Okay, for my nomination, I'm going to choose Freddie Mercury. Erm, that's because I just saw the film *Bohemian Rhapsody* the other day. I'd never really thought of him as a hero before, you know, because Queen songs don't really have that much depth or anything like that, for me; but when I saw the film I was struck by the fact that he was sort of openly gay at a time when that wasn't approved of and it was quite a difficult thing to do...erm, or be. Another thing is that I always, erm, admire someone who really perseveres...not just to make it in the music business, which is difficult, but someone who works really hard to perfect their craft and, you know, some of those early period Queen songs are just amazing. Erm, the other thing is that when he found out that he had HIV later in his life, he seemed to take it really...quite well, I mean, that's a difficult situation. I don't know the songs so well, but he did write a couple of songs at that time about accepting the reality of his own death, and I think that's quite a brave thing to do, quite confessional. And I just admire his kind of bravado, and charisma, and all that. I think he was quite shy in real life when he wasn't performing and I'm like that too, so the fact that he could overcome that is pretty amazing.

## 5g Folk Remedies 1

I used to get quite severe migraines, especially if the weather was changing and I would always dab some spots of lavender oil onto my temples and then go to bed in a darkened room and put a hot water bottle on my head. Most people like to have something cold on their forehead when they have a headache but I needed the heat because I could feel sort of the cramps then receding. And, yeah, usually, if they weren't too severe, you know, within a few hours they had at least abated to such an extent that I could then, you know, go about normal daily routine again.

## 5g Folk Remedies 2

Well I wouldn't describe myself as a particularly healthy or health-conscious person, but there are some things that I do because I like to stay healthy. I'm quite proud that I don't have many colds. I have...Most of my friends have more colds. Okay, so this is what I do. If I do feel a cold coming on, then I will go to bed early and I will make a cup of hot milk and put honey in it and wake up the next morning, usually, healthy. To prevent this happening in the first place, I might...What I do, I always shower cold, I finish my shower...I have a hot shower but then I have a cold burst, because I've heard that that keeps you healthy or keeps off the germs and stuff. Me and my wife always sleep with the window open, even in the depths of winter, because we have heard that the cold air keeps you healthy. Foodwise, well, there is probably not much that I do...I eat everything, nothing...Nothing .., nothing special. I eat chocolate and stuff and I don't eat much fruits or vegetables, so that's probably...I could do more there. I don't drink much coffee, I do drink tea. I often drink herbal tea, because I think that's healthier than drinking black tea. When I go out, I always put a hat on in the winter, because I get cold ears and that's become a habit and when my son goes out without his hat, that really annoys me. And he knows it does, so he does it.

## 6b Home Exchange 1

So I live in Stuttgart and my apartment, I live in an apartment, is in one of the leafiest suburbs, erm, above the city if you like, because the...the inner city is sort of down in a valley. The apartment is around sixty-seven square metres so, divided into two rooms, so it's, er, you know an excellent size for one person, even a couple. It's very quiet, but it's only a two-minute walk to the nearest tube station. There are excellent shopping opportunities all around, there's supermarkets, there's a weekly market, there's a chemist's, there's an organic store...whatever you need, you can find it there, so you don't have to go anywhere to do your shopping. Erm, it's a green area, there's a lot of, there's a lot of good walking, you know, more or less from the front door. It's quiet. It's an area, I suppose, it's a fairly residential area, mainly families, I would say, lots of children, you know, you have to be aware that, er, especially in our house we've got two new babies, my neighbours and the people upstairs. Sometimes you can hear the babies crying – not all the time. Erm, yeah, it's er, I really enjoy living there and I've lived there for the past fourteen years and would like to continue living there.

## 6b Home Exchange 2

Okay, I live in Kronenbourg, which is a garden suburb, in...in Strasbourg, um, and my flat is about fifty-eight square metres, so it's easy for one person to rattle around in. It's a really good location, erm, so it's quite near the station, about ten minutes away by tram, and from there you can get all the...the inter-city trains to Paris and everything, erm, but it's also a quiet area, so it's central and quiet, in fact it's so quiet that people do driving lessons around there. It's got two main rooms about the same size, one is a bedroom with a little alcove that I use as a book case; and in the living room there's a, there's a small corner cupboard that could be used as a wine cellar, I always think, although I just keep suitcases there. The great thing about my flat is in the summer, the sun rises, er, by the bedroom, shines in and wakes you up, and that's lovely, and then in the afternoon it moves round to the living room and finally it sets in the kitchen, which is nice if you're preparing meals or even if you've got friends round. So that's really lovely. And the other thing is that there are two competing bakeries nearby, so you've got a nice choice of bread or croissant. It's got all mod cons, er, gas central heating, bath and shower and it's got good Wi-Fi, and...it's just over five hundred Euros a month, so it's really good value as well.

## 6f Elevator Pitch

Okay, here is my idea. It's called "warmphones" or "hotphones" and in fact it's two ideas. So I'm the kind of person who likes to listen to music on the way to work, on public transport, when I'm outside and the problem is that in the winter, it gets so cold that you need a woolly hat and it's impossible to wear this and wear your headphones. So I've got two ideas, like I said. The first one is a woolly hat, just like a normal beanie hat, but it's got holes in and this means that you can wear your earphones with the hat, or your headphones. The second idea I think is even better. So this is a normal set of headphones, good quality headphones, but on the outside of the headphones it's all furry like these things people wear, kind of earmuffs? I think this is going to be a really successful idea and it's going to sell to young people mostly in their hundreds of thousands. If you pledge 25 Euros then you will get a free hat and for 75 Euros, you will get a matching hat and the warmphones. And if you pledge 100 Euros then you will be one of my official backers and I'll treat you to a wonderful launch party with the champagne and an ice buffet and it'll all be free and you won't have to pay anything. Now there's an offer you can't refuse!

## 7e Jigsaw story

All I wanted was a croissant and a coffee, but I ended up with a headless chocolate bunny. It was around Easter, and I was working in Zurich, in Switzerland, and right next to the school was an incredibly posh cake shop – one that sold cakes, pastries, sandwiches, the lot. So we'd go there for snacks, though not every day, as the prices were posh too. Anyway, one day, I went in to get a croissant and a coffee. You know me – I'm a bit clumsy, and on this day, there was a large stand of chocolate bunnies, er, near the end of the queue of customers. These were seriously high-end chocolate bunnies – I'm not kidding, wrapped in cellophane, with gold bows. Really expensive-looking. So, yes, I'm clumsy – you know what's coming, right? – as I moved forward in the queue, my arm knocked the display and all of a sudden, there was a shower of expensive chocolate bunnies raining down on me. Seriously. It was really embarrassing, though, this being Zurich, no one rushed to help or say anything, and the servers just ignored me. I felt like, incredibly, lucky, no one had noticed. So, anyway, I start picking up the 5 or 6 bunnies that had fallen, and carefully put them back in place. That's when I noticed – one of the bunnies had had a fatal accident. Its head had come clean off, and was just sitting there in the cellophane, detached from the body. I looked around. No one had seen. I checked the price and gasped, as silently as I could – about 30 Swiss Francs, and I only had 20 on me. I immediately started sweating and, in my quiet panic, I'm ashamed to say I decided to hide the crime. So as the queue moved I quietly placed the bunny behind some milk in an open fridge, and then waited for 5 minutes as I slowly, slowly moved to the head of the queue. I'd decided to just buy a croissant – no way was I waiting for coffee – and when I put it down, the lady at the till said something to me. Now, I wasn't long in Zurich, and my German wasn't great but it was something about the "kaput" bunny. I pretended not to understand anything so she switched to English – "Sir, you will need to bring the broken bunny here and pay for it". Everyone stared at me as I did my walk of shame, back to the milky bunny grave, and then back again to the till, with the chocolate bunny limp in my hand. "Do you take cards? I don't have enough cash" I asked them. It turned out they didn't, so they marched me to a cash point on the busy street, as locals wondered why this red-faced foreigner was taking a headless chocolate bunny for a walk.