

Pre-listening Exercise 1: Read the sentences and then match the words in bold with their definitions in Fig.1.

1. The crowd broke into **spontaneous** applause after the wonderful performance.
2. Good communication is a crucial **component** of a successful relationship.
3. Your attitude and effort will ultimately **determine** your success in life.
4. Her long, **lustrous** hair shone beautifully under the sunlight.
5. The committee voted in favour, but one senior member **vetoed** the decision.
6. Scientists are studying the **genetic** factors that influence intelligence.
7. Climate change is affecting the **fertility** of agricultural land worldwide.
8. The personal trainer explained the **physiological** changes that occur during exercise.
9. Many companies use **behavioural** assessments to evaluate job applicants.
10. She was the proud **recipient** of a prestigious academic award.

Fig.1

1. spontaneous (adj) spɒn'teɪ.ni.əs	a part that combines with other parts to form something else	A
2. determine (v) dɪ'tɜ:.mɪn	very shiny and often healthy and vibrant in appearance	B
3. veto (v) 'vi:.təʊ	relating to the genes, or natural physical aspects passed on from parents or ancestors	C
4. component (n) kəm'pəʊ.nənt	to refuse to allow something, or to use a vote or influence to block the decision of others	D
5. fertility (n) fə'tɪl.ə.ti	relating to the way people behave	E
6. lustrous (adj.) 'lʌs.trəs	being able to give birth or produce fruit	F
7. genetic (adj.) dʒə'net.ɪk	to control or decide what happens	G
8. physiological (adj.) 'fɪz.i.ə'lɒdʒ.i.kəl	a person who receives something	H
9. behavioural (adj.) br'heɪ.vjə.rəl	happening instinctively, without a plan, often in a sudden, unexpected way	I
10. recipient (n) rɪ'sɪp.i.ənt	relating to the way the body and biological aspects of living things work	J

Pre-Listening Exercise 2: Fill the spaces in the sentence below with the correct words from the list in Fig. 2.

1. People use perfume and deodorant to hide unpleasant body _____.
2. Despite the bad news, he remained _____ and showed no signs of distress.
3. My dentist explained that _____ helps to protect teeth from bacteria.
4. He was becoming _____ to the pace and culture of New York city.
5. The singers _____ voice made the song sound soft and emotional.
6. She gave me a _____ to remind me it was my turn to speak.
7. A healthy diet will give you natural _____ against many viruses.
8. A lioness fiercely protects her _____ from predators.
9. Soft material on a sofa provides a warm, _____ surface that feels comfortable.
10. Fear and excitement can cause the pupils to _____ involuntarily.

Fig.2

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| a. saliva (n) | the fluid produced in your mouth, also known as spit |
| sə'laɪ.və | |
| b. nudge (v) | to give a gentle or slight push, typically to get someone's attention, or encourage them to move |
| nʌdʒ | |
| c. attune (v) | to make someone or something able to synchronise with, or understand, something or someone |
| ə'tju:n | |
| d. odour (n) | a smell; typically used when the smell is unpleasant |
| 'əʊ.dər | |
| e. immunity (n) | protection against or a resistance to the effects of something; typically disease |
| ɪ'mju:nə.ti | |
| f. offspring (n) | a persons' children or the young of an animal |
| 'ɒf.spɪŋ | |
| g. breathy (adj.) | a description for a voice or way of speaking where the sound of breath is very noticeable |
| 'breθ.i | |
| h. stoic (adj.) | characterised by a disciplined control of emotions, particularly when something bad happens |
| 'stəʊ.ɪk | |
| i. tactile (adj.) | related to the sense of touch |
| 'tæk.taɪl | |
| j. dilate (v) | to cause something to become wider, or open further; typically used in reference to eyes and body cavities |
| daɪ'leɪt | |

Exercise 3: Watch and listen to the video and select the correct answer to each of the questions below.

These questions are in linear order. Read the questions first so that when you hear the audio you know what to listen for.

- 1. People are attracted to other people because...?**
 - A. ...the heart sends out romantic signals.
 - B. ...we feel an instinctive, instant attraction.
 - C. ...our brain and senses calculate who attracts us.

- 2. People are mostly attracted to...**
 - A. the smell of good perfume or cologne.
 - B. chemical signals in our body.
 - C. the smell of natural body odour.

- 3. What information can pheromones tell us?**
 - A. If a woman is ovulating.
 - B. Sexual orientation.
 - C. Physical and genetic details.

- 4. What do MHC molecules help to do?**
 - A. Prevent disease
 - B. Boost our attraction levels
 - C. Increase body odour

- 5. According to the video, men prefer women that...**
 - A. ...have a wide shape and a strong voice.
 - B. ...are small and have a breathy voice.
 - C. ...are tall and have a high-pitched voice.

- 6. According to the video, women prefer men...**
 - A. ...with high-pitched voices.
 - B. ...with deep voices.
 - C. ...who are large.

- 7. When people held the hot cup of coffee, they viewed the person in the story as...**
 - A. ...kind, cheerful and sociable.
 - B. ...emotionless, but generous
 - C. ...affectionate and in tune with nature