

## Before you listen!

- 1** You're going to listen to an interview with someone who works for an American healthcare organisation. Before you listen, discuss these questions:

- How does the health system work in your country?
- Is it free for everybody?
- Why do some people prefer to pay for private health cover?
- What experience do you have of your health system?

## Develop your skills!

- 2** Listen to the first part of the interview and write one or two words in each gap to complete the information. Be careful! You don't have much time between the gaps!

Hello and welcome to another edition of (1) \_\_\_\_\_ .

In today's show, we have with us Carl Thornton, who works for (2)

\_\_\_\_\_, a (3) \_\_\_\_\_-based fund that provides

assistance to professional (4) \_\_\_\_\_ who are struggling with illness, (5) \_\_\_\_\_ and age-related problems.

### TOP TIP!

When you have to answer multiple choice questions, always read through the questions before you listen. As you listen, eliminate the choices that are obviously wrong first.

## Exam practice!

- 3** Now listen to the complete recording. While listening, for each question choose the correct answer A, B, C or D. The first one (0) has been done for you.

- 0** Carl thinks that musicians  
**A** tend to die earlier than other people.  
**B** have got to be rich to live a long life.  
**C** often cheat to become successful.  
**D** can't always afford to pay for healthcare.

- 1** When Carl had an accident, he was surprised that  
**A** the hospital didn't charge him.  
**B** he was in hospital for so long.  
**C** the hospital thought he was a European citizen.  
**D** the doctors weren't very interested in his case.

- 2** According to Carl, in the US,  
**A** some treatments are always free.  
**B** musicians often can't find enough work.  
**C** corporate insurance works quite well.  
**D** the first visit to a doctor is usually free.

- 3** Carl says that most musicians  
**A** are insured until they are fifty years old.  
**B** aren't responsible about planning for the future.  
**C** pay thousands of dollars a month for insurance.  
**D** find payments are more expensive after a certain age.

- 4** Rudy Parker  
**A** had full health insurance cover from an employer.  
**B** had more than one operation in hospital.  
**C** died because of bad hospital treatment.  
**D** only stayed in hospital for three days.

- 5** Albie Mayhew  
**A** was very well paid for his recordings.  
**B** is working hard to pay his medical bills.  
**C** was a busy and successful live performer.  
**D** gave his money away before he became ill.