AGATHA PENFOLD

Agatha Penfold, mother of 2, grandmother of 5, and great-grandmother of 12, is celebrating her 100th birthday this week with a photography exhibition. She was born in England but has lived on 3 continents and has worked as a nature photographer all over the world. She's been married 3 times and until her next adventure, she's living in Windsor, England.

So, Agatha, you've lived in so many different countries. Which is your favourite?
There isn't an easy answer to that! Japan is wonderful in the spring. I've taken so many photos of the amazing cherry trees and the historic buildings there. And I lived in Colorado, US, for a few years and the landscape and the colours in the autumn are so beautiful. But my heart is in England. I love the people, they're so friendly, kind and easy to get on with. But the weather …

How long have you been interested in nature photography?
Well, I've loved animals and the countryside since I was a child. And when I was 21, I met a man in Japan who gave me a camera and that was the start! We got married a year later in Bali. He was so interesting and we travelled to India for 4 months. I love India. I've been there about 20 times! I took my favourite photo there when I was 82.

What are you going to do next?
Well, my great-grandson David's just had a baby girl who I haven't met yet! So if David can give me a lift, I'll travel up to Scotland and meet her. And maybe I'll plan another trip to Bali … We'll see!

a  Talk in small groups. Name three interesting things you’ve done in your life so far.  **PRE-LISTENING**

b  Listen to the dialogue and tick what’s true.  **LISTENING**

1. It’s an interview with two people.  
2. They’re in a shopping centre.  
3. The people are looking at photos.  
4. Agatha Penfold took all the photos.  
5. The interviewer finds the photos interesting.

c  Listen again and number the photos in the right order.

1. Family
2. Childhood
3. Work
4. Hobbies
5. Favourite place

d  Listen again and match the topics to the pictures.

- favourite place
- childhood
- work
- hobbies
- family

e  Do you think Agatha is an interesting person? What does David say about the photos? Talk in pairs, then read the taping on Page 216 together and check.  **POST-LISTENING**

f  Tell the class about an interesting person you know.
a Language elements: Read the following text and choose the correct word for each gap.

Hi Steve,

How are you? I’m sure you haven’t (1) ___________ that it’s Henry’s 40th birthday next week! (2) ___________ you thought about a present? I haven’t had any great ideas (3) ___________. What about a voucher for a climbing holiday? He’s quite adventurous and (4) ___________ a great place (5) ___________ the coast, north of York. I think (6) ___________ like that.

And what about a surprise party? If the weather (7) ___________ nice, we can have a barbecue in the evening. I’m sure Penny will (8) ___________ a cake. I’m really busy today, so (9) ___________ you send everyone an email and invite (10) ___________? Thanks!

Let me know about the present!

Andrew

1 a forget b forgets c forgotten
2 a Did b Do c Have
3 a already b before c yet
4 a it has b it is c there’s
5 a near b nearby c next
6 a he b he’d c he wants
7 a is b was c will be
8 a made b make c makes
9 a can b did c do
10 a he b him c them

b Listening comprehension: First read the texts. Then listen to the recording. Are the sentences true? Mark YES (+) or NO (–). You will hear each text twice. ► 11/16

11 Weather forecast
   It’ll be sunny and not too windy this afternoon.

12 Announcement at a train station
   You can get a bus to the north of England from a bus stop near the information centre.
c) **Listening comprehension:** First read the texts. Then listen to the recording. Are the sentences true? Mark YES (+) or NO (–). You will hear each text twice. ► II/17

13 You are listening to the radio in England. You want to know what the weather will be like tomorrow. The weather forecast is after the next song.

14 You are phoning a company that organises team-building events. Their caving event is perfect for beginners.

15 You’re planning a holiday in England. There are forests, lakes and small hills near the hotel.

16 You’re travelling by train in the UK. A passenger tells you about her family and shows you a photo. The boy has dark hair.

17 You are staying at a hotel in England. You ask at the reception about a bike tour for tomorrow. The receptionist will contact you at around 7 a.m. if the tour is leaving at 8 a.m.

d) **Reading comprehension:** Read the following texts and then do items 18 – 19.

The company Houber announced the winner of its Colleague of the Year Prize.

![Image of a text box with a message about the winner.]

We are very happy to announce this year’s winner. We had many names, but we feel we’ve chosen the right person. You all said that the winner is

– someone who is kind, thoughtful and easy to get on with
– someone who has organised two brilliant summer parties and Jack’s amazing leaving party last year
– someone who has learned a lot in the two years since she arrived

So can you guess who our winner is? Congratulations to Claire Duncan!

Read items 18 – 19. Decide if each of the statements in items 18 – 19 is true or not true. Mark PLUS (+) for true and MINUS (–) for not true.

18 The winner has planned some great events for the company.

19 Claire started at Houber two years ago.