

ANSWER KEY

now!). Violating this 'norm' creates a special emphasis. We are making a special point that **it is still true!**

We usually follow a 'sequence of tenses' rule, which states that if the verb in the main clause is in the past, then the verb(s) in the subordinate clause(s) are also in the past. In reported speech, there is also the 'back shift' rule, which states that, when you report a comment, the tenses in the comment are moved 'back' one tense in this order: present simple or continuous > past simple or continuous > past perfect simple or continuous; present perfect > past perfect; *will* > *would*; *may* > *might*; *can* > *could*; *must* > *had to*.

- B 1**
- I realised that we are all alone.* (Emphasis: it is a general truth and still true.)
 - When I was a kid, I thought the world was full of scary monsters.* (All happened in the same period.)
 - I hated it when her friends asked me what I did.* (All happened in the same period.)
 - I was only nineteen and I thought I'd already failed.* (The perfect *had failed* specifies 'previousness'.)
 - When I was twenty, I still hadn't done anything.* (The perfect *hadn't done* specifies 'previousness'.)
 - I was only eighteen a few weeks ago, and I thought it wouldn't really make much difference ...* (*wouldn't* is a back shifted *won't*: it refers to a period yet to come at the time of speaking, ie: a 'future in the past'.)
 - but it's really since then I've thought about what it means.* (Use of the present emphasises in *what it means*: is a general truth and still true.)
 - And I've realised that it's a big thing.* (Emphasises that it is still a big thing: it is a general truth and still true.)
- 2** The following can change tense without changing meaning:
a, c, f, g, h.
- C** Personal response.

Speaking

- A a 1** *I thought she'd understand.*
ie: but she didn't.
- 2** *I thought she'd understand.*
ie: and I was right.
- b 1** *I thought we were going.*
ie: why aren't we?
- 2** *I thought we were going.*
ie: and I was right.
- c 1** *I always thought I'd do something completely different from my parents.*
ie: but here I am doing exactly the same!
- 2** *I always thought I'd do something completely different from my parents.*
ie: and here I am travelling to Jupiter with a biotic spider.

Unit 23 Questionnaire

Listening

- A** Basically, it's a survey of relationships between people. Its proper title was: *The effects of age and gender on social interactions between contemporaries.*
- B** a 1 b 7 c 2 d 4 e 3 f 6 g 5
- C 1** The average Ripon man, aged between 19 and 30: has frequently been in love; falls in love gradually rather than suddenly; is most anxious about what he's going to talk about; mostly just likes fooling around and having fun, (but there's a small minority of men who only really like talking about serious things); thinks 'That was an OK party but I've had better'; doesn't know, or says he doesn't know, anyone he's afraid of, but doesn't know anyone he can say absolutely anything to; considers himself to be a really good friend.
- 2** surprised by: *falls in love gradually* and *the small minority of men who only really like talking about serious things.*
- 3** and **4** Personal response

Grammar

- A 1** *that would take quite a long time and I think it would probably be a bit boring.*
- 2** *they're basically just a lot of statistics.*
- 3** *The average Ripon man, aged between 19 and 30, has frequently been in love.*
- 4** *And, and this was a surprise, to me anyway, falls in love gradually.*
- 5** *when he meets someone for the first time, he's most anxious about what he's going to talk about.*
- 6** *he mostly just likes fooling around and having fun though.*
- 7** *there is a small minority of men who only really like talking about serious things.*
- 8** *the average man doesn't know, or says he doesn't know, anyone they're afraid of ...*
- 9** *But then neither does he know anyone he can say absolutely anything to.*
- 10** *the average man also considers himself to be a really good friend.*
- B 1 Different:**
- I don't know at all.*
 - I'm not sure.*
- 2 Different:**
- like other people but it's only serious people that I like a lot.*
 - To be honest, I only like serious people.*
- 3** The two sentences are only different in emphasis. In sentence b, *gradually* is moved to the end to receive extra emphasis. In sentence a all parts of the sentence receive equal emphasis.
- 4 Different:**
- The majority of people are romantic; some people are not romantic.*
 - Everybody is romantic in part - in the most part.*
- 5 Different:** This is a particularly difficult one as, with slight differences in stress and intonation, many different shades of possible meaning appear and disappear, and this is worth discussing with students who are interested. However, the most straightforward seem to be as follows:
- I have two thoughts; this is the second one. The first thought could have been about almost anything; about youth and age, similarity and difference, or something completely different.*
 - Money (for example) makes a difference and so does age.*
- 6 Different:**
- Were you the only person to kiss Jess?*
 - This has more than one interpretation depending on stress and intonation: (1) Stress on *only* or *kiss*: Or did you do anything else with her? (2) Stress on *Jess*: Or did you kiss other people too?

- C 1** *We had a fairly / quite / rather warm friendship. We had quite / rather a warm friendship.*
- 2** *I've often / hardly ever / just fallen in love. I've fallen in love a few times.*
- 3** *It depends on who you want to go with / to.*
- 4** *but I also like quiet conversations. but I like quiet conversations too / as well but also I like quiet conversations.*
- 5** *I've known her for such a long time she's like a sister. I've known her for a long time she's just like a sister.*

Speaking

- A a** *I quite like parties* = but not much.
I quite like parties = more than you'd expect.
- b** *I also think age makes a difference* = I think so too.
I also think age makes a difference = age, too, makes a difference.
I also think age makes a difference = I also think this.
- c** *I just asked her* = EITHER I asked her just now OR that was all I did.
I just asked her = I only asked her.