Smart Planet 4

Units 1–2 Dictation

Unit l

1 ()¹¹ Listen and write the sentences.

- 1 When I was a child, I used to wear shorts and long socks to school.
- 2 Did you use to be afraid of spiders when you were a kid?
- 3 My grandparents would always buy me new clothes for my birthday.
- 4 They didn't use to sell leather jackets here but they do now.
- 5 In the 1970s people would wear denim jeans and denim shirts together.
- 6 The uniform at school used to be stripy but now it's just one colour.

2 12 Listen and write the sentences.

- 1 We were disappointed by the news that the concert had already started.
- 2 My sister was so proud of the wedding dress because Mum had worn it when she got married.
- 3 I was excited about going to the new club as I hadn't been there before.
- 4 Had you bought the dress when I saw you at the shops yesterday?
- 5 I didn't go to the film with my friends as I'd seen it before and I wasn't keen on it.
- 6 When we got home, we realised someone had broken in and stolen all our things.

3 (D)¹³ Listen and write the text.

My mum was tidying up her wardrobe the other day and she gave me a silk scarf she had found. She was really excited about it because she hadn't seen it for years and I was fascinated by its story. Her grandmother had given it to her when she was a child. My mum had worn it on her first date with my dad, who was really keen on it, and after that she would wear it every time they went out. She used to wear it with everything, even leather jackets and flowery dresses! It was her lucky scarf. When they got married, they moved into a new house and she thought she'd lost it, so she was really happy about finding it. Now I wear it all the time. Let's see if I get the same luck that she used to have!

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Did the writer's family move to the new house recently?

Unit 2

1 (1) Listen and write the sentences.

- 1 She's really motivated at school and gets angry with herself if she doesn't do well.
- 2 His brothers are so impatient that they always argue with each other about everything.
- 3 When you are really passionate about something, you can teach yourself to do it.
- 4 My parents were so shy when they first met that they didn't speak to each other!
- 5 I wish my mum was more easy-going and would let me do more things myself.
- **6** My students are so talented that they wrote this play themselves.

2 Disten and write the sentences.

- 1 He's helped me many times, so I'm sure I can count on him.
- **2** She's been trying to give up eating junk food for months.
- **3** They've been passing on their knowledge to their children for thousands of years.
- 4 She's a great businesswoman who has set up lots of different companies.
- 5 I've been studying all day but I still haven't finished the book.
- 6 I really get on well with my grandma and I've always looked up to her.

3 (1) Listen and write the text.

My cousins have been home-schooled since they finished primary, so they haven't been to school for four years. They've been studying with their parents and a neighbour at home all that time, and they say it's been a great experience. Their dad is really passionate about learning, and he's strict, so they count on him to give them the difficult lessons. Their mum is more easy-going and she believes people can teach themselves if they are determined, but she signs my cousins up for clubs and activities in town, and they've learnt lots that way. They also teach each other whatever they're interested in. This month they've been learning about the history of rock music! They've become sociable and hard-working kids and they've been doing it right!

4 (1)¹³ Listen and write the question.

Is the cousins' home education making them into shy people?