

### THEME 3 HARD TIMES LISTENING SKILL (SPICE UP)

#### **A. Listen to the podcast and fill in the blanks with the expressions below. (Transcript 3.1)**

Later / Soon after / To begin with / After all / Then

1. \_\_\_\_\_, her father passed away.
2. \_\_\_\_\_, they moved away to be closer to their relatives.
3. \_\_\_\_\_, they were unable to stay with their relatives anymore.
4. \_\_\_\_\_, they moved to different locations.
5. \_\_\_\_\_, she had to change schools and locations for a while.

#### **B. Listen to the podcast again and match the sentence halves. (Transcript 3.1)**

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| 1. Our father died                                   | a) while my sister was babysitting me.            |
| 2. My mum had to work for long hours                 | b) while I was coordinating the Youth Task Force. |
| 3. When mum found out she was diabetic               | c) when I was three.                              |
| 4. While I was looking for support for my education, | d) I was in 4th grade.                            |
| 5. I also became the leader of the homeless children | e) I met the Homeless Education Assistance Act.   |

#### **C. Listen to four people talking about their past and present life. Match the speakers (1-4) with the sentences. One is extra. (Transcript 3.1 Workbook)**

1. This person had some difficulties as a result of moving to a new place.
2. This person's family wanted to move to another city to get richer.
3. This person's parents started their own business and became really successful.
4. This person used to live in a green and small place with animals.
5. This person's family couldn't leave their town because they didn't have enough money.

#### **D. Listen again and answer the questions. (Transcript 3.1 Workbook)**

1. Why did Speaker 1 leave his country? \_\_\_\_\_.
2. How did Speaker 2 feel in the village? \_\_\_\_\_.
3. When did Speaker 3 move to the city? \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Is Speaker 4 planning to return to her hometown after university? \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Transcript 3.1**

**Podcast Host:** Our next guest on this episode of Cyber Inspire is Ida Stanton. She is an amazing young lady who has worked through all of life's difficulties and achieved her goals. She's a senior at Ohio State University and a scholar of the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth. Ida was homeless many times over her life, yet she never quit. We'll ask Ida about her life as a homeless girl and how she was motivated to work with homeless youth. Welcome, Ida. So, can you tell us a bit about yourself?

**Ida:** Hi, thanks for having me here today. Yes, I've been homeless on and off since the age of four. To begin with, our father died when I was three. Soon after his death, we moved to Waco to be with the rest of our family. We stayed with our relatives for some time. My mum had to work long hours while my sister was babysitting me. Later, the family we were living with had twin babies, so there was no room left for us. After that, we moved to many shelters and other safe places. When mum found out that she was diabetic, I was in 4th grade. Her health was mostly unstable after that, and she couldn't hold any of her jobs. In the end, I had to relocate and attend a new school every time my mother got a new job.

**Podcast Host:** How did this situation affect your education?

**Ida:** Moving from one school to another made me fall behind the other students. While I was looking for support for my education, I met the Homeless Education Assistance Act. This service helped me to stay at the same school despite my housing problems. I'm in college now and planning to go so much further.

**Podcast Host:** Why do you want to help other homeless children and youth?

**Ida:** My experiences led me to help other homeless young people. Last year, I took part in a briefing on homeless children and youth that was held in the parliament. I also became the leader of the homeless children while I was coordinating the Youth Task Force.

**Podcast Host:** Well, that's really amazing, Ida! Thank you very much for coming. That's it for this week's episode of Cyber Inspire. Happy podcasting!

### **Transcript 3.1 (Workbook)**

**Speaker 1 :** A couple of decades ago, my parents decided to leave our hometown to open a restaurant in the city. The business was so successful that they went on to open more restaurants in different places. I'm now in charge of some of them. I'm working hard to grow our family business.

**Speaker 2 :** When I was a little girl, I used to live in a village. We had a farm where we used to grow wheat and raise animals. Life was hard, but we were very happy. My parents decided to sell our farm and move to the city to be closer to our relatives. They are retired now, and I work at a company. I miss nature.

**Speaker 3 :** I've been in this city for two years. When I decided to move here, my family wanted to come with me. As we could only afford one person's travel and accommodation expenses, they couldn't leave our hometown. I've been saving money for my parents for a while and hope to live in the same city soon.

**Speaker 4 :** When I first left my town for university, it was quite difficult to be away from home. For a while, I couldn't get used to living alone, but later I realised that it was nice to make my own way in a new place. I'm graduating from university next year, and I want to get a job here. Maybe someday, I'll get married and have a family here. It'll be nice to visit my parents with my new family on holidays.