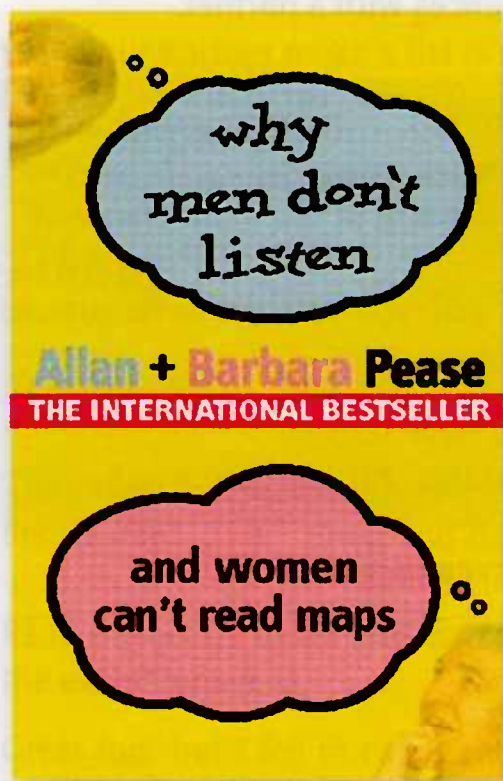


6c | Travel plans

SPEAKING

1 Work in pairs. Read the title of this best-selling book and the comment below. Then discuss the questions.



Men usually prefer to get the information they need from a guide book or the internet. Women usually prefer to ask somebody.

- Do you agree with the title of the book and the comment?
 - Do you know anyone who proves that the title and comment are right or wrong?
- 2 Discuss these questions with your partner.
- When was the last time you needed to find out some information?
 - How did you find it?
 - Was it difficult to find?

LISTENING

1 1.51 You are going to listen to Avril enquiring about a long-distance flight. Write three questions you think she and the travel agent will ask each other. Then listen to the conversation and see if your questions are answered.



2 1.51 Listen again and complete the form.

T&A TRAVEL

Flight enquiry

Customer: *Avril Goodman*

Destination: _____

Option 1: airline _____ cost _____

Option 2: airline _____ cost _____

Option 3: airline _____ cost _____

3 Work in pairs. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 Avril knows the travel agent quite well.
- 2 She wants to book a flight for Derek.
- 3 Derek knows the dates when he wants to fly.
- 4 The cost is more important than the flight time.
- 5 There isn't a big difference in cost between direct and indirect flights.
- 6 Only one airline flies direct.
- 7 Avril gets all the information she wants.

4  **1.51** Listen again to check your answers.

FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE: indirect questions

Use indirect questions when you are making polite enquiries. Direct questions can sometimes sound impolite.

Begin indirect questions with introduction + *if* or question word + indirect question.

Do you know if he wants to go direct?

Here are some more common introductions to indirect questions:

I wonder ...

I'd like to know ...


Could you tell me ... ?

Do you think you could tell me ... ?

Note that the word order in an indirect question is the normal affirmative sentence word order (subject + verb).

Can you tell me how long that takes?

Not ... ~~how long does that take?~~

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1 Look at tapescript 1.51 on pages 143–144 and find seven examples of indirect questions.


2 Change the questions below into indirect questions. Use different introductions.

- 1 Where can I buy an American or English newspaper?
- 2 How many cinemas are there in the town?
- 3 What time do banks open in the morning?
- 4 Is there an internet café in the city centre?
- 5 Which restaurant is the best in town?
- 6 Are there any non-smoking restaurants near here?

3 Work in pairs. Look at the questions you made in exercise 2. Decide what you would say if a tourist asked you these questions about your city.

VOCABULARY: collocations with sound

PRONUNCIATION: word stress

1  **1.52** Listen to three short extracts from Avril's conversation with the travel agent and tick the endings you hear.


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| 1 That doesn't sound | a) much fun. |
| | b) too bad. |
| | c) very interesting. |
| 2 Does that sound | a) all right? |
| | b) like a good idea? |
| | c) OK? |
| 3 That sounds | a) fun. |
| | b) great. |
| | c) lovely. |

2 Mark the adjectives positive (P) or negative (N).

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|-------------|-------------|
| 1 amazing | 5 fantastic |
| 2 awful | 6 horrible |
| 3 dreadful | 7 superb |
| 4 excellent | 8 terrible |

3 Put the adjectives from exercise 2 under the correct stress pattern in the table.

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_____	_____	<u>amazing</u>	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

4  **1.53** Listen to the exchanges and make a note of the intonation on the adjectives. Does it go up or down on the stressed syllable?

5 Tell your partner about three things that you have done today / that you did last week / that you are going to do at the weekend.

Your partner must respond using an expression with *sound*. Use an expression from the exercises above or choose a word from the box.

boring different enjoyable exciting
fascinating nice painful wonderful

A: *Last week I had toothache so I went to the dentist and he took out the tooth.*

B: *That sounds painful!*