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Online Stories and Activities to chase away the Lockdown Blues

In this edition, short stories from Jenny Éclair's collection *"Listening In"* read by Sue Ball and accompanied by follow-up activities you can try at home.

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Activities – Points

1. Remembering, Writing & Chatting

Welcome back everyone! I do hope you enjoyed listening to Points by Jenny Éclair.

This story is about how Gail gets revenge on her philandering husband by driving recklessly and posing as her husband, gaining him points on his licence. Have you ever got any points on your driving licence? I can admit at this point that I certainly have, and I have a few driving stories to tell!

Can you remember where you were, and what happened? Do you have any other funny driving stories? Could you write them down so that people could read and enjoy them?

Have a chat about this with a partner, and either just enjoy the moment, or have a go at writing one down, and don't forget to send it to us by clicking on the link on our website.

Press pause now.

2. Watching TV

Activity number 2. Gail describes the kind of party that she organised for Brendan – with Downton Abbey as the theme.

Did you watch this programme? I know many of us enjoyed Downton Abbey when it was on the television.

This might be the time to dig out those old box sets or maybe even access an episode or two online. Have a sit down now and enjoy watching an episode or two together.

Press pause now.

3. Visual Research & Chat

For this next activity, you will need some old magazines – the best kind are ones with glossy photographs. You will need a pair of scissors, some glue and a piece of paper. If you want to press pause now to go and gather your resources, you can, or simply listen to the rest of the instructions.

Gail describes both her car (a Figaro) and Brendan's car (BMW X7).

These cars both very much reflect their individual personalities. Using old magazines, find photos of cars, cut them out and assemble them on your paper like a collage, picking out which ones you would buy if money was no object. Chat about how it would reflect your personality. If this is a quick and easy activity, you could do this for friends and family as well.



Conclusion

That's all for now.

I hope you have enjoyed these activities, and before I go, can I just remind you that we would love to hear back from you.

The link on our website enables you to send us pictures of your work as well as documents so that we can see how successful the activities have been. It's always great fun for us to get some feedback.

We would love to hear from you, and we hope that you have enjoyed working with us.

Goodbye and I hope you enjoyed these activities.