# Listening: Concepts

#### 2.1 Vocabulary for listening What groups do you belong to?



#### Activating ideas

Look at the pictures above. What groups do they show?

#### R Understanding vocabulary in context

- 1. Study the figure below. What does it show?
- 2. 🕖 2.1 Listen. Complete the text below with words from the list on the right. Make any necessary changes.



in your primary groups are very important to you.

#### Developing vocabulary

- 1. Discuss the difference in meaning between each pair of words below.
- 2. <a>[I] 2.2 Listen to a student explaining one word in each pair. Tick the word.</a> sociology

My country

sociologist a. psychologist b. primary school C. d. mind

people

individual

- psychology primary group
- brain
  - human race identity

#### Developing critical thinking

e.

f.

Draw a figure to show the groups you belong to.

act (v) aim (*n* and *v*) alone (adj) ancient (adj) behave (v) behaviour (n) brain (n) century (n) cognitive (*adj*) colleague (n) control (v) different (adj) [from] form (v) friendship (n) group (n) human (n) human race identity (n) individual (n) key (adj) link (v) medicine (*n*) memory (n) mind (n) neighbour (n) pattern (n) personality (n) philosopher (n) primary (adj) [= main] psychologist (n) psychology (n) relationship (n) religion (n) rights (n) rule (n) separate (*adj*) social (adj) sociologist (n) sociology (n) term (n) [= name] the same as

Α	<ul> <li>Activating ideas</li> <li>Discuss these questions.</li> <li>1. When did humans start to live in groups?</li> <li>2. Why do people live in groups?</li> <li>3. When do groups of people behave well?</li> <li>4. Why do groups of people behave badly?</li> </ul>
В	Predicting content   Look at the first slide from a lecture on the opposite page.   Which phrases will you hear? Tick one or more.   1.   a man called   6.   in mathematics   2.   at that time   7.   in the 14 <sup>th</sup> century   3.   he said   8.   in the future   9.   in the past   5.   human behaviour
С	<ul> <li>Showing comprehension</li> <li>2.3 DVD 2.A Watch each part of the lecture. Tick the best way to complete the sentence about each part.</li> <li>Part 1. The lecture is about</li> <li>a. sociology in the past and the present.</li> <li>b. sociology in the past.</li> <li>c. sociology in the present.</li> <li>Part 2. Sociologists</li> <li>a. study human behaviour in groups.</li> <li>b. try to understand human behaviour in groups.</li> <li>c. study, try to understand and try to predict</li> <li>c. study, try to understand and try to predict</li> <li>c. the relationship between people and</li> </ul>
D	human behaviour in groups. groups is two-way.   Part 3. People first became interested in human behaviour a.   a. a long time ago.   b. in 1838.   c. in the 4 <sup>th</sup> century BCE.   Remembering real-world knowledge   1. Complete the information on each slide opposite.   2. DVD 2.A Watch the lecture again and check your ideas.
E	<b>Developing critical thinking</b> Read the quotations on the slides opposite. Which ones do you agree with? Which ones do you disagree with? Explain your answers.

## 2.2 Real-time listening An introduction to sociology

#### Social Studies (Module SSU24)

## Lecture 2: Introduction to the science of sociology

- Aims
- History: Key names and quotes
- Sociology today

'To study, understand and human behaviour in groups.'





### Ibn Khaldun

and

Key date:

'Groups are like \_\_\_\_\_. They are born, they grow and then they die. This happens to all groups.'







#### 2.3 Learning new listening skills **Recognizing time signposts**

#### Reviewing key words

- 1. Study the pairs of words on the right.
- 2. <a>2. <a>2.4</a> Listen. Tick the word you hear in each case.

a. Nowadays we call the study of groups 'sociology'.

#### Identifying a new skill

Read the Skills Check. Look at the transcript for Lesson 2.2 on pages 185–186. Underline all the time expressions.



B

#### C Recognizing time signposts

2.5 Listen to sentences from other lectures. Is each sentence about the past or the present?

#### 1. In 1789, there were a lot of changes in France.

	present	past
1.		1
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
7.		
8.		

### Identifying vowel sounds

Look at the phrases below.

- 1. How do you say a in each underlined word?
  - a. Do you all have a book?
  - b. Let me start with ...
  - c. It's an important part of the topic.
  - d. He's called 'The Father of Sociology'.
  - e. He began writing in 1957.
  - f. It's important to understand this.
- 2. Read the Pronunciation Check.
- 3. <a>
   2.6 Listen and check your answers.



### **Skills Check**

#### **Recognizing time signposts** Time expressions help you understand a lecture. You can predict the tense of the sentence. At that time the sentence = past These days the sentence = present Learn to recognize past-time expressions in speech.

Past

	1984,	dates		
In	the 14 <sup>th</sup> century,	centuries		
	the 1960s,	time periods		
In	those days, the past,	expressions		
At	that time, one time,			
	Many years later,			
Present				
At	the present time,			
	Today,	overessions		
	Now(adays),	expressions		
	These days,			

#### **Pronunciation Check**

#### Hearing vowels: /æ/ and /ɑɪ/

The letter *a* has two common sounds:

1. the short sound in *have* -/a/.

2. the long sound in half –  $/\alpha x/$ .

The difference is very important for meaning in English, so you must learn to hear it.

Note: The letter a can make other sounds. Examples: all, what, name, many

#### 2.4 Grammar for listening Recognizing past-time sentences

	(1)			
present time	past time			
1. Sociology is about human behaviour in groups.	There was a lot of unrest.			
2. Groups are like animals.	Poor people were unhappy.			
3. Sociology has three main aims.	Plato had ideas about people and groups.			
4. Giddens writes about modern groups.	Marx wrote a famous book.			
5. They start to fight for their rights.	They started to fight for their rights.			
6. Good teachers treat children well.	The teacher treated the children well.			
7. Lectures last one hour.	The lecture lasted one hour.			
8. They want to go home.	They wanted to go home.			
9. We try to understand all the time.	We tried to understand during the lecture.			
10. They work for a bank at the moment.	They worked for a bank at that time.			
11. I live there now.	I lived there for years.			
12. Groups sometimes behave badly.	The group behaved badly later in the evening.			

Sentences 1–4: It is easy to recognize past-time sentences with **irregular past tense verbs**. You can hear the different words.

Sentences 5–8: It is difficult to recognize past-time sentences with regular verbs ending in t or d but you can sometimes hear the extra /Id/ sound.

Sentences 9–12: It is often impossible to recognize past-time sentences with **other regular verbs**. You must listen for time expressions in the sentence.

#### A Recognizing time from verb form (1)

- 1. <a>2.7</a> Listen to some verbs. Say present or past in each case.
- 2. <a>2.</a> 2.8 Listen to some sentences. Say present or past in each case.

#### **B** Recognizing time from verb form (2)

- 1. <a> 2.9</a> Listen to some verbs. Say present or past in each case.

#### C Recognizing time from time expressions

- 1. <a>[1.]</a> 2.11 Listen to some sentences. Say present or past or I don't know in each case.
- 2. <a>[9] 2.12 Listen to the same sentences with time expressions. Say present or past or I don't know in each case.</a>



2.5 Applying new listening skills An introduction to psychology

#### Reviewing vocabulary

- 2.13 Listen and complete the phrases.
- 1. human behaviour 5. main
- 2. modern 6. famous
- 3. important 7. people in
- 4. twentieth 8. in the

#### B Activating knowledge

Look at the poster for a talk on the right.

- 1. Discuss the questions on the poster.
- 2. <a>
   2.14 DVD
   2.B Watch the first part of the talk. Complete the sentences in your own words.

Psych. =		
Psych.		
Psych. = understand:		
the way		
the things		
the things		



#### Applying a key skill

1. @ 2.15 DVD 2.C Watch the second part of the talk. The events are in order. Add a time expression to each one.

A long time ago	Aristotle – first book: Para Psyche
	Locke + Descartes - 'mind and body?'
	Wundt – psychology school
	Pavlov – 'How do people learn?'
	Sigmund Freud – dreams
	Watson – 'only study behaviour '
	Neisser - ' must study mind' = cognitive psychology

2. <a>[] 2.16 DVD 2.D Watch the third part of the talk. Circle the correct verb form below.</a>

#### **Elizabeth Loftus**

#### **Steven Pinker**

#### Elizabeth Spelke

She **is** / was interested in learning. She works / worked with the police.

He **is** / **was** a psychology teacher. He **does** / **did** research into language and the mind. She **described** / **describes** new ideas about babies.

She **teaches** / **taught** psychology in the USA.