

Donna's telephone call (Listening)

- Description:** Further exploitation of a *Network* listening text
- Use with or after:** *English Network 3 (New Edition)*, Unit 3, Step 2.
- Skill:** Listening for detail
- Focus:** Listening to answer specific questions, and then to solve a puzzle containing a sentence in the second conditional from the recording.
- Time:** 15 minutes
- Preparation:**
- Print out both pages of this file.
 - Make a copy of the second page for each student, and cut along the dotted line to remove the key.
- Procedure:**
- Give each student a copy of the worksheet, without the key.
 - Remind them that on the morning after Donna's flat-warming party her mother telephoned her from the United States.
 - Explain that they will now hear the telephone call twice. During the first listening they should note down the answers to the six questions. When the recording is finished they should immediately compare their answers with a partner, before checking them with the whole class. (The recording is on the first text-CD, track 24.)
 - After the second listening they should work with the same partner and put the tiles in the correct order to make a sentence that Donna says to her mother during the telephone call. There are four characters (letters, spaces or punctuation marks) on each tile.
 - If any of the pairs are really stuck, give them a silent hint by pointing to the tile with the word *Mom*, which is the first word in the sentence, and then *if*, which is the second word.
 - When all or most of the pairs have solved the puzzle, go through the sentence orally with the whole class, and then distribute the key.

Listen again to the telephone call between Donna and her mother. As you listen, note down the answers to these questions.

- 1 How old is Donna?
- 2 What's Donna's ex-husband's name?
- 3 Why did Donna move away from home?
- 4 Who stayed overnight with Donna?
- 5 Who took Elly home last night?
- 6 How does Donna feel this morning?

Now compare your answers with a partner. Do you agree on all the answers?

Listen again. Then put the tiles in the right order to make a sentence that Donna says to her mother during the telephone call. Hint: it's in the second conditional.

H I S	T A N D	R Y D	J U S	' T S	N D I
S E E	M O M ,	O M E ,	W I F E	T C O	E D
I L I	T H A	N E W	T .	I ' D	I F
V E D	A N D	U L D N	A T H	A Y A	E V E

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Key:

1 Donna is 35 years old. 2 Donna's ex-husband's name is Ed. 3 Donna moved away from home because she didn't want to see Ed and his new wife every day. 4 Mike stayed overnight with Donna. 5 Mike's brother Tim took Elly home last night. 6 Donna feels homesick / miserable / a bit down. And she's got a hangover.

The sentence in the puzzle is: *Mom, if I lived at home, I'd see Ed and his new wife every day and I just couldn't stand that.*