



Listening text 14: Bonnie and Clyde

Part 1

1. Before you listen, look at the following words.



fingerprint <i>Fingerabdruck</i>	proof <i>Beweis</i>
morgue <i>Leichenschauhaus</i>	auction <i>Versteigerung</i>
judge <i>Richter</i>	

2. First read the sentences below. Then listen to part 1 and complete the sentences with the right numbers and dates. 🎧 23

- In _____ Bonnie and Clyde met in the café where Bonnie worked.
- Clyde was _____ when he first met Bonnie.
- Bonnie was _____ years younger than Clyde.
- They robbed and killed from _____ to _____.

3. First read the sentences below. Then listen to part 1 again and complete them. 🎧 23

- Bonnie waited in the _____ while Clyde robbed a shop.
- Clyde was arrested because the police found his _____.
- Bonnie was not arrested because the police had no _____.
- Clyde could break out because Bonnie gave him a _____.

Part 2

4. First read the sentences below. Then listen to part 2 and complete the sentences with the right words. 🎧 24

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Listening text 15: Steve Jobs

1. Before you listen, look at the words in the language box.



to adopt *adoptieren*

working class *Arbeiterschicht*

deposit *Pfand*

savings *Ersparnisse*

decision *Entscheidung*

to drop out *das Studium abbrechen*

2. Before you listen to the text, read the following statements. Then decide if they're true or false. ⌚ 25

		true	false
a)	Steve Jobs was born with a silver spoon in his mouth.		
b)	To drop out of university was one of Steve's best decisions.		
c)	He slept in the Hare Krishna temple at the weekends.		
d)	Microsoft invented the operating system (<i>Betriebssystem</i>) Windows.		
e)	Money wasn't important to Steve Jobs.		

3. First read the sentences. Then listen to the text again and add the numbers and dates. ⌚ 25

- a) Steve Jobs was born in _____.
- b) He learned who his real parents were when he was _____.
- c) He went to India in _____.
- d) He founded Apple Computers at the age of _____.
- e) He died in _____ at the age of _____.

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Listening text 18: The jeans story

Part 1

1. Before you listen, look at the words in the box.



average <i>durchschnittlich</i>	fortune <i>Vermögen</i>
copper <i>Kupfer</i>	rivets <i>Nieten</i>
to manufacture <i>herstellen</i>	

2. First read the sentences below. Then listen to part 1 of the story and complete the sentences with the correct numbers and dates. 🎧 29

- a) Jeans have been popular for nearly _____ years.
- b) The average American owns about _____ pairs of jeans.
- c) In the middle of the _____ century, a gold rush started.
- d) In _____ Strauss and Davis started making Levi's jeans.



3. Listen again and say if these statements are true or false. 🎧 29

		true	false
a)	Gold was found in San Francisco.		
b)	Jacob Davis was an immigrant from Russia.		
c)	Levi Strauss was a tailor.		
d)	Gold miners carried gold in their pockets.		

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Part 1 23

The story of Bonnie and Clyde isn't a legend, it's a true story. It began in 1930 when Clyde Barrow was 21. He met Bonnie Parker in a café where she worked as a waitress. She was 18 and fell in love with him at once. Clyde was a killer and taught Bonnie how to shoot and kill. From 1930 to 1934 they stole, robbed, kidnapped and killed all over the United States. Bonnie was the driver. She waited in the car while Clyde robbed a shop or a bank.

In 1930 Clyde's fingerprints were found at a crime scene and Clyde was arrested. He went to prison for two years. Bonnie didn't get into trouble because there was no proof of her being there. She often visited Clyde and one day she smuggled a revolver into the prison and gave it to Clyde. With the help of the gun, Clyde and two other prisoners broke out of prison, but they were caught again a couple of days later.



Part 2 24

As soon as Clyde was free, he and Bonnie started robbing and shooting again. In the following years they killed about 13 people. On May 23, 1934, the police found out which road the two gangsters were going to take. Six policemen hid along the road. They waited for seven hours. When Bonnie and Clyde appeared in their car, the policemen opened fire. They fired their guns into the car for several minutes. The car was full of bullet holes. Bonnie and Clyde died at once. Clyde was shot so many times that his shirt was cut in half. When the bodies were taken to the morgue, people paid two dollars to get in and see their bodies.

At an auction in September 2012, Bonnie's colt was sold for 264,000 dollars and Clyde's revolver for 240,000 dollars.



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Listening text 15: Steve Jobs



Part 1 25

Steve Jobs wasn't born with a silver spoon in his mouth when he came into the world in 1955. His mother was a young college student. She wasn't married and didn't want the baby. So she gave him up for adoption. A working-class family was happy to adopt the baby. They had to promise the mother that the boy would get a good education. Steve
5 didn't know who his biological parents were until he was twenty-seven.

His new family wasn't rich, but they spent all their savings to send him to the university. In 2005 Steve Jobs told students, "I had no idea what I wanted to do with my life and here I was spending all of the money my parents had saved. So I decided to drop out after the first six months. It was one of the best decisions I ever made."

10 He still went to some classes that interested him, but it was a difficult time for Steve. He slept on the floor in the rooms of his friends. He collected coke bottles for the five-cent-deposit to buy food with and every Sunday he walked the seven miles to town to get one good meal at the Hare Krishna temple. In 1974 he had enough money for a trip to India and returned from there as a Buddhist.

15 At the age of twenty-one, he founded Apple Computers with his friend Steve Wozniak in the garage of his father and they both became rich within two years. His inventions have changed our lives. He designed the first Macintosh computer with an operating system which made it easier to use. Microsoft just copied it, so you could say that no computer would have Windows today without his Macintosh. He created the MacBook Air, the
20 iPhone, the iPod and the iPad which other companies have also copied.

"I was worth about a million dollars when I was twenty-three and over ten million dollars when I was twenty-four, and over a hundred million dollars when I was twenty-five and it wasn't that important because I never did it for the money," he once said to reporters. He died on the fifth of October 2011 at the age of fifty-six.

Listening text 18: The jeans story



Part 1 29

A special piece of clothing has been popular with people of all ages for nearly 150 years – jeans. Most people have at least one pair of jeans and the average American owns about seven pairs.

In the middle of the nineteenth century, gold was found in California. Thousands of
 5 adventurers travelled by sea or land to San Francisco. They all hoped to find gold and make a fortune. Among them was the eighteen-year-old Levi Strauss from Buttenheim in Germany. He soon became a rich businessman.

The gold diggers had a problem with their trousers. When they found gold, they carried it
 10 in their pockets and the heavy metal tore holes into them. Jacob Davis, a tailor who had left Russia in 1872, knew about this problem because he had once been a gold digger himself. His idea was to strengthen the pockets of the trousers with copper rivets. But he didn't have enough money. So he asked Levi Strauss for help. In 1873, Strauss and Davis began manufacturing the famous Levi's jeans.



Part 2 30

When the Western movies became popular, people thought that the cowboys looked cool in their jeans and soon many movie stars started to wear them. Even the President of the United States could be seen in jeans. After the Second World War, jeans became a symbol of the American way of life.

5 However, the image of the jeans changed in the 1950s. Blue jeans suddenly became a symbol of youth rebellion. Anyone who wore them was seen as a troublemaker. It got so bad that youths wearing blue jeans were banned from entering restaurants, cinemas and schools. Even today some schools don't allow pupils to wear them.

10 But this didn't stop the popularity of jeans. In 1958 newspapers reported that about 90 per cent of young Americans wore jeans except when in bed or in church. Today teenagers, men and women of all ages love them and wear them almost everywhere. You might be wearing your pair right now.