



## Chunks in context

To understand native speakers easily, it's important to quickly recognize chunks. Chunks are expressions that we use often. They can be short (2 words) or longer. The important thing is to recognize the sounds.

For this activity, listen to each extract on the lesson webpage. Complete the extracts below.

Check your answers with the correction at the end of the worksheet.

**Then listen again to each extract. Focus on catching the chunks you wrote on the worksheet.**

### Extract 1:

- Christina:** Okay, so Colleen, so you went to Europe not too long ago, I think, wasn't it?
- Colleen:** Yes, I left last year.
- Christina:** Okay.
- Colleen:** Just about this time last year.
- Christina:** Okay, yeah. And like where did you ... Like how long were you there ... How long were you there for?
- Colleen:** Um, I was there for three years.
- Christina:** Okay, yeah.
- Colleen:** I was in the US Military.
- Christina:** Uh-huh.
- Colleen:** So I was stationed \_\_\_\_\_.
- Christina:** Okay. Like, so you weren't actually touring Europe for three years, but you lived there for three years?
- Colleen:** Yes.
- Christina:** Okay.
- Colleen:** \_\_\_\_\_ like on my ... Sorry.
- Christina:** Bugs, yeah.
- Colleen:** ...off time.
- Christina:** We're outside.
- Colleen:** So, yeah. I lived there for three years.

## Extract #2:

- Colleen:** Um, okay, so France, Germany, \_\_\_\_\_, I traveled to, um, Czech Republic ...
- Christina:** Yeah.
- Colleen:** And then ... Oh, I did a Mediterranean cruise. So ... Sorry. Um, where we stopped in Greece, and Malta, and Ephesus, Turkey.
- Christina:** Okay, right. So you went like all around...
- Colleen:** \_\_\_\_\_ ...
- Christina:** Like ...
- Colleen:** A nice chunk of ...
- Christina:** It's a pretty nice ...
- Colleen:** It was a 12 day cruise, so ...
- Christina:** Okay.
- Colleen:** \_\_\_\_\_, "Get me off this boat".
- Christina:** Get me off the boat. I just want like land.
- Colleen:** Um, I think that's ... Oh, I went to Turkey.
- Christina:** Yeah, okay.
- Colleen:** Um, yeah. To Antalya, and then ... Of course, with my work trips, I went to Norway. I don't think I said that.
- Christina:** Right. No, no. Yeah, you didn't say you went ... Like how long-how long were you in Norway for?
- Colleen:** Um, just ... I went two or three times. And it was just like maybe five days each.
- Colleen:** Okay, yeah.
- Christina:** So...Okay, yeah. So it's yeah, kind of short. And like what were you-like what did you think? \_\_\_\_\_?
- Colleen:** Uh. That's not an easy question.

## EXTRACT #3:

- Colleen:** But it'll allow me to like experience other places around the world, which is what I really wanna do (laughs).
- Christina:** Yeah, right (laughs). 'Cause I just wanna- \_\_\_\_\_
- Colleen:** Yes.
- Christina:** And get paid to do it.
- Colleen:** The job tells me I get to travel and live in a foreign country ....
- Christina:** Good job. Yeah, it's a good job.
- Colleen:** I'll do it.
- Christina:** So will I. Cross our fingers. Fingers crossed.
- Colleen:** Yeah.
- Christina:** Knock on wood.
- Colleen:** \_\_\_\_\_.
- Christina:** Yeah! Exactly. Okay, good. Well, thank you, Colleen!
- Colleen:** You're welcome.

# ANSWERS

## Extract 1# :

- Christina:** Okay, so Colleen, so you went to Europe not too long ago, I think, wasn't it?
- Colleen:** Yes, I left last year.
- Christina:** Okay.
- Colleen:** Just about this time last year.
- Christina:** Okay, yeah. And like where did you ... Like how long were you there... How long were you there for?
- Colleen:** Um, I was there for three years.
- Christina:** Okay, yeah.
- Colleen:** I was in the US Military.
- Christina:** Uh-huh.
- Colleen:** So I was stationed **in a small little town on a NATO base in Germany.**
- Christina:** Okay. Like, so you weren't actually touring Europe for three years, but you lived there for three years?
- Colleen:** Yes.
- Christina:** Okay.
- Colleen:** **I lived there but I got to travel** like on my ... Sorry.
- Christina:** Bugs, yeah.
- Colleen:** ...off time.
- Christina:** We're outside.
- Colleen:** So, yeah. I lived there for three years.

## Extract #2:

- Colleen:** Um, okay, so France, Germany, **I traveled to Italy, I traveled to Hungary,** I traveled to, um, Czech Republic ...
- Christina:** Yeah.
- Colleen:** And then ... Oh, I did a Mediterranean cruise. So ... Sorry. Um, where we stopped in Greece, and Malta, and Ephesus, Turkey.
- Christina:** Okay, right. So you went like all ...
- Colleen:** **Yeah, pretty much ...**
- Christina:** Like ...
- Colleen:** A nice chunk of ...
- Christina:** It's a pretty nice ...
- Colleen:** It was a 12 day cruise, so ...
- Christina:** Okay.
- Colleen:** **By then end, I was like,** "Get me off this boat". (laughs)
- Christina:** Get me off the boat. I just want like land.

**Colleen:** Um, I think that's ... Oh, I went to Turkey.

**Christina:** Yeah, okay.

**Colleen:** Um, yeah. To Antalya, and then ... Of course, with my work trips, I went to Norway. I don't think I said that.

**Christina:** Right. No, no. Yeah, you didn't say you went ... Like how long-how long were you in Norway for?

**Colleen:** Um, just ... I went two or three times. And it was just like maybe five days each.

**Colleen:** Okay, yeah.

**Christina:** So...Okay, yeah. So it's yeah, kind of short. And like what were you-like what did you think? **Like what was your favorite country?**

**Colleen:** Uh. That's not an easy question.

### *Extract #3:*

**Colleen:** But it'll allow me to like experience other places around the world, which is what I really wanna do.

**Christina:** Yeah, right. 'Cause I just wanna- **I just wanna travel and go places.**

**Colleen:** Yes.

**Christina:** And get paid to do it.

**Colleen:** The job tells me I get to travel and live in a foreign country ....

**Christina:** Good job. Yeah, it's a good job.

**Colleen:** I'll do it.

**Christina:** So we'll, uh, cross our fingers. Fingers crossed.

**Colleen:** Yeah.

**Christina:** Knock on wood.

**Colleen:** **Maybe I'll get to go to France.**

**Christina:** Yeah! Exactly. Okay, good. Well, thank you, Colleen!

**Colleen:** You're welcome.