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SECTION A: Language and Context

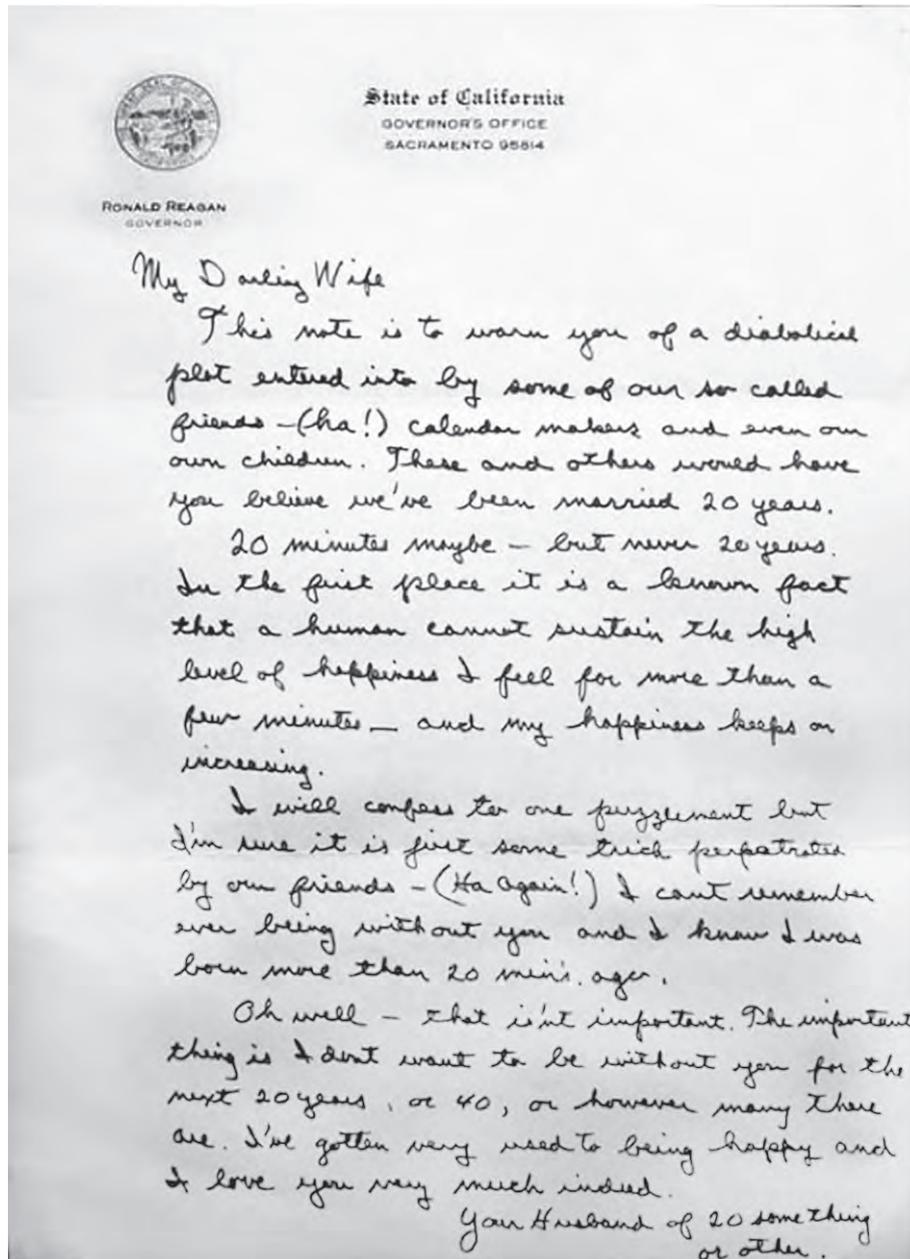
Text A

Text A consists of a series of messages sent by members of a group of women in their thirties using the mobile phone messaging application WhatsApp. Two members of the group had recently celebrated their wedding anniversaries.



Text B

Text B is a letter on headed notepaper from Ronald Reagan, former president of the USA, to his wife, Nancy, on their wedding anniversary. The letter was written in 1972 when Reagan was Governor of California. A typed transcript has been included.



State of California
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
SACRAMENTO 95814

RONALD REAGAN
GOVERNOR

My Darling Wife

This note is to warn you of a diabolical plot entered into by some of our so called friends — (ha!) calendar makers and even our own children. These and others would have you believe we've been married 20 years.

20 minutes maybe — but never 20 years. In the first place it is a known fact that a human cannot sustain the high level of happiness I feel for more than a few minutes — and my happiness keeps on increasing.

I will confess to one puzzlement but I'm sure it is just some trick perpetrated by our friends — (Ha Again!) I cant remember ever being without you and I know I was born more than 20 min's ago.

Oh well — that is'nt important. The important thing is I dont want to be without you for the next 20 years, or 40, or however many there are. I've gotten very used to being happy and I love you very much indeed.

Your Husband of 20 something
or other.

Text C

Text C is a transcript of a podcast aimed at students learning English as a Second Language. It is from a series called Curious Questions in which the presenters respond to questions emailed by students. In this extract the presenters are responding to a Chinese student called Eliza.

KEY

H = Female Presenter	(.) micro pause (less than a second)	(3) longer pause (number of seconds indicated)
R = Male Presenter		
bold emphatic stress		

R: so there are really two questions here (.) they are both about anniversaries (3) wedding anniversaries (.) the first thing she wanted to know was if we could give her some advice about what to say to somebody on their wedding anniversary (.) the second thing she asked was about how we celebrate anniversaries in our country

H: **let's** look at the **first** question first (.) Eliza said (.) my English teacher's thirty-ninth wedding anniversary is coming soon (.) I want to give him my best wishes (.) but I don't know what I can say to him in my email (.) can you give me some advice (.) sure we can give you some advice for what to say to someone whose anniversary it is

R: the most obvious and by far the most common thing to say is simply (.) happy anniversary

H: yeah (.) happy anniversary it is really popular to say that (.) most people just say happy anniversary

R: yes (.) there are lots of other possibilities though (2) what are some of the other ways that you might wish somebody a happy anniversary

H: ah you could say enjoy your day together (.) maybe (.) I hope you have a great day

R: mm (.) there's also enjoy celebrating your day (.) or (.) I wish you many more years of happiness

H: yeah that's a good one (.) so those are some other ways of saying happy anniversary (.) but really the most popular way is just to say happy anniversary

SECTION B: Language and Identity

Text D

Text D is an extract from an interview that appeared in Big Issue North. The Big Issue is an organisation whose purpose is to help homeless people, partly by providing them with magazines which they can sell. People who sell the magazine are known as 'street vendors'. Interviews with street vendors are a regular feature.

STREET VENDORS



(Source: photo by Jason Lock)

Name Murph

Pitch Orchard Square, Sheffield

“I can be honest with people about what I do and my situation.”

How did you first become homeless?

I was in a secure unit as a lad and started using drugs there, but then I got clean and stayed that way for nine years. I had a decent job then in Manchester, but when my relationship with my wife broke down, I had a meltdown. I spiralled, and though my employer tried to help, they couldn't keep supporting me. I lost it and ended up on the street.

Why did you start selling the magazine?

I knew a few people who sold *Big Issue North* when I was at rehab, and I saw it as a way of getting one step up on the ladder. I didn't have a lot of confidence then, but I knew that if I could just start, it would help me massively.

And has it helped?

Ten times over. When you are out begging or committing crime, it's all about self, self, self. And I know selling the mag is about getting money, but it's also about getting the confidence to talk to people – chatting and being honest with people – which you can't do when you beg because you are always spinning some yarn about your life. Now I can be honest with people about what I do and what my situation is.

What's life like now?

Now I'm quite happy with the life I've got, with what little I've got. When I was into drugs it was all about getting up there, like a hierarchy, like you're the dog's bollocks, and you want to be all flash and that. Now, just the fact that I can come home and have a coffee and be in my garden – that means so much more than anything.

You are now a vendor rep. What is that?

Basically, if other vendors have got problems or comments about the service we get from the *Big Issue North* office, they can come to me and I can represent them and their views to the staff.

What do you do in your spare time?

I look after my garden and do some volunteering for my local church group. I've also got an interest in politics, and at the last election I helped canvass for the Labour Party.

Have you got a message for your customers?

I want to say a big thank you to them. Without them talking to me over the years, I would never have made it off the streets and off the drink and the drugs.

Interview: Christian Lisseman

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