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***PART 1 TRACK 3***

**Words and expressions to remember:**

1. to proceed
2. to adjourn a meeting
3. to have a busy career
4. to be a barrister
5. to be Head of Investment
6. to have enough energy for two
7. to scan the menu
8. to look yammy
9. …the taxi pulls up in front of me…
10. to pull a guilty face
11. I can’t help laughing
12. not to turn up
13. to have a pile of work to do
14. to make sacrifices
15. to get easier

**Did you get it?**

1. Why does Sam have to cancel the dinner with her Mom and Brother?
2. Sam says “My family and parties don’t exactly go together” What does she mean? Is it somehow connected with the positions they carry?
3. Can you write down the names of the dishes on the restaurant menu?
4. What excuses did her Mom and brother provide for not coming?
5. Who finally congratulated Sam on her birthday? What gift did she get?
6. How does Sam answer her friend’s question “What happened to your life”?
7. Where did Sam go after her “birthday party”?

**Follow up**

* Do you agree with the statement “The deadline comes first”?
* How do you usually spend your birthday? Be ready to speak about your most recent birthday in detail.
* What is your “Perfect Birthday” scenario?
* What life pleasures have you ever sacrificed for work/study?