

YOU'RE NEVER TOO OLD

Listen to married couple Michael Whitehall and his younger wife, Hilary, use their lifetime experiences to offer advice to their listeners who write in with their questions about everyday life on this popular British podcast (available on Spotify and Apple). In this episode Michael and Hilary (parents of famous British comedian Jack Whitehall) talk to their 'DLs' (*Dear Listeners*) about pyjama parties, operations and problematic neighbours.



A) Match the adjectives from the episode to their meanings:

1) Tinnitus	a) Someone who supports a new mother/father/parent post-birth
2) Bowel	b) Disaster
3) Shit show	c) Finish
4) Wrap it up	d) Have an operation
5) Post-natal doula	e) A long tube through which food travels while it is being digested after leaving the stomach
6) Cheers	f) Laugh in a silly way
7) Under the knife	g) An ear problem where you hear a ringing noise
8) Giggle (v)	h) Thank you
9) Skid (v)	i) When a car slides sideways. Often because you are going too fast
10) A late adopter	j) Someone who buys a product after everyone else has bought or started using it

B) Listen to the episode and answer the questions.

- 1) Who is the Whitehalls' new arrival, Woody?
- 2) Does Michael wear pyjamas?
- 3) In which era was Michael invited to a pyjama party?
- 4) Did Michael go to the pyjama party?
- 5) How many bits of surgery has Michael had?
- 6) Name one of the words Michael hates.
- 7) Why does Hilary stop reading the email?
- a) She is crying too much
- b) She is laughing too much
- c) She feels ill
- 8) What problem does the DL (Dear Listener) write to Michael and Hilary about?
- 9) How old is the problematic neighbour?
- 10) Why have musicians been asked to make noises for electric cars?
- 11) What did the doctor recommend Michael do to get rid of his tinnitus?

After you have listened.....

C) Put the words from exercise A in the sentences. You may need to change the form.

- 1) The meeting was an absolute _____. No one had prepared, my colleague forgot the handouts and my boss was absolutely furious.
- 2) Next week I am having _____ surgery.
- 3) I always _____ in really inappropriate situations. I even _____ at a funeral once.
- 4) The car _____ on the ice and crash into the wall. Thank God no one was hurt.
- 5) I was a _____ of Spotify, but now I listen to music and podcasts on there every single day.
- 6) _____ for helping me on the project. I really appreciate your help.
- 7) I think that actress has probably been _____ a few times. Her face doesn't even resemble what she used to look like.
- 8) I have hired a _____ to help us look after our new-born when she arrives.
- 9) I had terrible _____ after going to that concert.
- 10) Right if no one has anything to add let's _____ so we can go home.

ANSWERS

A)

- 1) g
- 2) e
- 3) b
- 4) c
- 5) a
- 6) h
- 7) d
- 8) f
- 9) i
- 10) j

B)

- 1) Their grandson
- 2) No
- 3) In the 60s
- 4) No
- 5) 5 (both shoulders, both hernias and some bowel surgery)
- 6) Bowel, moist, kipper
- 7) b
- 8) A neighbour makes noise in his car at night. 'He revs the car' 'he skids'
- 9) In his 70s
- 10) Because they are lethal because they are silent / people can't hear the cars coming
- 11) Listen to the radio / white noise

C)

- 1) shit show
- 2) bowel
- 3) giggle, giggled
- 4) skidded
- 5) late adopter
- 6) Cheers
- 7) under the knife
- 8) post-natal doula
- 9) tinnitus
- 10) wrap it up