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| Description | Students do a dictagloss based on an original text |
| Lesson link | Use this activity after exercise 2 |
| Time | 15 minutes |
| Extra material | Print out and photocopy <i>The Iron Woman</i> worksheet for each student - cut up |

Instructions

- a** In lesson 8B SS have been reading about Tariq, a record producer. Now SS are going to listen to a text and write down as much information as they can about a woman called Tania. She is the same age as Tariq, but they have very different lifestyles. First SS work in small groups of three. Read out *The Iron Woman* text and tell SS to write down only six words that they hear. Read the text at a natural, native speaker speed.
- b** Now read the text to SS again and this time tell them to write down as many words as they can. This time read the text a little more quickly.
- c** Explain that SS must now try and reconstruct the text in their groups, using only their notes. They should try to make the text as close to the original as possible.
- d** Ask SS to read their finished paragraphs to the class. Then hand out copies of *The Iron Woman* worksheet. Ask SS what kind of words they didn't hear and didn't write down. These words may well include many of the target phrases of the lesson, such as *too*, *not enough*, as these words are often said quickly and are difficult to hear.

The Iron Woman

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I'm very careful about my diet too. I don't eat any fat: no meat, nothing. But I eat a lot of fish, especially oily fish, which is very good for you. For breakfast I usually have muesli. I used to drink tea but I like it with milk and sugar. And I need to be fit so I can't eat too much sugar. Orange juice is quite enough for me.

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