

Unit 5

Listening script

- Angela** That's beautiful music. I love listening to the guitar.
- Mike** Me, too. Did you know that Rodrigo, who wrote this music, was blind?
- Angela** Really?
- Mike** Yes, he couldn't see at all and he used Braille to write the music.
- Angela** What's Braille?
- Mike** It's a special way of reading and writing that some blind people use.
- Angela** Wow. So, how did he play the guitar if he couldn't see?
- Mike** Well, although he wrote a lot of great music for the guitar, he couldn't play the instrument himself.
- Angela** That's interesting. Did you know that Beethoven, the famous German composer, was deaf?
- Mike** No, I didn't know that.
- Angela** He started to become deaf when he was about twenty. And when he was about 44 he couldn't hear anything at all. And what's really amazing is that he continued to play the piano and compose music until he died at the age of 56.
- Mike** Wow – that is amazing!