

End of Year 1

Listening script [1.12]

- Ben** Around 12,000 people in Britain lose their sight every year. Our guest, Emily Wilson, lost her eyesight as a result of an accident last July. Emily, how are you? It must be difficult managing so many changes all at once.
- Emily** Yeah, I think if you're born blind, your abilities gradually adapt and grow but I feel like my life has started all over again.
- Ben** Does that make you impatient because you were very active before?
- Emily** Yeah. The frustrating thing is that I have to concentrate so hard to do everything. It can be exhausting!
- Ben** So, what are your plans for the future?
- Emily** Well, right now I'm focusing on creating more support for charities for the blind and partially sighted. I think it's important to try and help those who have lost their sight and remind them that they can still lead active lives.
- Ben** Is that what you're campaigning about?
- Emily** Yes, I want to show people in similar situations that they don't have to just sit at home. There needs to be more support for people to continue living independent lives. I think the government could change someone's life by providing them with gadgets that could really help them, like a talking watch that tells the time and date. And doing this wouldn't cost very much.
- Ben** Well, we wish you all the best with that. Thank you for talking to us today.
- Emily** Thanks!