- Discuss progress and society
- Evaluate costs and benefits

**P** – stress-shift words     **G** – negative inversion

**V** – verb–noun collocations     **S** – reading to determine costs and benefits

## LISTENING

Bob

**A SPEAK** Work in groups. Do you think life is generally getting better or worse for your generation?

**B LISTEN FOR MAIN IDEA** Listen to the first part of a radio show. Match the people (1–5) with the opinions (a–e).
3.3

1 Bob     ____
2 Mary     ____
3 James     ____
4 Callum     ____
5 Sonia     ____

a I'm more aware of bad things happening than I was.
b The earlier generation didn't have the same financial worries as we do.
c Everything was better when I was younger.
d Young people were more polite in the past.
e I feel bad when I compare myself with others.

Mary

**C SPEAK** Work in pairs and discuss the questions.

1 Do you agree with the interviewees' opinions?
2 What are some possible explanations for their opinions?

**D LISTEN FOR GIST** Listen to the second part of the radio show. Match the opinions (a–e) in Exercise B with the concepts (1–5).
3.4

1 the inequality paradox     ____
2 the reminiscence bump     ____
3 the them-and-us delusion     ____
4 the invisible struggle phenomenon     ____
5 the window-on-the-world effect     ____

James

**E LISTEN FOR DETAIL** Listen to the second part again. Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)? Correct the false sentences.
3.4

1 Professor Martinelli believes that life is getting better everywhere.    *T / F*
2 Declinism proves that things really are getting worse.    *T / F*
3 When average levels of well-being improve, it can lead to a rise in declinism.    *T / F*
4 People often have nostalgia for their youth.    *T / F*
5 We tend to focus on good behaviour in groups that we don't belong to.    *T / F*
6 Professor Martinelli's parents never worried about financial problems.    *T / F*
7 Professor Martinelli is optimistic that people will try to prevent global tragedies.    *T / F*

Callum

**F SPEAK** Work in pairs. Discuss the questions.

1 What are your experiences of the five concepts from the radio show?
2 Are you generally optimistic or pessimistic about the near future?

Sonia