

## **My Sweet Babe – Mode d’emploi**

Toutes les combinaisons sont possibles : vidéo seule, vidéo + audio, audio seule. Les activités d’accompagnement sont facultatives. Elles peuvent être faites au fur et à mesure des séquences, à la fin d’une séquence ou après avoir écouté toute l’histoire.

Si vous choisissez la combinaison vidéo + audio, l’ordre suivant vous est recommandé :

Séquence 1  
Vidéo A  
Séquence 2  
Séquence 3  
Vidéo B  
Séquence 4  
Séquence 5  
Vidéo C  
Séquence 6  
Séquence 7  
Séquence 8  
Vidéo D  
Séquence 9  
Séquence 10  
Vidéo E

Il y a plusieurs cas de figure :

**1. Vous êtes étudiant travaillant seul (en autoformation libre).**

L’important est de garder votre motivation. My Sweet Babe est conçue pour être motivant, mais travailler seul n’est jamais facile. Il vous est conseillé de répartir le travail sur plusieurs semaines à raison de 2 heures par semaine. Le nombre de semaines dépendra de votre niveau. Si vous rencontrez des difficultés, n’hésitez pas à refaire la séquence. Si après plusieurs écoutes / lectures, vous le trouvez toujours difficile, c’est que votre niveau ne vous permet pas encore d’aborder My Sweet Babe.

**2. Vous êtes étudiant suivi par un tuteur (en autoformation guidée).**

Vous avez la possibilité de faire corriger votre travail écrit par votre tuteur. A la fin de chaque séquence, vous trouverez des sujets pour le travail écrit, à envoyer à votre tuteur ou à poster dans un forum.

**3. Vous êtes enseignant et vous souhaitez intégrer My Sweet Babe à votre formation.**

Les sujets de discussion pour le travail écrit peuvent aussi servir pour un travail oral en cours (débat ou présentation). Le tableau ci-dessous présente quelques thèmes pouvant être développés en cours à partir de My Sweet Babe. D’autres suggestions se trouvent dans la liste de ‘forum discussion topics’ qui suit.

Si les étudiants n’ont pas le temps de faire l’intégralité des séquences audio, ils peuvent les faire à tour de rôle et présenter l’histoire en groupes sur 10 semaines. A noter qu’entre la vidéo et l’audio, on trouve plusieurs différences dans l’histoire – aux étudiants de les signaler !

Séquence	Thèmes principaux	Thèmes secondaires
1	Média Environnement Art Civilisation britannique	Télévision, radio, presse en Grande Bretagne L'eau L'art britannique contemporain Londres aujourd'hui
2	Ecologie Média  Pharmacie Civilisation britannique	Les produits verts Le journalisme d'investigation Le culte de la célébrité L'industrie cosmétique L'Irlande
3	Média Géographie Environnement Civilisation britannique	L'image dans le monde actuel Russie / Sibérie Les ressources énergétiques Le Pays de Galles
4	Civilisation américaine	Los Angeles Les rapports ethniques aux Etats-Unis Hollywood
5	Droit Psychologie  Civilisation du Commonwealth	Les contrats Les tests d'intelligence / de personnalité Les enfants surdoués Les Antilles Britanniques
6	Biologie Civilisation britannique	La génétique L'Ecosse Le service de santé britannique
7	Economie et développement  Médecine Archéologie Civilisation du Commonwealth	Les pays en voie de développement L'aide humanitaire Les ONG Le SIDA Les origines de l'homme L'Afrique de l'Est
8	Médecine / Pharmacie Environnement / Economie Biologie Civilisation du Commonwealth	Le dopage L'industrie aéronautique Les manipulations génétiques Le Canada
9	Médecine / Pharmacie Civilisation du Commonwealth	L'obésité L'Australie
10	Droit pénal Environnement	Les inculpations / La conduite de procès Le réchauffement climatique

## **List of Forum discussion topics**

### **Sequence 1:**

#### **a. Travelling**

Tom Hunter has travelled to many countries. Perhaps you haven't visited as many as he has, but here is your chance to talk about where you have been, or where you intend to go. Ask questions, give advice, describe your experiences whether good or bad. If you want, you can post pictures of places you have visited or links to websites about them.

#### **b. Interests**

Tom likes painting, and often goes to see art exhibitions, like the one devoted to David Hockney. This forum is not just about painting, but culture in general - a chance for you to talk about the books, films or artists you like - or hate!

#### **c. France and the French**

Do you agree with Tom Hunter that the French are complicated people? Why or why not? Is there any truth in national stereotypes? Whether you are French yourself, or from another country, here is your chance to say what you admire or find annoying about France.

### **Sequence 2 :**

#### **a. The Media**

Tom works for The Move, which is a lifestyle magazine, and his friend Ben Griffiths for The Limit, which carries in-depth stories about politics and social issues. What sort of magazines or newspapers do you like reading? What do you think of the media in France in general? Do you watch the news on television or do you stay in touch thanks to Internet? Do you often read newspapers or magazines?

#### **b. Food**

Tom and Caroline go to an Indian restaurant for dinner. Many people think that Indian food is the best in the world - but a lot of people would disagree and say the best food is French of course! What's your opinion? And is English food really as bad as its reputation? The food forum is where you can talk about your tastes and experiences, and even provide recipes if you want!

### **Sequence 3**

#### **a. Photography**

Gina is a professional photographer, but with the development of digital cameras, we can all take as many pictures as we like without having to bother about the cost of developing or printing them. Are you a keen photographer? What sort of pictures do you take? What do you do with them? Do you like being photographed yourself? In this forum you can not only write about your relationship with photography - you can post your favourite pictures as well.

#### **b. Exercising**

Walking along Offa's Dyke or visiting a fitness centre - different types of physical activity that feature in Unit 3. This forum is about how you keep fit - or perhaps how you intend to keep fit but somehow never quite manage to. Many of us, of course, spend more time watching sport than doing it, so here is a chance to write about that as well - the sportsmen or women you admire, the sports you prefer to watch and the teams (if any) you support.

### c. Fashion

Before she tried her hand at landscape photography, Gina started her career as a fashion photographer, but she describes the world of fashion as superficial and shallow. Do you agree? Are you a careful dresser yourself? Do you like shopping for clothes? Do you have too many clothes, or can you never have enough?

## Sequence 4

### a. America

Even if we have never been there, we all have opinions about America. Exciting, enterprising and appealing? Or oppressive, inhuman and unjust? Is President Obama very different from George Bush? Can he change the image of America abroad?

### b. Celebrities

Tom meets Gina in the Blue Monkey in Los Angeles, where a lot of celebrities can be found. Celebrity culture has become part of the world around us, to the extent that some people are famous for no particular reason - they just go to parties and appear in celebrity magazines. Is it all harmless fun? Or a sad comment on the way the world is heading? Are pop stars, models and footballers paid too much? Have you ever met a celebrity yourself? Who would you like to meet most? Who do you find the most annoying?

## Sequence 5.

### a. Education

Judy Faringdon had big ambitions for her daughter Jessica, but was disappointed. The problem, though, wasn't Jessica but Judy herself. Jessica may turn out to be fine if her subsequent education is good. But what makes a good education? This forum is for your opinions on that question - what changes would you make to the school or university system in France?

### b. The environment

Of all the places Columbus discovered, the island of Dominica is said to be the only one he would still recognise today. Deforestation and development on other islands have made them unrecognisable. There is huge concern today about these issues, and a general consensus that global warming is a worrying reality. What are your feelings on the matter? What can or should we do as individuals? Are you optimistic that technology will help us to find solutions, or do you think we're heading for disaster?

## Sequence 6.

### a. Science and medicine

Robert Gruninger developed the first rabbingo – a cross between a rabbit and a flamingo. Although this example is invented, progress in genetics today mean that manipulations such as cloning are now common. Are you optimistic about the current developments or do you think they represent a real danger? What is your opinion about GMOs (genetically modified organisms)?

### b. Animals

Melanie Buchanan bought a rabbingo as a fashion accessory. What is your opinion about our relationship with animals? For example, could vivisection be avoided or is it a necessary part of medical progress? What about sports like bullfighting? This forum is for you to talk about any aspect of the relationship between humans and animals.

## Sequence 7

### a. NGOs

Sophie Vannier works for Médecins Sans Frontières, the well-known NGO. Do we expect NGOs to do too much and should governments not take more responsibility sometimes? Is charity a solution to some of the world's problems? Do you give to charity yourself? If so, which?

### b. Development aid

Related to the previous topic, this one is about international aid to countries such as Kenya. Do you think such AID should be increased? Does it work or not?

## Sequence 8

### a. Designing the future

James Foley wants to 'design the future', and he starts with 'designer babies'. How would you design the future? This is your chance to describe the world as you would like to see it in 25 years' time. Your description can be fantasy or it can take reality into account. Any topic relating to your hopes or worries for the future are welcome!

### b. Personalities

The Fensters wanted their daughter to be a genius, but what makes a person what he or she is? How much of it is genetic? Are there different types of intelligence that IQ tests don't measure? Do you believe in astrology? Just a few questions you can talk about in this forum devoted to people's personalities.

## Sequence 9

### a. The Body

Beautiful Babes has a health farm in Australia, where people go to lose weight. What is your opinion about the rising levels of obesity in many countries? How can it be prevented? Do you have any advice on losing weight? This forum welcomes all topics relating to the human body, ranging from the influence of advertising to the popularity of cosmetic surgery.

### b. Dramatic moments

The sequence ends dramatically. What is your idea of a good drama in a story or a film? Is it based on action or the psychology of the characters? Do you have any favourite scenes from films that are dramatic?

## Sequence 10

### a. Crime and punishment

Foley will no doubt go to prison for his crimes – for how long? Are some people let out of prison too early? Is prison an effective solution for people who commit minor crimes? Or does it just make people worse? This forum is for any topic relating to crime and how to reduce it.

### b. Relationships

It looks as if Tom and Gina are going to have a serious relationship. In your opinion, what makes relationships work? Is it important to have many things in common? The same sense of humour? Why has the divorce rate gone up so much in the last 50 years? Has the internet changed the way we relate to each other? This forum welcomes all topics about human relationships.