Listening 1:

Listen to the following news story and state whether the following statements are true ( ) or false ( )

Orisana, a 27-year-old from Nigeria, went from selling bread on the streets of the city of Lagos to becoming a signed model in the most unexpected way.

Like a fairy tale, the young woman was selling bread when international photographer Ty Bello was shooting with an English rapper, on that same street in the African city. Unintentionally, Orisana came out in one of the images shot.

Days later, Bello shared pictures from that shoot on his social media but with interest of finding out who that young woman was in the photo.

“WHO IS SHE? Everyone has been asking if this lady is a model… She definitely SHOULD be a model… I’ll find a way to track her down somehow. You guys can also help, “the photographer captioned the post.

From that moment on and after locating her, her life changed forever as her modeling career began and in less than a year has managed to sign contracts with recognized agencies. Long gone are the days of her making less than $20 each day and only profiting around $1.

“I never expected this would ever happen to me,” she told CNN. “My friends have told me they saw me on the TV and they are really happy. My parents cannot believe their own child can become such a success.”

Orisana, who had left her two children and husband to sell bread in the city, is now being offered by a bank to pay for her two kids’ education until university, as she told the news outlet.

Listening 2:

Listen to a dialogue between a doctor and a reporter talking about a strange case and match the people in the box with the correct statements. Note there is an extra answer.

Hello doctor, can you tell us what happened?
A young woman who suffered complications while giving birth has led to her experiencing massive memory loss. Shannon Everett went into labour in October and was taken to Royal Hospital in the Welsh city of Newport. It was then that we realised she was suffering from a rare condition that affects one in 20,000 mothers.
Did she survive?

Fortunately, both Shannon and her new son Nico survived, but not without Nico's having heart problems and Shannon suffering from complications brought about by the birth.

Can you tell us what happened exactly?

During labour, Shannon's heart stopped, and we were able to stabilise her and deliver the baby. She was placed in a medically-induced coma for two weeks to help her recover. When she finally woke up however, she had no memory of her husband and two children; she believed she was a teenager.

What was her mother's reaction?

It was horrendous. She turned around and said 'please don't give up on her. If you do I'll do it myself'.

Did Shannon remember her mother?

Yes. When she woke up she wanted her mother and was calling and crying. It was amazing. She kept calling her 'mummy' and when we asked her where she lived, she gave us the address for a house she'd lived in when she was 13. Her mother has been her carer since the birth of her son.

Did she recognize her husband?

She had no idea who her husband was and didn't believe us when we told her she had two kids. It was like she'd forgotten her whole life and thought she was a teenager again. Her husband has been showing her videos of their three-year-old daughter Mika, which has fortunately "jogged her memory".

How about her baby?

Bonding with her son is difficult, Shannon's mum says, because her daughter doesn't remember being pregnant or giving birth. The family hope that with on-going treatment, she will get her memory back.

How about her friends?

Shannon's friends have set up a JustGiving page to raise money for her care. Let's wish she gets well soon.