

Listening Comprehension

Part 1

You will hear three different extracts. For questions 1–6, choose the answer (A, B or C) which fits best according to what you hear. There are two questions for each extract.

EXTRACT ONE

You hear two friends discussing the topic of reading books in printed or electronic form.

1. The woman admits that when she reads printed novels...
 - A she misses out the more boring parts.
 - B she looks ahead to see what will happen.
 - C she fails to take care of the book.
2. Which aspect of their enjoyment of reading do the friends agree about?
 - A How much it depends on the quality of writing.
 - B How convenient electronic books are.
 - C How pleasant it is to own a printed book.

EXTRACT TWO

You hear a woman telling a friend about a book he gave her.

3. What is she doing in the conversation?
 - A Describing the book's plot.
 - B Describing the main characters' behaviour.
 - C Describing her own reaction to the book.
4. Why does she mention the book's cover?
 - A To suggest that it failed to reflect its contents.
 - B To criticise a weakness in the book's plot.
 - C To explain why the book has sold well.

EXTRACT THREE

You hear two writers talking about their daily routine.

5. When talking about finding ideas for writing, the man says that...

- A he uses emails as a source of stimulation for stories.
- B he looks for original plots in newspaper stories.
- C he avoids depending on the internet for storylines.

6. They both think that taking exercise...

- A is a pleasant way of taking a break from writing.
- B is effective for helping to think clearly.
- C is necessary but unappealing.