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Listening

Investigative journalism

I can predict the kind of information I need to listen for.

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1 Complete the text with the words below.

dig around ethics gruesome gutsy infiltrate
revelations scandal tip-off

In 2014, Singaporean investigative journalist Zaihan Mohamed Yusof published a book called *Foul!* It contained startling [] about how criminals were paying footballers to 'fix' matches by playing badly. This helped the criminals to win money by betting on the other side. The book caused a big [] in Singapore when it came out, and it called into question the [] of the billion-dollar sports betting industry.



It all started when Zaihan received a [] about the problem and decided to [] for more information. In the end, he managed to [] a Singaporean criminal network that was fixing matches in places as far away as South Africa. Zaihan's car was vandalised twice by criminals during his investigation, and he also received [] death threats – but he's a [] individual, and the threats didn't deter him from investigating. His book and newspaper articles have led to many arrests, but sadly the problem of match fixing continues.

Listening Strategy

Read the task carefully and try to predict the type of information you need to listen for. This is especially important in sentence-completion tasks.

2 Read the Listening Strategy. Then look at sentences 1–4. What kind of information do you think you will need to complete them?

Investigative reporters and the paparazzi

- 1 Famous people expect to be photographed occasionally, but would like part of their lives to remain [].
- 2 Some celebrities use [] to ruin paparazzi photos.
- 3 A photographer says that having good [] is more important than waiting for people for hours.
- 4 Photographers couldn't sell photos of Daniel Radcliffe because of his [].

3 1.07 Listen to four people talking about celebrity photographers. Complete the sentences in exercise 2 with a word or short phrase.



4 You are going to listen to a person talking about an undercover FBI agent. Read sentences 1–8 and think about what kind of information you need to listen for.

The Real Donnie Brasco

- 1 When Pistone joined the FBI, most agents relied on [] to do their job.
- 2 He invented a [] for himself when he was undercover.
- 3 Pistone became friends with a criminal called Benjamin Ruggiero, and Ruggiero [] him.
- 4 Ruggiero gave the FBI a lot of [], but he didn't know it.
- 5 Nobody [] Pistone's identity because he looked and acted like a member of the Mafia.
- 6 Eventually the Mafia wanted Pistone to [] for them.
- 7 Some people are worried about the [] of an agent working with criminals for so long.
- 8 Because of Pistone, New Yorkers learned about [] who took money from the Mafia.

5 1.08 Listen to the recording and complete each sentence in exercise 4 with a word or short phrase.

