

DEVELOP YOUR LISTENING

Listening 1

Audioscript 6.7

- Tonia: How was your day off last week, Aiden?
Aiden: Oh, it was great actually. I found a lovely little museum.
Tonia: Really?
Aiden: Yeah. It was a beautiful sunny day, wasn't it? So I decided to go to Hyde Park on the bus. Before that, I went to Fiona's house.
Tonia: Fiona? Who's that?
Aiden: My girlfriend. She had a day off work, too.
Tonia: Oh, nice.
Aiden: I know – we hardly ever have a day off at the same time! Anyway, I told her my idea about going to the park and she loved it. So she got ready and then we went to get the bus. Oh, and before that, we picked up some bread, cheese, fruit and other nice things for a picnic from the supermarket.
Tonia: Good idea.
Aiden: So we got to the bus stop and waited a really long time for the bus. We were really hot and just wanted to get to the park and enjoy it, you know?
Tonia: Right.
Aiden: Just then two buses came at the same time!
Tonia: Ah, that always happens!
- Aiden: Anyway, it didn't take long to get to the park and when we got there, we sat down and opened all our nice food. We were really hungry by then.
Tonia: I can imagine.
Aiden: But suddenly, the sky went really dark.
Tonia: Oh dear ...
Aiden: I know! And after that it started to rain. I mean really rain!
Tonia: Oh no!
Aiden: I know! And everyone got up and ran away, trying to stay dry. It was really funny, hundreds of people running to get out of the park. So we just went into the first place we found that was dry.
Tonia: What was that?
Aiden: It was a little museum that we didn't know about – the Museum of London. It was really interesting. All about the history of our city. In the end, we really enjoyed it and actually had a great day out.

Listening 2

Audioscript 6.8

- 1 Before we met, I was alone.
- 2 We did some work, and after that we relaxed.
- 3 I called my mum, but before that I cleaned the flat.
- 4 I was worried but in the end it was OK.
- 5 She asked me my name and then she told me hers.
- 6 Before you came here, did you see Peter?
- 7 I lived in Berlin for two years and after that I moved to Stockholm.
- 8 After lunch, we played golf.

Listening 3

Audioscript 6.9

- Freddy: Did you have a good weekend, Tonia?
- Tonia: Yeah, actually it was really good.
- Freddy: Really? Why's that?
- Tonia: Well my husband and I decided to go and visit the Mendip hills.
- Freddy: The Mendip hills? Where are they?
- Tonia: They're in Somerset. It's a really nice area with beautiful views.
- Freddy: Wait, that's a long way away, isn't it?
- Tonia: Yes, it is. It took us three hours! We got up really early to get there.
- Freddy: Did you drive or go by public transport?
- Tonia: Public transport. We got two different trains then a bus. After that, we walked for about an hour to get to a viewpoint.
- Freddy: Wow!
- Tonia: But when we got there it was amazing. There were beautiful views and there weren't any other people around, so we enjoyed it by ourselves. It was lovely.
- Freddy: What did you do there?
- Tonia: We just enjoyed the view, really. Then we sat down and had some lunch. Oh, before that, we went to the visitor centre. They gave us a map and showed us where to go. They were really helpful actually. Anyway, we had a lovely little picnic at the top of a hill. It was lovely and quiet – the view was beautiful.
- Freddy: Sounds wonderful.
- Tonia: It was! We ate, drank and looked at the views. But just then, I heard a woman call my name.
- Freddy: Really?
- Tonia: Yes! It was very strange because we were out there all alone, or so we thought. So I looked up and do you know who it was?
- Freddy: Who?
- Tonia: My old friend from school, Zoe. We last saw each other ten years ago!
- Freddy: Wow!
- Tonia: Anyway, we talked for ages about our lives. Then she asked where I live now, so I told her and we discovered we both live near each other!
- Freddy: Really?
- Tonia: Yes, it was amazing. In the end we all came home together and had a great journey. We talked all the way home.
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