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Listening

Arguments

I can understand people talking about arguments.

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- 1 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.
- The government conceded / doubted / boasted that they weren't winning the war.
 - Gary dismissed / reminded / insisted that it wasn't his fault.
 - Tom informed / recommended / argued that we see the film.
 - I argued / reminded / observed that Max was worried about something.
 - Many people complained / protested / insisted in the streets against the government's plans.
 - Our investigation revealed / advised / enquired that the minister was lying.
 - I resent / regret / deny having to do all the housework – you should help me!
 - Did I warn / inform / mention to you that I had an argument with Harry yesterday?

- 2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs below.

announce deny fear object remind threaten

- Terrorists threaten to attack the festival.
- Mandy denied that she had taken the money, but I saw her do it.
- I'm glad that Janet reminded me to call Fran on her birthday – I'd completely forgotten.
- Rob wasn't answering his phone. Sam began to object that he'd had an accident, but she didn't tell anyone.
- The police announced that they had arrested the criminal. They said they would charge him with murder.
- A lot of people fear strongly to the plans for building a shopping centre on protected land.



Listening Strategy

Listening tasks often include language that reports or summarises things people say in the recording. It is important therefore to have a good knowledge of reporting verbs, adjectives and adverbs that describe feelings, and verbs that report opinions.

- 3 **2.03** Read the Listening Strategy. Then listen to eight people talking. Choose the correct answer (1–8).

Which speaker:

- reveals something about their past ☐
- proposes a celebration ☐
- announces something important ☐
- complains about something ☐
- boasts about their talent ☐
- reminds someone to do something ☐
- denies taking something ☐
- questions what someone says ☐

- 4 **2.04** Listen to three conversations and choose the correct answers. There are two questions for each conversation.

Conversation 1: you hear two people talking about an argument.

- 1 Matt's friend insisted that ...

- her party was the best.
- Matt should help her to give out leaflets.
- Matt should take part in the election.

- 2 Matt objected to ...

- being told he was irresponsible.
- his friend walking out of the room.
- someone trying to change his political ideas.

Conversation 2: you hear two people talking about an art exhibition.

- 3 The man regrets ...

- going to the exhibition.
- expressing a strong opinion about the exhibition.
- telling his friend something.

- 4 The woman recommends ...

- apologising.
- not speaking to his friend for a while.
- talking to his friend about art.

Conversation 3: you hear two people talking about a damaged laptop.

- 5 The woman concedes that ...

- she was fully to blame.
- she lied about it.
- she might have been more careful.

- 6 The man ...

- proposes talking to Stephen about the damage.
- recommends that she buy him a new laptop.
- advises her to ignore Stephen's complaints.