

## Listening worksheet 2

**Woman:** You're listening to Hassle-free Holidays and this is Miriam Stubbs. Our next caller on the line is John from Brighton. Hello, John, how can we help?

**Man:** Hello, Miriam. I'm going on a hiking holiday in Scotland soon. I've never been there before and I haven't bought any hiking boots yet. They all seem terribly expensive – everywhere I've looked there's nothing in the shops that costs less than £150. What do you advise?

**Woman:** They don't come cheap, I know, but they're a good investment. You don't want sore blistered feet, after all. You might find a more reasonably priced pair online on a site like eBay.

**Man:** That's an idea. What about clothing? I've heard it gets very wet and rainy in Scotland.

**Woman:** It certainly does. When are you going?

**Man:** I've booked the last two weeks in June.

**Woman:** If you want to stay dry, make sure you pack waterproof trousers and a jacket. The weather is almost sure to be bad in the winter months, but even in summer, you never know. You certainly don't want to be caught out.

**Man:** Right. And what about navigation equipment? I've already bought a GPS device, as I thought it might come in handy while hiking so that I don't get lost!

**Woman:** Bring it with you, by all means, but don't rely on that alone.

**Man:** What do you recommend?

**Woman:** I've been using an old-fashioned compass for years and it's never let me down. You should take one along as a back-up, just in case your GPS has a problem.

**Man:** Say, if the battery doesn't work? I suppose you're right. Is there anything else?

**Woman:** Well, you said you're going in June?

**Man:** That's right.

**Woman:** Then, you shouldn't forget to pack an insect repellent spray. Scottish midges can be just as annoying as the mosquitoes in hot countries, especially in the summer evenings!

**Man:** I'm glad you warned me! Insects love my skin and I usually end up covered in bites if I'm not careful! Well, thanks, your advice has been most helpful.

**Woman:** You're welcome. Have a great holiday.

1 John hasn't bought hiking boots yet because

- A there is a limited selection.
- B the price is too high.
- C he can't find suitable ones.

2 Miriam recommends taking waterproof clothing to Scotland

- A during the winter only.
- B as an option for the summer.
- C in both summer and winter.

3 Miriam says John should use his GPS

- A in case he gets lost.
- B together with other equipment.
- C with newly charged batteries.

4 Scottish midges

- A are mainly a problem in the evenings.
- B are less active than mosquitoes.
- C do not bite people.