

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.