

3 LISTENING

- A Use background knowledge.** Read the sentences below. What does the word in bold mean? When do election campaigns typically happen?

There are two candidates running for mayor. The **campaign** will begin on February 1st, and the election will be on March 15th.

- B**  **Listen for gist.** Listen to the beginning of speeches given by Doris and Amelia. Choose the best answer to complete each sentence. (One answer is extra.)

Listening Strategy

Listen for Gist

Listen for the general idea.

1. Doris is giving her speech because _____
 2. Amelia is giving her speech because _____
- a. she is going to run for mayor.
 - b. she has been elected mayor.
 - c. she has lost the race for mayor.

- C**  **Listen for context.** Listen again. Choose the best answers.

1. When Doris says *never in my wildest dreams*, she means...
 - a. she was pretty sure.
 - b. she couldn't imagine it.
2. When Doris says *I gave it my best shot*, she means...
 - a. she was very disappointed.
 - b. she worked really hard.
3. When Amelia says *Doris and I were running neck and neck*, she means...
 - a. they had almost the same number of votes.
 - b. there was a clear winner.
4. When Amelia says *we saw a record turnout*, she means...
 - a. a large number of people voted.
 - b. a small number of people voted.

Listening Strategy

Listen for Context

Listen for information that helps you to understand the situation.

- D**   **Listen for main ideas.** Now listen to the rest of Amelia's speech. Check (✓) the topics she refers to in her speech. What key words in the listening helped you choose your answers? Tell a partner.

☐ the economy ☐ public transportation ☐ crime ☐ pollution ☐ education