

## Listening activities

### Unit 4

Student's book, page 40.

| EXAM SKILL  |
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| <b>Understanding responses to questions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ When speakers answer yes/no questions, their answer doesn't always start with <i>Yes</i> or <i>No</i>. They sometimes use other words and phrases. Some of these appear in Exercise 2.</li><li>○ Whatever word or phrase they use, it's important to be able to tell if they're introducing a positive or negative response to the question, or a mixed response.</li></ul> |

**2** Decide whether these words and phrases are used to introduce a positive answer (P), a negative answer (N) or a mixed positive/negative answer (M).

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| 1 To a certain extent | _____ |
| 2 Definitely          | _____ |
| 3 On the contrary     | _____ |
| 4 Quite the opposite  | _____ |
| 5 Absolutely          | _____ |
| 6 Up to a point       | _____ |
| 7 Yes and no          | _____ |
| 8 Absolutely not      | _____ |

**Multiple choice (single extract)**

- Always read the questions and options before you start listening.
- As you listen the first time, note down words and phrases you hear that might help you answer the questions.
- Don't worry too much about choosing the correct option the first time you listen because you will hear the recording a second time.

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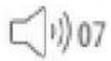


**1.22 Listen again to the radio interview with Lena Callow and choose the best answer (A, B or C).**

- 1 What happened in the period before Lena went on her trip?
  - A She had to persuade her father to let her go on her own.
  - B It was hard to choose between this trip and a beach holiday.
  - C Many of the accommodation arrangements were made.
- 2 What does Lena say about where she'd like to live?
  - A She doesn't want to live in another country.
  - B She prefers living in a rural environment.
  - C She'd love to live in Montreal one day.
- 3 What surprised Lena about Athens?
  - A how old some of the buildings were
  - B how different it was from Istanbul
  - C how it was nicer than she had imagined
- 4 What was Lena's view of New York?
  - A It's actually a city you can relax in.
  - B She prefers cities that are less busy.
  - C It's too big to see all the main sights.
- 5 What does Lena say about visiting Mexico City?
  - A It has elements of the other cities.
  - B She spoke Spanish there.
  - C She went to lots of museums.

**1** Read the questions and responses and decide what each response means, a or b.

- 1 **A:** Did you find Melbourne boring?  
**B:** On the contrary, it was quite lively with lots of interesting things to do.  
a) No, I didn't.                      b) Yes, I did.
- 2 **A:** Would you say that large cities are dangerous?  
**B:** Up to a point, but it's up to you to be careful.  
a) Yes, definitely.                      b) Yes, partly.
- 3 **A:** Were the local people rude?  
**B:** Absolutely not. They were extremely kind and helpful.  
a) No way.                              b) I believe they were.
- 4 **A:** Is Cairo very noisy?  
**B:** To a certain extent, but there are quiet places if you look for them.  
a) No, not at all.                      b) No, not all of the city.
- 5 **A:** Do you think you will ever visit Buenos Aires again?  
**B:** Definitely. There's a lot I didn't see the first time.  
a) Yes, I intend to.                      b) Maybe.
- 6 **A:** Were the beaches clean?  
**B:** Quite the opposite. I was very surprised.  
a) Some were OK.                      b) No, they weren't.
- 7 **A:** Have you decided where you'll go?  
**B:** Absolutely. I just need to book my ticket.  
a) Yes, I have.                              b) I'm not sure yet.
- 8 **A:** Was the food in London OK?  
**B:** Yes and no. I had a few nice meals.  
a) Yes, it was very nice.                      b) Not all of it was good.
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**2**

**07 Listen to a radio interview and choose the best answer (A, B or C).**

- 1 What does Matt say about the weather in Athens?
  - A He definitely wanted to experience it.
  - B It prevented him from doing a lot of things.
  - C He coped with it in the same way the Athenians do.
  
- 2 What surprised Matt about a museum he visited?
  - A the architectural style of the building
  - B some objects were not Greek
  - C a statue he only knew about from books
  
- 3 Why did Matt go to cafés so often?
  - A partly to get out of the sun
  - B to think about democracy
  - C to talk to Athenians
  
- 4 What does Matt believe led to democracy in Athens?
  - A the atmosphere when people had discussions
  - B it was a place of ideas and knowledge
  - C a combination of some important factors
  
- 5 What is Matt's view of Athens?
  - A It's too noisy for him.
  - B It's a city of contrasts.
  - C He can't understand the lifestyle.

