

Listening Section

1 Recording 1 Listen to a woman telling a story and underline the correct answer, a), b) or c).

1 The woman

- a)** has never been embarrassed.
- b)** likes talking about herself.
- c)** prefers other people's stories.

2 Her brother

- a)** tells funny stories.
- b)** doesn't like talking about himself.
- c)** hates people laughing at him.

3 Her brother told her a story about

- a)** his holiday in Spain.
- b)** his ex-wife.
- c)** an embarrassing experience.

4 In the story, Bob

- a)** talks to a man who is lying on the beach.
- b)** saves a man who can't swim.
- c)** helps a man get his boat onto the beach.

5 Bob communicated with the man

- a)** using only sign language.
- b)** with gestures and incorrect English.
- c)** using incorrect Turkish.

6 Bob was embarrassed because

- a)** the man laughed at him and then said he wasn't strong enough to help.
- b)** the man didn't speak English but thought Bob could understand Turkish.
- c)** he had behaved foolishly because he thought the man didn't speak English.

2 Recording 1 Listen again and write true (T) or false (F).

1 The woman doesn't enjoy telling others about situations she found embarrassing. T

2 Her brother Bob enjoys telling stories about things that have happened to people he knows.

3 Bob likes making people laugh but doesn't enjoy it when they laugh at him.

4 The story that she remembers took place before her brother and his wife separated.

5 In the story, Bob was asked for help by someone on the beach.

6 Bob thought the man was a local so he used basic English and hand movements to communicate with him.

Reading Section

3 Read the article. Decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F).

1 d

Many people are like their siblings in some ways, but twins are often even more alike. If you are born at the same time as another baby and grow up with them, it is likely you will be similar to each other. But what would happen if you didn't know you had a twin? How alike would you be?

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In the USA, a pair of identical twins was split up when they were adopted as four-month-old babies. Their new parents decided on their names and without knowing it, both called their son 'Jim'. These two boys spent all of their childhood and teenage years living separate lives in different places. And it wasn't until they were thirty-nine years old that they got to meet each other for the first time. They were quite surprised to find how similar they were.

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Although they didn't look exactly the same, they were both six feet tall and weighed 180 pounds. They discovered that during their childhood they had both had a dog named 'Toy' and as adults they had both married twice. Even more strangely, both of their first wives were called 'Linda' and their second wives were called 'Betty'. The Jims had each had a son. One of them had called theirs 'James Allan' while the other named theirs 'James Alan'.

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The similarities didn't end there. They discovered that they had both worked as sheriffs, owned the same type of car, smoked the same cigarettes and drank the same beer. They also suffered from the same health problems, like severe headaches. In later research on the pair, a psychologist* noticed that they both bit their nails. This was rather unusual behaviour among identical twins.

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However, while they were very similar, there were also some clear differences. For example, one Jim preferred to express himself through writing while the other preferred speaking. They also had different hairstyles and one Jim had married a third time while the other hadn't.

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Continued research on the Jim twins has proven to be very interesting and along with other research findings has led to the discovery that the personality and identity of twins who have grown up apart is as alike as those that haven't.

* *Psychologist – someone who studies the human mind and human behaviour.*

- 1 Research has shown that all twins are the same as each other. F
- 2 The Jim twins were adopted at birth by two sets of American couples.
- 3 Neither set of parents knew what the other twin had been called.
- 4 The two Jims grew up in the same area unaware of the other's existence until they were almost forty.
- 5 They expected to have a lot in common when they first met in their thirties.
- 6 The two Jims were as tall and as heavy as each other.
- 7 They had both married a 'Betty' and then a 'Linda'.
- 8 Even though they both had similar habits they'd never worked in the same job.
- 9 Psychologists thought it unusual that both twins bit their fingernails.
- 10 One of the key differences between the twins was how they enjoyed communicating with others.
- 11 Research shows that twins who live apart as children behave very differently from each other. —

Use of English

4 Underline the correct alternative.

1 Please don't tell Sam about my new job. I haven't had chance to tell him the news *already/yet*.

2 *Does this bag belong/Is this bag belonging* to anybody in the class?

3 What time *do you see/are you seeing* Julie tonight?

4 Are you sure they visited us in 2014? I thought they'd *already/already had* moved to America by then.

5 I have to check these biscuits *aren't containing/don't contain* nuts because I'm allergic to them.

6 Who *does eat/eats* dinner before 10p.m.? In Spain, we never do!

7 My brother's *yet/just* learnt to ski but before that he learnt to skateboard.

8 I *met/'ve met* Susie in the shopping mall when I was doing some shopping.

9 *While/Before* I was enjoying a coffee in the town's main square, I read the main items of news in the local paper.

10 They *'ve/d* worked on cruise ships for years before they decided to start their own entertainment company.

11 When Sara checked her phone, she *realised/had realised* she had missed three calls from her boss.

5 Complete the text with the correct answer, a), b) or c).

Last call!

1 you ever missed a plane? I nearly 2 last summer. I was flying from London to Sydney and had to change planes in Los Angeles. The plane 3 there at 6.30 in the morning and my flight to Sydney was at 9.30. I walked around while I 4 because I 5 been to LA airport before. Then I 6 some breakfast in a coffee shop, read my book and checked emails on my phone.

By 8.15, I was feeling rather bored so I 7 decided to find out which gate my Sydney flight 8 from. I saw an information screen on the wall and 9 to look at it. I found my flight on the screen – and saw 'Last call' written there. I couldn't believe it! I then looked at my watch and realised I 10 the time on my watch back by eight hours instead of seven! I ran to the gate and 11 the time I got there, I was the last person to get on the plane. How embarrassing!

1 a) Did **b)** Was **c)** Have

2 a) did **b)** had **c)** was

3 a) landed **b)** has landed **c)** is landing

4 a) 've waited **b)** 'd waited **c)** was waiting

5 a) 'd never **b)** 've ever **c)** was never

6 a) had **b)** was eating **c)** 'd had

7 a) 'd **b)** was **c)** -

8 a) had left **b)** will leave **c)** was leaving

9 a) was going **b)** has gone **c)** went

10 a) 've changed **b)** 'd changed **c)** was changing

11 a) on **b)** from **c)** by

6 Finish the sentences using the correct conditional

A. If I had a superpower,

B. If it rains tomorrow,

C. If I win the

lottery,

D. If I don't study for the exam,

E. If we go to the beach,

F. If you eat too much junk food,

G. If I meet my favorite celebrity,

_____.

H. If I were the president,

_____.

I. If I had a time machine,

_____.

J. If you don't save money,

_____.

7 Underline the correct adjective.

Example: You looked very **boring** / **bored** during his speech.

- 1 The facts in that article are absolutely **astonished** / **astonishing**!
- 2 I find dealing with large groups of children very **stressing** / **stressful**.
- 3 I felt **inspired** / **inspiring** to paint a picture after going to that exhibition.
- 4 We were **infuriating** / **infuriated** by the rude staff at the customer service desk.
- 5 I think the instructions for this camera are a bit **confused** / **confusing**.
- 6 We were so **embarrassed** / **embarrassing** when we realized we hadn't left a tip for the waiters.