

FCE: LISTENING TEST

PART 1. You will hear people talking in eight different situations. For questions 1–8, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

- You hear an announcement about a band called the Big Bang. What is the purpose of the announcement?
 - to offer music lessons
 - to promote a concert
 - to recruit band members
- You hear a young woman telling her friend about an article she has read. After reading it, the woman says that she felt
 - convinced to try a new activity.
 - encouraged to continue doing an activity.
 - keen to avoid one particular activity.
- You hear two friends discussing free time. They agree that it is important to
 - spend time outside the house.
 - do nothing sometimes.
 - try out a range of activities.
- You hear a boy telling a friend about the sport of diving. What does he say about it?
 - jumping from the highest board is frightening.
 - completing a successful dive is motivating.
 - watching professionals dive is thrilling.
- You hear two friends talking about hiking. What is the man's primary reason for trying it?
 - to see more of where he lives
 - to be physically fitter
 - to overcome a fear
- You hear a man telling a friend about producing furniture as a hobby. Why does the man enjoy working with wood?
 - he takes pleasure in producing something useful.
 - he likes recycling existing pieces of furniture.
 - he appreciates the opportunity to be creative.
- You hear a review of a film. What is the reviewer's opinion of it?
 - the ending was disappointing
 - the scenery was breathtaking
 - the acting was unconvincing
- You hear two friends talking about taking photos to put on social media websites. What does the boy say he likes about it?
 - trying different techniques
 - receiving positive comments
 - analysing his friends' photos



PART 2. You will hear a girl called Lydia giving a talk about a project she has been involved in on healthy eating. For questions 1–10, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.



The healthy eating project

Lydia says an alternative name for healthy eating is having a _____

Lydia compares the food we eat to _____ for our bodies.

Lydia says people do not need to avoid certain foods such as _____

Lydia says the food pyramid describes the foods we ought to eat and their _____

Lydia offers to provide listeners with _____ which contain fruit and vegetables.

Lydia points out that _____ is a non-food source of one vitamin.

Lydia says that _____ is an example of a snack we needn't avoid.

Lydia says the action of _____ salad items doesn't burn more energy than the food provides.

Lydia gives the example of _____ as a drink that is useful for our bodies.

Lydia explains that some people think _____ is a substitute for eating healthily.

PART 3. You will hear five short extracts in which people are talking about shopping for clothes. For questions 1–5, choose from the list (A–H), what each speaker enjoys about shopping for clothes. Use the letters only once. There are three extra letters which you do not need to use.

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| A searching for bargains | |
| B looking at goods in windows | Speaker 1 |
| C keeping up with trends | Speaker 2 |
| D buying occasional designer items | Speaker 3 |
| E trying unusual items on | Speaker 4 |
| F finding copies of expensive items | Speaker 5 |
| G buying things for other people | |
| H getting employee discounts | |



PART 4. You will hear an interview with a travel writer called Anna Bryant, who is talking about what to do when visiting other countries. For questions 1–7, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

1. Before travelling to another country, Anna always tries to
 - A watch people practising their traditions.
 - B talk to someone from that country.
 - C do some background reading.
2. How does Anna feel about her language skills?
 - A regretful that she didn't pay more attention at school
 - B confident that she can communicate fairly easily
 - C amazed by how many languages she has acquired
3. Anna says that when visiting someone in their home
 - A it's fine to let them know you're anxious.
 - B it's a good idea to copy how they behave.
 - C it's advisable to find out what to do in advance.
4. How did Anna feel when she made a mistake?
 - A annoyed that she had forgotten some advice
 - B grateful that her host was sympathetic
 - C amused by her own behaviour
5. How did Anna overcome culture shock when she lived abroad?
 - A by studying the culture carefully
 - B by getting to know local people
 - C by establishing a routine
6. How did Anna feel when she was at the Lantern Festival?
 - A astonished that she had never heard about it
 - B anxious to remember every moment of it
 - C eager to participate in it
7. What does Anna say about the book she is writing about culture?
 - A she is disappointed in her progress so far.
 - B she is keen to get feedback from people she knows.
 - C she is unsure about including her own experiences.

