Listening an interview

1 100 Listen to an interview with a member of the Barter Society. What is the advantage of barter, according to him? Choose the correct option (a–c).

a You can exchange things without paying tax.
b It opens up a whole new world of people to do business with.
c You get a much better deal than you would if you used cash.

Glossary
GDP (n) /ˌdʒiːdiːˈpiː/ gross domestic product
spear (n) /spɪə/ a long, pointed weapon used in hunting
tree surgeon (n) /ˈtriː ˌsɜːdʒ(ə)n/ a specialist in cutting off damaged parts of trees

2 100 Listen again and choose the best option (a–c) to complete the sentences.

1 The example of barter given by the interviewer is an exchange of a chicken for:
a an item of clothing.
b some food.
c a weapon.

2 Barter is a system of trade that:
a all primitive societies use.
b is still used widely today.
c has always had a small group of followers.

3 'Exchange barter' is a system:
a that involves two people exchanging goods with one another.
b that involves being a member of a club of other barterers.
c where you exchange goods up to a certain value.

4 Barter exchanges:
a aren't taxed.
b are taxed if they are above a certain value.
c are taxed in some countries.

5 The advantage of direct barter groups is that they:
a mean you can reach a big group of potential customers.
b allow you to pay less tax.
c avoid currency exchange.

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