

Listen to the lecturer giving some facts and figures to practise and improve your listening skills.

Before listening

Do the preparation task first. Then listen to the audio and do the exercises.

Preparation task

Write the words in the correct group.

kilometres

to cross

canal

goods

trade

ship

waterway

ocean

commercial

Water	Economy and industry	Travel and transport

Tasks

Task 1

Write a number (1–4) to put the topics in order.

_____ History of the construction of the canal

_____ Length of the Panama Canal

_____ How many ships cross the Panama Canal

_____ Who controls the Panama Canal

Task 2

Complete the sentences with correct numbers.

99	1881	8 to 10	2000	2
40,000	82	25,000	1914	15,000

1. The Panama Canal connects oceans.
2. It is kilometres long.
3. It is kilometres to travel around South America.
4. It takes hours to cross the canal.
5. The canal was started in
6. It was finished in
7. Almost people died while they were building the canal.
8. The control of the canal returned to Panama in
9. Every year, about ships come through the canal.
10. Now the canal is bigger, and per cent of ships can pass through it.

Discussion

Are you good with numbers?