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Referring to nouns

articles; other determiners (demonstratives, possessives, inclusives: *each, every, both, all, either, neither* etc.)

A Context listening

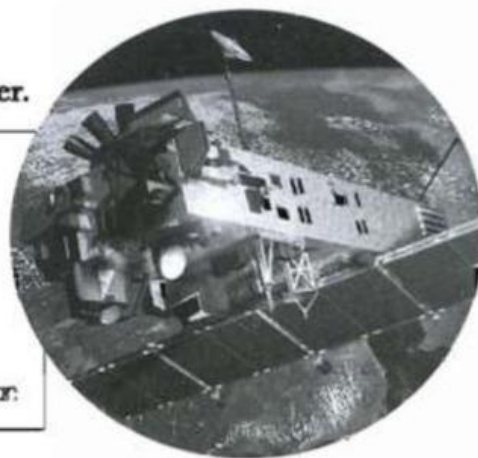
- 1** You are going to hear a speaker at an environmental awareness conference talking about a European satellite called Envisat. Before you listen, put the words below into two groups: *the environment* and *satellites*.

climate fully-equipped global warming instrument
 launch monitoring observation operational costs
 outer space ozone depletion precise

- 2**  **8a** Now listen to the talk and complete the notes below. Write no more than two words or a number for each answer.

Envisat satellite

- Envisat was launched **1**
- Envisat has **2** instrument systems.
- In 1990s ESA launched **3** and **4**
- ESA will spend 2.3 billion euros over **5**
- This is the same as **6** of coffee per person per year.



- 3** Underline the correct words.  **8a** Listen again to check your answers.

- 1 Envisat is *a/the* fully equipped observation satellite.
- 2 *A/The* satellite was launched in 2002.
- 3 With its ten instrument systems it is equipped with *-/the* best eyes possible and offers everything that *-/the* scientists could wish for.
- 4 The total cost of the Envisat Programme is 2.3 billion euros over 15 years. Included in *that/this* sum is development and construction of the instruments.
- 5 *Neither/None* of our countries can afford to let down their environmental guard.

- 4** Look at your answers to Exercise 3 and answer these questions.

- 1 Why do we say *a satellite* in sentence 1 and *the satellite* in sentence 2?
- 2 In sentence 3, why do we use an article before *best*? Why don't we use an article in front of the word *scientists*?
- 3 In sentence 4, what does *this sum* refer to?
- 4 In sentence 5, why can't we use *neither*?