

Ongoing Review

Exercise 1: Listening Fluency

Listen to the following audio. While listening, take notes in the box below. Listen a second time. Did you catch all of the most important points?

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Exercise 2: Reading Fluency

Read the following passage. Once finished, answer the questions below to the best of your ability.

I have returned to my hometown of Wilson Creek after an absence of 10 years.

So many things have changed around here. When I left Wilson Creek, there was a small pond on the right as you left town. They have filled in this pond and they have built a large shopping mall there. A new post office has also been built just across from my old school.

There is a baseball stadium on the outskirts of Wilson Creek which has been changed completely. They have now added a new stand where probably a few thousand people could sit. It looks really great.

The biggest changes have taken place in the downtown area. They have pedestrianised the centre and you can't drive there anymore. A European-style fountain has been built and some benches have also been added along with a grassy area and a new street cafe.

My street looks just the same as it always has but a public library has been built in the next street along. There used to be a great park there but they have cut down all the trees which is a pity. The library now has a large green area in front of it but it's not the same as when the park was there.

Another improvement is the number of new restaurants that have opened in Wilson Creek. A Chinese and an Italian restaurant have opened in the town centre and a Mexican restaurant has opened near my home. Which is where I am going tonight!

1. Jake's school doesn't exist anymore.

True

False

2. They have improved the baseball stadium.

True

False

3. Jake likes the new-look baseball stadium.

True

False

4. It's only possible to reach the downtown area on foot.

True

False

5. The buildings in the centre of the town look European.

True

False

6. Jake's street hasn't changed much.

True

False

7. He is sad about the park being ruined.

True

False

8. Jake is going to eat Italian food tonight.

True

False

Exercise 3: Speaking Fluency

Answer the following questions as part of a discussion. Try to focus on using full and complete sentences.

- (1) What do you think of Canada?*
- (2) What is Canada famous for?*
- (3) Is Canada the kind of country you'd like to live in?*
- (4) How different are Canadians from Americans?*
- (5) Do you have any negative images of Canada?*
- (6) What would you like to know about Canada?*
- (7) What do you know about Canada's indigenous peoples?*
- (8) What would you like to do if you spent six months in Canada?*
- (9) Do you think Canada is very different from your own country?*