



Dictation, Listening and Reading

Reading

3 Read the text. For questions 1-4, choose the correct answer, A, B, C or D.

The new phone

What's your shopping style? Do you research products online before carefully making the right decision? Do you rush to the shops and buy the first thing that you see? Perhaps you get your mum to do your shopping for you? I'm usually a mixture of those styles, but recently I did something I've never done before.

I was watching TV one rainy evening and, as usual, there were all those irritating advertisements in the middle of the film. This particular break was so long that I even forgot what I was watching, but perhaps that was because I was very tired after a long week at school. Anyway, I don't know what happened to me. I don't usually take any notice of the adverts, in fact I quite often turn the volume down when they're on. But this time I was surprised.

There was an advert for a smartphone and since I was actually thinking of getting one at the time, I started to pay attention. The phone seemed really great. It looked very stylish and came in a whole range of different colours. They said it was nice and light but the best thing about it was the camera. The photos they showed looked amazing.

I was a little bit nervous, but I decided to go for it and I ordered one. I must say I wasn't sure about my decision when I woke up the next day but the phone arrived that morning so it was too late to cancel the order. And I was impressed with how fast it arrived which I thought was a good sign. Unfortunately, I was wrong. I'm not at all happy with the phone. I'm sure it's faulty. For example, I texted a friend yesterday and the message went to the wrong person. That's really bad – it made me feel uncomfortable and my friend was very confused –

she didn't know what I was talking about. Another thing is, the battery doesn't last for very long. I charged it last night but it's almost dead again already. I'm sure it should last longer than that, my old one used to last for days. It's very disappointing, I hope they give me my money back.

1 Why did the writer forget what she was watching?

- A** The film was irritating.
- B** The adverts were very interesting.
- C** The break was long and she was tired.
- D** She was tired and fell asleep during the film.

2 Why did the writer pay attention to the advert for the smartphone?

- A** Because the phone looked really great.
- B** Because she was interested in getting a new phone.
- C** Because they said it had a really great camera.
- D** Because she forgot to turn the volume down.

3 How did the writer feel the morning the phone arrived?

- A** Unsure about her decision
- B** Impressed with her decision
- C** Nervous
- D** Excited

4 What does the writer plan to do with the phone?

- A** Give it to their friend.
- B** Give it back to the shop.
- C** Get the battery repaired.
- D** Write a negative review online.