British English: Listening Comprehension

Do It Yourself



(6: 20)

This is another listening comprehension video. In it, you will review several important skills: understanding non-rhotic words, listening to directions, understanding numbers, etc. Before you watch the video and answer the questions, look at the vocabulary list below.

Vocabulary

- **hi-fi:** equipment for playing recorded music in high-fidelity sound (*equipo estéreo*)
- **chest of drawers:** a piece of furniture with drawers in which you keep things such as clothes (un*a cómoda*)
- **practical:** skilled at manual tasks (*hábiloso*)
- **appointment:** an arrangement to meet someone at a particular time and place (*cita / turno / reunión*)
- **DIY:** an acronym (*acrónimo*) for "**D**o **I**t **Y**ourself" (*hazlo tú mismo*)
- **"hang on":** an expression that means "wait a moment" (*espera un momento*)
- **roundabout:** a road junction at which traffic moves in one direction round a central island to reach one of the roads converging on it (*rotunda*)
- **lovely:** beautiful or attractive (*hermoso*)
- **gorgeous:** beautiful or attractive (hermoso / *espléndido*)
- **How about...?:** an expression used to make a suggestion or to ask for an opinion (*¿Qué tal si...?)*

Answer the questions.

1) Why is Helen upset? (Respond in a full sentence in English.)

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2) What color did Matt suggest? _____

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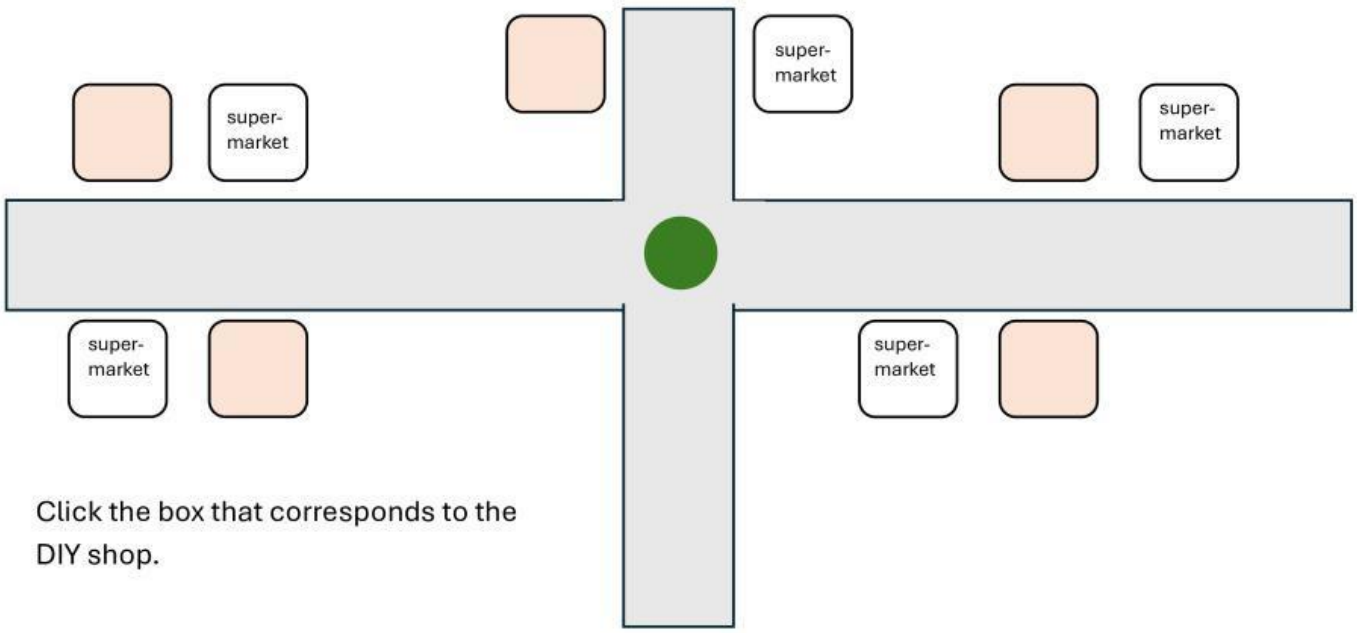
3) How much did the first paint option cost? _____

The second option? _____

4) Did Helen like the color they chose? ○ yes ○ no

Did you like the color they chose? ○ yes ○ no

5) A man gave the housemates directions to the DIY shop (at the 2:10 mark). Fill in the spaces: (a) go _____ on, (b) turn _____ at the roundabout, (c) go _____ the road, and (d) it's on the _____, _____ the supermarket.



Click the box that corresponds to the DIY shop.

6) Below is a transcript of the video. Listen again—just the audio below—and fill in the missing words.

Helen (voice over): My room. It's big. It's comfortable. But... I don't know. The _____.
This chair. Everything.

David: Move the bed.

Helen: _____?

David: How about under the window?

Matt: Put the hi-fi on the chest of drawers.

David: Put the _____ in the corner.

Helen: I don't know.

Jane: Why _____ you paint it?

Helen: Paint what?

Jane: Paint the room.

Helen: I don't know. I'm not very practical. I don't like painting. ... I'm always too busy. I don't really have time today. ... I have a lunch appointment at _____. It's impossible.

Jane: Can we do it for you?

Helen: Really?

David: Yes.

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Matt: Yeah.
Helen: Are you _____?
Jane: Of course, we're sure.
David: What about the _____?
Helen: Oh, I don't know. ... Something nice.
Jane: Now don't worry. You go out. Enjoy your lunch and _____ it with us.
Helen: Thank you.
Jane: OK. Let's go and buy some paint.

[Helen leaves the room.]

Jane: Matt, do you want to come?
Matt: Yeah.
Jane: Do you want to get _____?

[The housemates are in the car going to buy the paint.]

Matt: There is a DIY store here.
David: Not on this road.
Jane: Ask someone.
David: _____. Excuse me. Is there a DIY store _____ here?
Man: Yes. Go straight on. Turn left at the roundabout. Go down the road, and it's on the right, next to the supermarket.
David: Thank you.
Matt: How about this?
Jane: _____? ... There are some really nice colors here. ... Oh, look. This is lovely.
David: How much is it?
Jane: £_____.
David: That's expensive.
Jane: Hey, Matt! This is the same colour as your T-shirt. It's gorgeous. ... What do you think?
Matt: Yeah, I like it.
David: How much is it?
Jane: £_____. How many do we want?
David: Two. That's £_____. £_____. That's OK.
Jane: Now, are there any rollers?
David: There are some _____ there.

[The housemates prepare and start to paint the room.]

Jane: What do you think?
Matt: It looks great.
Jane: I love it.
David: It looks... interesting... but good. I like it.

[The housemates are waiting for Helen to return.]

Matt: Finished?
Jane: Yes. Thanks. I _____ like this colour.
Matt: Me too.
David: The room looks great. Here she is.
Helen: Hello.
Jane: Hi, Helen. We're up _____.
Helen: Can I go in?

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Matt: Yep.

Jane: Welcome to your new bedroom.

Helen: Ugh, Matt. Your T-shirt.

Matt: What?

Helen: The color. It's _____.

[Helen opens the door and sees her room.]

Helen: Ooooh!

Helen (voice over): Next time, Helen, don't ask for help. Do it _____.

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