

Listening Part 4

You will hear an interview with a motorcycle racer called Darren Beanhill. For questions 1–7, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

Rather than focussing on individual words that you hear, think about the overall message.

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- 1 Why did people laugh at Darren at his first ever race?
 - A He was so young.
 - B He had an old bike.
 - C He wasn't very good.
- 2 Why is this year different for Darren from the last two?
 - A His competitors know how good he is.
 - B He's finishing first in some races.
 - C He has changed his technique.
- 3 What does Darren say about his tyres this year?
 - A They are different ones from last year.
 - B He has more experience with them.
 - C He still doesn't feel safe on the corners.
- 4 How does Darren feel about his lifestyle on tour?
 - A He dislikes his accommodation.
 - B He enjoys moving around a lot.
 - C Being with his family relaxes him.
- 5 Darren says most professional motorcycle riders
 - A aren't afraid of falling off their bike.
 - B don't fully understand the risks.
 - C are nervous about hitting other competitors.
- 6 What does Darren say about retiring?
 - A He will give up racing as soon as he wins a championship.
 - B He plans to make the decision with help from others.
 - C He hopes to be able to keep going into his late thirties.
- 7 Darren says that racing in hot temperatures
 - A gives him an advantage over other riders.
 - B means he has to adapt his technique.
 - C affects his bike's performance.