

Listening Practice B1-B2

Part One

Part 2

Questions 8-13

For each question, choose the correct answer.

- 8** You will hear a girl talking about her illness.

The girl advises the boy to

- A. keep away from other kids.
- B. go to the hospital.
- C. keep his hands clean.

- 9** You will hear two friends discussing a band.

They agree that the band

- A. has better songs now than in the past.
- B. charges little money.
- C. offers something important.

- 10** You hear a boy telling his friend about a movie he saw.

How did he feel after watching it?

- A. angry
- B. positive
- C. negative

- 11** You hear two friends talking about a new teacher.

The girl thinks that the Maths teacher is

- A. exciting.
- B. boring.
- C. strict.

- 12** You will hear two friends talking about language learning.

How does the girl feel about language learning?

- A. It's interesting.
- B. It's unnecessary.
- C. It's good for older people.

- 13** You hear two friends talking about their plans.

They agree that they should

- A. go on a tour later.
- B. spend all day on the beach.
- C. go and eat something in the morning.

Part 3

Questions 14–19

For each question, write the correct answer in the gap.
Write **one** or **two words** or a **number** or a **date** or a **time**.

You will hear an announcement at a fitness centre.

Fitness week

Anyone who would like to become healthier and learn new things should (14)
for this course.

All new members must have with them trainers, a tracksuit, shorts
and T-shirts as well as a(n) (15)

After answering some questions, specific targets will be set
according to the members' (16)

Every morning a(n) (17) will keep an eye on new members exercising.

At the end of the week, members will be told (18)so as not to
gain back the weight they've lost.

For the next 48 hours, there's a sale on: you can pay £ (19) for 7 days.

Part Two

Part 1 You will hear people talking in eight different situations. For questions 1–8, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

- 1 You hear part of a talk by a man who works for a tourist company.

What is his role in the company?

- A He trains the guides.
- B He chooses the destinations.
- C He designs the advertisements.

- 2 You overhear two people talking about a film.

Why didn't the man enjoy it?

- A He was distracted by noise.
- B His seat was uncomfortable.
- C The sound volume was too low.

- 3 You hear a woman talking about running in a marathon.

Why did she decide to run?

- A She knew it would be good for her level of fitness.
- B She'd been wanting to do it since her schooldays.
- C She was too embarrassed to refuse to do it.

- 4 On the radio, you hear a man talking about an antique calculator.

What does he say about it?

- A It's just been stolen.
- B It's just been found.
- C It's just been sold.

- 5 You hear a politician talking about facilities for the young in her area.

In her opinion, what is needed?

- A a library
- B a leisure centre
- C an Internet café

- 6 You overhear a woman talking about a full-time job in a theatre.

Why did she decide not to apply for it?

- A She was used to working part-time.
- B She would have had to work evenings.
- C She felt she lacked the right qualifications.

- 7 You hear part of an interview with a comedian who organises what he calls 'laughter workshops'.

What does he want to teach the participants?

- A how to make friends more easily
- B how to become more self-confident
- C how to help others overcome problems

- 8 You hear a woman talking about learning to fly a plane.

How did she feel during her first lesson?

- A alarmed by the way the plane moved
- B relieved that it seemed relatively easy
- C confused by the instructor's comments

Part 2

You will hear an interview with a man called Daren Howarth, who works as a carbon coach.

For questions 9–18, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

The carbon coach

Daren says that a carbon coach works full-time as a (9) with various clients.

Before becoming a carbon coach, Daren trained to be an (10)

When assessing a family's carbon footprint, Daren looks first at their (11)

Daren uses what's called a (12) to see how much electricity things use.

Daren points out that (13) will help pay for roof insulation.

Daren feels that using (14) of the old type is the worst waste of energy he sees.

Daren helped to reduce a band's carbon footprint at (15) as well as on its CDs.

Daren mentions a new type of green home called an (16)

The new green home uses both the sun and (17) to produce electricity.

Daren suggests buying a (18) which gives more information about the new green home.