

Slide 6 – Listening Challenge: The Story Behind the Hit

Audio 1 – Lena’s Dream

Script:

Lena had dreamed of becoming a singer since she was a child. Before finishing high school, she had been writing songs and practicing the guitar for three years. She often recorded herself on her phone, but she wasn't confident enough to share her music with other people.

Question 1: What had Lena done before finishing high school?

- A. She had released a professional album.
- B. She had written songs and practiced the guitar.
- C. She had performed in a famous concert.
- D. She had worked with a music producer.

Audio 2 – Looking for an Opportunity

Script:

After graduating, Lena decided to look for places where she could perform. She had been sending messages to café owners for several weeks, but nobody had invited her. Finally, the manager of a small café offered her a chance to sing on Friday night.

Question 2: What had Lena been doing before the café invited her?

- A. She had been teaching singing lessons.
- B. She had been working at a recording studio.
- C. She had been contacting café owners.
- D. She had been organizing music festivals.

Audio 3 – Her First Performance

Script:

On Friday night, Lena arrived at the café feeling nervous. She had practiced her songs every evening, but she had never performed in front of a live audience outside school. When the manager introduced her, she took a deep breath and started singing her original song.

Question 3: What had Lena never done before the café performance?

- A. Written an original song.
- B. Practiced singing at home.
- C. Recorded herself on her phone.
- D. Performed in front of a live audience outside school.

Audio 4 – Someone Is Listening

Script:

While Lena was performing, a man near the back of the café stopped talking and listened carefully. His name was Daniel, and he worked as a music producer. He had been searching for a new singer for months, but he hadn't found anyone with a voice he really liked. Lena's performance caught his attention.

Question 4: What had happened before Daniel noticed Lena?

- A. He had been searching for a new singer for months.
- B. He had already recorded Lena's first album.
- C. Lena had signed a contract with his company.
- D. He had invited Lena to his studio.

Audio 5 – The Producer's Offer

Script:

After the performance, Daniel approached Lena and introduced himself. He told her that he liked her voice and wanted to hear more of her music. Lena explained that she had been writing songs for years but had never recorded a professional demo. Daniel invited her to his studio the following week.

Question 5: What did Daniel offer Lena after listening to her perform?

- A. A job at the café.
- B. A chance to record a demo at his studio.
- C. A place in a singing competition.
- D. A contract to perform abroad immediately.

Audio 6 – Preparing the Demo

Script:

During the following week, Lena prepared for her recording session. She had been practicing her vocals every day and reviewing the lyrics to make sure she remembered every word. She was excited but worried about making mistakes. When she arrived at the studio, Daniel helped her relax before they started recording.

Question 6: What had Lena been doing before the recording session?

- A. Performing at several radio stations.
- B. Looking for another café to perform in.
- C. Practicing her vocals and reviewing her lyrics.
- D. Teaching Daniel how to write songs.

Audio 7 – The Song Goes Online

Script:

After several hours, Lena and Daniel finished the demo. Daniel liked the recording and sent it to some music professionals. A few days later, one of them shared the song online. People started sharing it with their friends, and the number of listeners increased quickly. Lena couldn't believe that so many people were enjoying her music.

Question 7: What happened after Daniel shared the demo with music professionals?

- A. Lena decided to stop singing.
- B. The café manager offered her another job.
- C. Daniel deleted the recording.
- D. People began sharing and listening to the song online.

Audio 8 – The Big Break

Script:

Over the next few months, Lena's song became increasingly popular. Radio stations began playing it, and she received invitations to perform at music events. She had been working on her music for years before she finally received this opportunity. Although her life was changing quickly, Lena continued writing songs and practicing every day. She knew that her success was the result of both hard work and the opportunity Daniel had given her.

Question 8: Why had Lena been able to take advantage of this opportunity?

- A. She had been working on her music for years.

B. She had stopped practicing after high school.

C. She had already been a famous singer.

D. She had bought a popular music company.

Answer Key

Audio Answer

1 B

2 C

3 D

4 A

5 B

6 C

7 D

8 A