

Listening

You are going to listen to people talking in ten different situations. For questions 1–10, choose the answer (A, B or C) which fits best according to what you hear. (Gold experience B1-test audio-Unit 1)

1 You hear a mother talking to her daughter about the school holidays.

What does the girl's mother suggest?

- A that the girl helps her grandmother with the cleaning
- B that the girl takes a friend to her grandmother's house
- C that the girl spends some time at her grandmother's house



2 You hear a boy talking about an exam he has taken. Why is he unhappy?

- A He didn't do enough revision before the exam.
- B He said very little in the speaking test.
- C His partner in the speaking test was better than him.

3 You hear a boy discussing a show he has been to. What complaint does he have?

- A The first performer was only on stage for five minutes.
- B The second performer wasn't any good at what they were doing.
- C Too many people were laughing at the wrong time.

4 You hear a news story about a girl who has done something special. What has she done?

- A been giving food to people who don't have a home
- B won an award from the Prime Minister
- C organised a soup kitchen

5 You hear two friends talking about a tennis match. What do they agree about the match?

- A Gunter was more exciting than the other player.
- B The players didn't make much effort.
- C It wasn't a very good match.

6 You hear two friends talking about buying a present for someone. What do they decide to buy?

- A a handbag
- B a purse
- C a jacket

7 You hear a girl talking to her father about a music concert. What is the problem?

- A Her father would like her to take care of her brother.
- B Her father can't take her to the concert.
- C Auntie Sandra isn't usually free on Friday evenings.

8 You hear two friends talking about one of their teachers. What do they agree on?

- A that they are disappointed with her
- B that she's a bit strange
- C that her teaching style is better

9 You hear a woman talking about losing her wedding ring. How does she feel?

- A sure that she needs to carry on looking for it
- B not so worried about it any more
- C afraid to say anything to her husband

10 You hear a boy talking to a friend about a new jacket he has bought. He is pleased because

- A it's not always easy to find the right size.
- B he didn't want a jacket with a hood.
- C it's smart enough to wear to school.

Reading

Task 1

You are going to read an article about four young people spend Saturday morning. For questions 1–10, choose from the people A–D. The people may be chosen more than once.

Which person/people:

- 1 Thinks it is necessary to get some exercise on Saturday mornings?
- 2 Would prefer not to get up early on Saturday mornings?
- 3 Doesn't have the same free time as some of their friends?
- 4 Always looks forward to Saturday mornings?
- 5 Does an activity because of someone's advice?
- 6 Doesn't get paid for the work they do on a Saturday morning?
- 7 Enjoys being outside when it's quiet?
- 8 practises sports during the week?
- 9 Was unhappy about starting their activity at first?
- 10 Thinks they will benefit from their activity in the future?

The weekend starts here ...

Four teenagers tell us how they spend their Saturday mornings.

A Stuart

Unfortunately, I can't just do what I want because I have to go to school. It's not usual for children to have school on Saturdays, but mine does things differently. Tuesday and Thursday afternoons are free so we can play sports, but there are classes on Saturdays instead. We have four and a half hours of lessons and this year we've got History, Science and Maths. The classes are all right and the teachers make an effort to make them interesting. The problem is that we're all exhausted by Saturday and it's really hard to pay attention in class. All of us have got friends who go to 'normal' schools and we know that they're out having fun. If I had the choice, I would have extra classes during the week instead. I'm sure we would get more work done that way.

B Nadia

I can never wait for Saturdays to arrive. After a whole week of sitting at my school desk, I have to get out and use up some energy. For me, Saturday morning is all about sports and having fun with my friends. I usually get up around seven thirty and go for a jog around the park. I know it's early, but I love that part of the day. It's so peaceful because most people are still in bed at that time. After that, I go home and have some breakfast. I don't stay there long though because I usually play football with my mates. We play in a local league and we have matches most

Saturdays. We don't take it too seriously, but we enjoy having a good run around and chasing after the ball. By lunchtime, I'm usually exhausted and I go home for a rest!

C Amelia

In general, I prefer to keep my Saturday mornings free. We're expected to work hard at school and we get a lot of homework. Therefore, it's important to relax at the weekend. My perfect Saturday would be staying in bed late and then playing computer games with my friends. However, I've been working as a volunteer on Saturdays for the last month so I don't have much free time. I'm helping out in an animal sanctuary where we rescue dogs and cats that haven't got a home. I have to do different jobs like cleaning the cages, feeding the animals and taking the dogs for walks. I must admit that I don't like getting up so early on Saturday. However, it's worth it because those poor animals need someone to care for them.

D Tom

I've been saving up for a holiday with my friends, but it hasn't been easy. My parents give me a little money every week, but I usually spend that in no time. When I asked my dad for more money, he encouraged me to earn the money instead. He said I could do little jobs for the neighbours on a Saturday morning. At the beginning, I was disappointed because I didn't want to lose my free time. Then I realised that if I didn't work, it would be impossible to save any money. Basically, I've started washing the neighbours' cars and cutting the grass in their gardens. It's not exactly hard work and it's not so bad really. I like talking to the neighbours and they pay me quite well. Although I've lost my Saturday mornings, at least I'll be able to go on holiday with my mates.