

Listening comprehension

TASK 1 • In this section, you are going to hear a joke about equal opportunities. Your task is to fill in the gaps in the sentences with one word.

• First, you will have some time to study the task, and then we will play the whole recording in one piece. Then, after a short pause, you will hear the recording again, but this time we will play the text in shorter sections to give you enough time to write down your answers. At the end, you will have some more time to check your work.

0. Equal opportunities mean that everyone should get the same chances of ...employment....

1. The business needed office help, so they put a(n) in the window.

2. The was surprised to see a dog walk into the office.

3. When she finally understood the situation, she called the office

4. Mr. Jones led the dog into his office because he looked very

5. First, Mr. Jones said he couldn't give him the job because he needed someone who could

6. The dog proved that he could do it by producing a perfect

7. Then Mr. Jones said that he needed someone who was good with a(n)

8. The dog proved that he was an expert by producing a nicely formatted

9. Now Mr. Jones said he needed someone who could speak at least one language.

TASK 2 • In this section you are going to hear an interview with Laura, a sixteenyear-old Canadian girl who is in Hungary on a Rotary Club scholarship.

• Your task is to write the letter of the correct answer into the boxes on the right. First, you will have some time to study the task, and then we will play the whole recording in one piece. Then, after a short pause, you will hear the recording again, but this time we will play the text in shorter sections to give you enough time to write down your answers. At the end, you will have some more time to check your work.

• A= TRUE B= FALSE C= THE TEXT DOES NOT SAY

0. Laura is staying with a Hungarian family during her visit. _____ C _____

10. Rotary says that students should phone their parents as often as possible.

11. Laura has spent 8 hours on the phone with Canada in the past six weeks.

12. She says that frequent phone-calls make her feel terribly homesick.

13. Laura's father is a university professor.

14. Her grandparents live in Ontario.

15. Laura hasn't talked to her mother for more than a week.

16. She is not particularly fond of emails.

17. She does not use phone cards because they are too expensive.

TASK 3 • In this section you are going to hear a news report about a strange accident. Your task is to write the letter of the correct answer into the boxes on the right.

• First, you will have some time to study the task, and then we will play the whole recording in one piece. Then, after a short pause, you will hear the recording again, but this time we will play the text in shorter sections to give you enough time to write down your answers. At the end, you will have some more time to check your work.

0. This news report comes from

___A___

A) Australia

B) Austria

C) Algeria

18. The report is about a man who works ...

A) with kangaroos.

B) for a company which makes road signs.

C) as a traffic warden.

19. The man was riding a ... when the accident happened.

A) kangaroo

B) bicycle

C) motorbike

20. He ran into a ...

A) warning sign.

B) kangaroo.

C) motorbike.

21. His colleagues sent him a ...

A) card.

B) real road sign.

C) toy kangaroo.

22. Skippy is the name of ...

A) a famous Australian actor.

B) a kangaroo.

C) a popular Australian film.

23. There are about 57 million ... in Australia.

A) warning signs for kangaroos

B) people

C) kangaroos

24. More than 70% of ... accidents were caused by kangaroos in Australia in 2004.

A) animal-related

B) car

C) road