

Listening comprehension CPE



Tip

Always read all the questions and the options through carefully before the recording starts. You will be given time to do this in the exam. As you listen for the first time, put a dot beside the option you think is correct.

1 Do you agree with this statement? Why/Why not?

The only way to give effective help to people in need is to go and give it yourself.

Exam practice

2 1-06 You will hear three different extracts. For questions 1–6, choose the answer (A, B or C) which fits best according to what you hear. There are two questions for each extract.

Extract 1: You hear two friends talking about a trip to help someone in need.

- 1 The woman seems surprised that the man and his colleagues
 - A found time to organize the trip.
 - B managed to fit all the toys and clothing into two lorries.
 - C were able to find the money to finance the trip.
- 2 When the lorries arrived, the man felt
 - A proud of his achievements.
 - B sympathetic for the children's predicament.
 - C determined that he would return.

Extract 2: You hear a presenter making a charity appeal on TV.

- 3 The man emphasizes the fact that
 - A making a donation is not the only way to help people in need.
 - B whatever help we can give is welcome.
 - C it's up to us all to ensure funds reach their target.
- 4 In the man's opinion, anyone making a donation will
 - A be motivated to do more in future.
 - B feel guilty for not having done so earlier.
 - C have a clear conscience tonight.

Extract 3: You hear two people on a radio programme talking about sponsoring a child.

- 5 Why did the man find Opportunity International inspiring?
 - A It's prepared to advertise in newspapers.
 - B It interviews sponsors personally.
 - C It cooperates with the local population.
- 6 The man regards the donation he makes as
 - A a means of obtaining information.
 - B a small contribution towards a good cause.
 - C an insignificant gesture given the circumstances.

Your views 3 Which of the methods of helping people mentioned in the extracts do you consider to be the most effective? Why?

Vocabulary

Word knowledge: help and give 4 Replace the words in *italics* in a–g using an expression with *help* or *give*.

- a Lynn's tried not to lose her temper so often, but she *can't stop herself*.
- b The best way to handle children is not to *let them do just what they want to*.
- c *Have some of* these olives everybody – they're delicious.
- d I'm going to be late, but *it's not my fault* that the traffic is so bad.
- e Things seem bad right now but if you *wait a little while* they might get better.
- f When I was struggling to set up my business, he *lent me some money*.
- g You are a hard worker – I'll *admit that's true*.

Listening

Part 2



- 1 Which of these statements about wolves are true?
 - a They are carnivorous but will eat berries and insects.
 - b Wolves live in packs of more than twenty.
 - c They have thick coats consisting of three layers.
 - d They howl more in the twilight hours.
- 2 You are going to hear wolf expert Shaun Ellis talking about his experience of living with wolves. First, read through questions 1–9 and decide what parts of speech or type of information might be needed.

As a young child, Shaun's knowledge of wolves came from 1.

In his twenties, Shaun became a 2 in the USA.

Shaun's colleagues considered his method of studying wolves extremely 3.

After his initial encounter with wolves, Shaun developed 4 for them.

Shaun and the wolves lived mainly on a diet of 5.

Shaun felt no desire for 6 during his time with the wolves.

One day an incident involving food made Shaun aware that he was in a very 7 position.

On one occasion, a wolf protected Shaun and the pack from a 8.

After leaving the wolves, Shaun experienced a massive 9.

Vocabulary

Collocations

Match the adjectives in List A with the nouns in List B to form collocations. All the adjectives appear in the listening.

A

innate
rugged
remote
gaunt
strict
savage
ruthless
balanced
trustworthy

B

appearance
fear
beast
behaviour
landscape
nature
spot
hierarchy
diet

Animal expressions

6 Complete a–e with a word from the list below in its correct form. There are two words you do not need. Then explain what the expressions mean.

fish chicken lion snail rat fly wolf

- a Colin's salary isn't great but it's enough to keep the _____ from the door.
- b I felt a bit like a _____ out of water when I went on the protest march to ban traffic from the city centre. Everyone else seemed so intense and committed.
- c Although this project's beginning to get off the ground, things are still moving at a _____'s pace.
- d I'd decided to do some volunteer work on a conservation project in the jungle but at the last minute I _____ out and decided to do something nearer to home.
- e I'd love to be a _____ on the wall when governments have those conferences about the environment.

