Unit 1 Listening
Chapter 1 Before Listening

Practice: Types of Listening

Directions: Listen to the four extracts and match the type of listening to the following situations.

Types of Listening:

A. An informal conversation between students

B. A lecture given by a professor

C. A student asking staff for information

D. A talk for students

Situations:

Situation 1:   _____

Situation 2:   _____

Situation 3:   _____

Situation 4:   _____

Activity: What accent do you hear?

Vocabulary

Directions: Match words in Column A to their meaning in Column B.

Column A	Column B
Words	Meanings
_____ 1. automation (n.)	a. danger
_____ 2. controversial (adj.)	b. extreme
_____ 3. productivity (n.)	c. a critic
_____ 4. commentator (n.)	d. an officer; worker
_____ 5. threat (n.)	e. a checkout operator
_____ 6. security (n.)	f. safety; protection from danger
_____ 7. outsourcing (n.)	g. causing a lot of disagreement
_____ 8. drastic (adj.)	h. rate that a company produces goods
_____ 9. clerk (n.)	i. use of service outside a company
_____ 10. till operator (n.)	j. machines or computers run by artificial intelligence (AI)

Directions: Read the following talk about automation first.

Automation

Well, the field of automation is one of the quite controversial areas of AI. Now, automation has great effects on levels of productivity, but some commentators claim that this area is now a greater threat to job security than outsourcing. It may seem drastic, but think of examples in our own lives. How many people here use ATMs instead of going to the bank clerk, or use a self-checkout in a supermarket instead of going to the till operator.

There are 6 people talking about automation and using 6 different accents. Identify their accents.

| Australian | British | Chinese | French | Indian | Middle Eastern |

1._____   2._____   3._____

4._____   5._____   6._____