



## LISTENING COMPREHENSION

A) You are going to listen to two people discussing the topic of urban planning. For questions 1–6, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which fits best according to what you hear.

1 Belinda suggests that

- A urban planners have a far from difficult job.
- B the job of an urban planner is more complex than people might think.
- C urban planners are only concerned with what buildings look like.
- D we expect too much from urban planners.

2 What does Keith say about urban planning?

- A It helps to have a background in psychology.
- B It mostly deals with environmental concerns.
- C There are many considerations when making planning decisions.
- D Design and engineering are not significant factors.

3 What does Keith believe about the origins of urban planning?

- A It has probably always been a feature of places where humans settled.
- B It first appeared in Egyptian and Indian civilizations.
- C It was first used to reduce noise in ancient civilizations.
- D There is little evidence for it in American culture.

4 How does Belinda feel about urban planning in Roman times?

- A disappointed that cities have changed so much
- B surprised that planners don't use the same ideas
- C amused by the way the Romans made their plans
- D interested in the similarities with modern planning

5 What does Belinda say about urban planning in some European cities?

- A Accessibility is not considered important nowadays.
- B Order has become more important in the last 200 years.
- C The planning is completely chaotic in some cities.
- D There is limited planning nowadays compared to the 19th and 20th centuries.

6 How do Belinda and Keith both feel about older parts of cities?

- A It's sometimes best to knock the older parts down.
- B They can cause a lot of problems for urban planners.
- C It can be desirable to keep some of the older parts.
- D This is not always popular with the inhabitants.

## WRITING (GRAMMAR)

B) Choose the correct words to complete the text.

The heat hits me immediately. It must be at least thirty degrees and it's only ten o'clock in the morning. I (1) **just stepped / have just stepped** off the plane in Marrakech, one of the most beautiful cities in Morocco. As I'm going out of the airport, a group of taxi drivers (2) **come / came** up to me and want to talk to me. I (3) **hadn't spoken / don't speak** any Arabic or French, so I go with the driver who speaks English.

While we (4) **were / are** travelling to the city centre, the roads get more and more congested. Soon, we have to stop. The taxi can't move. I (5) **sat / have been sitting** there for about thirty minutes when I decide to get out and walk. I end up in a dark, narrow passage way.

It (6) **hadn't been / wasn't** my first time in Marrakech so I was confident of where I had to go. What I (7) **hadn't thought / wasn't thinking** about was just how confusing the streets of the old town can be. Once you (8) **were passing / have passed** through the gates, and into that maze of passages and alleyways, it can be very difficult to navigate. Soon I was hopelessly lost and I was sure I (9) **had been going / am going** around in circles.

My favourite city in the world has to be Barcelona. I first (1) **went / was going** there with my family when I was fourteen. We (2) **were visiting / had visited** cities before going to Barcelona, but no other city feels the same. We always rent the same apartment, right in the middle of the Gothic Quarter. I can see it so vividly: my sister and I (3) **are sitting / had sat** on the balcony, sipping mineral water and nibbling olives. We (4) **weren't having / don't have** any worries at all, we're just happy to watch the world go by.

It (5) **brought / brings** back memories of one summer evening several years ago. We (6) **spend / had spent** the day on the beach just outside of the city and we (7) **had walked / were walking** back to the apartment through the twisty, narrow streets. It must have been ten o'clock in the evening and it still (8) **feels / felt** warm. Instead of going straight back to the apartment, my parents decided to stop at a restaurant in a bustling little square. There was so much life there. Everyone (9) **was going out / went out** for the evening and it made me realise how different life was at home.

