

Listening unit 01

Task 1

You will listen to several bits of news reports. For questions 1 to 5 choose option A, B, or C. Write your answers in the box below. The first one is an example.

EXAMPLE

0. Food is wasted due to inaccurate techniques, diseases and climate conditions in

A) developing countries.

B) richer countries.

C) both of them.

1.- In World Snail Racing Championships

- a) all snails are treated like bulls.
- b) all snails must reach the red circle.
- c) the first snail to get to the edge of the table doesn't automatically win.

2.- The siphoning off of oil in Nigeria

- a) is being dealt with using sophisticated tracking devices.
- b) is mostly done by foreigners.
- c) has been allowed by Nigeria's Industry minister.

3.- An international research team in Antarctica

- a) believes the seeds will contribute positively to Antarctica's ecosystem.
- b) found out how seeds were carried onto the continent.
- c) makes scientists and tourists the sole responsible for ruining Antarctica's habitat.

4.- Dreaming at night

- a) always makes you wake up feeling positive and full of energy.
- b) may boost creativity.
- c) has definitely proved to be successful in treating depression.

5.- According to the news report

- a) Mr Glenn moonlanded with Neil Armstrong.
- b) Mr Glenn recently greeted some astronauts while he was orbiting the Earth.
- c) Mr Glenn has been to the space at least twice.

TASK 2

You will hear a report on Sir Richard Branson, founder of Virgin. Decide whether the following sentences are true or false.

EXAMPLE

0. Sir Richard Branson had problems with words. **F** -

1. Despite being dyslexic, he was a studious pupil and rarely got into trouble.
2. He set up a business as soon as he left school.
3. Apparently there are many dyslexics among businessmen.
4. It seems being dyslexic makes you see things in a more complex way.
5. A director explained some mathematical concepts to him using a metaphor.
6. Being good with numbers is not important for being a successful businessman.
7. The interviewer says legacy is a problem in many American companies.
8. American airline companies should imitate Virgin America's style.
9. All airlines imitated Virgin's approach to business.
10. Some years ago he suggested investing in low emission fuels.

TASK 3

You will listen to different speakers giving tips (dos and don'ts) to succeed in a job interview. Choose the statements which best match what each speaker says. There are two extra statements which do not match any of the speakers' opinions. The first one is given as an example.

A Feeling at ease Example

- B** How to justify your lack of ambition
- C** Make up for your lack of experience
- D** Find out about income possibilities
- E** How to sound natural through practice
- F** Talk about yourself briefly
- G** How to justify changing jobs
- H** Focus on negative aspects

0	Speaker 0	A
1	Speaker 1	
2	Speaker 2	
3	Speaker 3	
4	Speaker 4	
5	Speaker 5	