



## Far from home. Listening skills practice

### I. Trains and travel.

*Listen to five different conversations at a train station and do the exercises to improve your listening skills.*

- 1) Complete the gaps with the correct place from the box.

Oxford	Cambridge	Manchester	Exeter	London
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Listening A

The speaker wants to go to \_\_\_\_\_

Listening B

The speaker wants to go to \_\_\_\_\_

Listening C

The speaker wants to go to \_\_\_\_\_

Listening D

The train is going to \_\_\_\_\_

Listening E

The passengers want to go to \_\_\_\_\_

- 2) Write the correct answer to these questions.

1. Which platform does the 10.15 train to Cambridge leave from?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. How much is a single ticket to Manchester?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Which platform does the 12.30 train to Manchester leave from?

\_\_\_\_\_

4. What time does the train arrive at Exeter?

\_\_\_\_\_

5. What time is the train back to London?

\_\_\_\_\_

6. Which platform does the train back to London leave from?

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## II. The weekend.

*Listen to the conversation about plans for the weekend and do the exercises to practise and improve your listening skills.*

- 1) Which six activities do the speakers say they are going to do? Choose the correct answers.
  - a) snowboarding
  - b) dirtboarding
  - c) canyoning
  - d) bungee jumping
  - e) go up the Eiffel Tower
  - f) visit Notre Dame cathedral
  - g) visit the old parts of the city
  - h) go round the Louvre
  - i) go to the Musée D'Orsay
  - j) visit Montmartre and look at the views
  
- 2) Choose the best option to complete these sentences.
  1. A dirtboard is a board with wheels that you stand on / a board with no wheels that you stand on / a board that you sit on .
  2. To go canyoning you need ropes and a helmet / a guide and special equipment / ropes and special equipment .
  3. Zip-wiring is scary and difficult / easy and exciting / scary but exciting .
  4. Paris looks so beautiful at night / on television / in the photos .
  5. The impressionist paintings are in the Louvre / the Musée D'Orsay / the Rodin Museum .
  6. The famous Rodin statue is called The Worker / The Thinker / The Philosopher .
  7. The girl is going to Paris for the weekend / four days / five days .
  8. She's going with her friend / her boyfriend / her family .

### III. Travelling abroad

*Listen to the five airport announcements and do the exercises to practise and improve your listening skills.*

1) Complete the gaps with a word from the box.

New York	Rome	Athens	Tokyo	Amsterdam
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1. Speaker A: The plane is going to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Speaker B: The plane is going to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Speaker C: The plane is going to \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Speaker D: The plane is going to \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Speaker E: The plane is going to \_\_\_\_\_.

2) Complete the gaps with the missing words.

1. The 9.25 flight to Rome is delayed by \_\_\_\_\_ hours.
2. Passengers going to Tokyo should go to boarding gate \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Passengers going to Athens should go to boarding gate \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The flight number of the plane going to Amsterdam is \_\_\_\_\_. It will leave from gate \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The time in \_\_\_\_\_ is 18.30.
6. The temperature in New York is \_\_\_\_\_ °F.