

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?

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.