

PRACTICE TEST 2 – LISTENING AUDIO SCRIPT

Part 1.

1. What is the weather forecast for tomorrow?

Man Good afternoon. Well, it looks as if tomorrow's weather won't be quite what was expected. We had some storm warnings earlier, with a forecast of very heavy rain indeed. It's been cloudy this afternoon with a few..... And we can expect more of the same tomorrow, although winds will be stronger than today, before the weather arrives towards the weekend.

2. What does Paul look like?

Teen boy You know that guy with long hair you were just talking to - is that Paul, your brother?

Teen girl Oh, you mean Robbie? No, he's a friend from school. My brother doesn't look anything like that. He's got shorter hair and would never wear such clothes! There he is over there!

Teen boy Oh! I see him, in the sunglasses ...

Teen girl That's him. He thinks they make him look cool!

3. What exercise does the girl do at the moment?

Boy You always seem so healthy. How do you manage it?

Girl Well, I used to do a lot of running and swimming, but I got tired of the jogging after a while.

Boy Oh, I know what you mean. I'm going to the gym again tonight, but it gets so boring. Why don't we meet up and go to the cinema?

Girl OK. I'll be out of the pool by 7.00. I could meet you outside the gym at about 7.30.

4. What can teenagers do at the new club?

Woman Turning to local news. Young people have been waiting for this since the Internet cafe closed last..... The new club for teenagers finally opened today. It's a fantastic place to listen to music, play table tennis and meet up with your friends. And there are plans to open a cafe next year. Why not go along and try it out?

5. What equipment is missing?

Man Hello. I've just received my new computer through the post this morning and it doesn't seem to be all here ... I'm just looking for the keyboard ... Ah, here we are. But I can't see the printer anywhere.

Woman That has to be ordered I'm afraid.

Man Oh yes, sorry, I forgot about that. But there's no mouse here either.

Woman That's not the first time I've heard that. Give me your order number and we'll send you one straight away.

6. Where is the boy's money?

Boy Mum, where have you put the money for my lunch?

Mum I thought you picked it up. It was on the table in the kitchen. Have you put it in the front pocket of your bag as

Boy No, I've looked there. It's not in my jacket pocket either.

Mum Oh, I remember. Jenny took the money from the table, yours is by the front door. I put it there so you wouldn't forget it on your way out.

7. How did Susie contact her friend?

Girl Guess what? Susie can come camping after all.

Boy Oh good! Did she answer your email, then?

Girl I don't know if she ever got it. It was just lucky that I found an old address book with her number in. I left a message and she called me back this morning. I was texting her all last week, but she said she lost her mobile two weeks ago and she hasn't..... a new one yet.

Part 2

8. You will hear two friends talking about a book they read.

Man What did you think of the new Inspector Lawson book?

Woman I've only just finished it. It took me quite a while to read this one.

Man It's not that long, is it?

Woman No, it's a fairly short book, but I found the plot very difficult to follow, so I had to keep going back and reading things again to work out what was going on.

Man It had a great....., though, didn't it?

Woman To be honest, I'm not really keen on endings that leave the reader guessing. I like the writer to tell me exactly what happened.

9. You will hear a boy telling a friend about his uncle.

Boy So, my uncle has moved into the house next door to us.

Girl Oh, that's great. Have you been to visit him yet?

Boy Yeah, I called in yesterday. He's great, but I don't think we'll be seeing much of him.

Girl Why? Does he travel a lot?

Boy No, he doesn't at all. But he's already a member of every club you can think of! He's in two choirs, the chess club, the film club, the bowling club, and he's a member of the gym, too.

Girl Wow! It sounds as though he likes to keep busy!

10. You will hear two people talking about a friend.

Man What are you doing on Saturday?

Woman I'm meeting Adam in town. We're going to see a film at the cinema. That's if he up, of course!

Man Oh, don't get me started! I was supposed to meet him last week, and he was over an hour late!

Woman I don't know how he does it. He wears that expensive watch all the time, but I don't think he ever looks at it!

Man You should tell him to meet you an hour earlier than you want him to. That way he might just get there at the right time!

11. You will hear two friends talking about a school trip.

Girl Did you enjoy the trip to the museum last week?

Boy Yes, it was good, thanks. We saw some interesting things, and I found out some useful information for my history project. I just wish we'd had longer to look around the museum.

Girl I thought you were there all day?

Boy No, the trip all day. But it took us three hours to get to the museum on the coach, and another three hours to get back. Most of that time was spent trying to get through the city. The traffic there was terrible. By the time we got to the museum, it was nearly time to come home again!

Girl That's a shame.

12. You will hear a girl telling a friend about her new home.

Boy So, how's the new flat your family's just moved into?

Girl Great, thanks! Of course, it's always strange sleeping in a new place. And every building makes different noises, so that takes some getting used to.

Boy Oh yes. And what about the neighbours?

Girl I've just met one girl around my so far. She seemed very friendly.

Boy It must be a change for you. Living in the city now.

Girl It is, but it's really convenient to be so close to everything now ... school, all the shops, you know? I love having everything I need right outside my door. I think I'm going to be very happy here.

13. You will hear two friends talking about a new department store.

Girl Have you been to that new department store in town?

Boy Yes, I went there yesterday. They've got a great selection of stuff. You can buy all sorts of unusual things there.

Girl I know, and they're much cheaper than our other department stores, too.

Boy I know! I'd shop there all the time if the weren't so long.

Girl Oh, they're awful, aren't they? They really need to get some more staff if they don't want to lose a lot of business.

Boy I'm sure they will. They won't want to lose customers.

Part 3

You will hear a travel writer talking about different holiday destinations.

Woman I love being a travel writer, and I love talking about my trips, so thank you for inviting me into the studio today! Right, I'm going to tell you about three different holidays that I can recommend to everyone.

The first is a good, year-round sun destination: The Canary Islands. These islands are known for their big busy seaside hotels in Tenerife and Lanzarote, but there are less well-known islands, like La Gomera. If you want a quieter experience, you can stay in traditional villages there and try out the excellent routes in the hills. Johnson's Travel currently has two-week holidays in La Gomera from as little as £..... per person, or £900 with an extra week. Another island you might like to try is Sardinia, in the Mediterranean. And if you and your family want a little more adventure, then a water sports holiday could be the one for you. Water skiing and sailing are always popular, and you could even try for a qualification while you're there on one of the specially organized activity weeks offered by SunWorld!

SunWorld designs fantastic holidays, and the peak season for families begins in July. It's important to remember, however, that the month of is reserved for adults only.

Finally, if you're not interested in lying on the beach, why not try something completely different? On a trip to Iceland, you and your family could first visit all the main attractions of Reykjavik on a special guided bus tour. Then take a traditional Icelandic trip on the back of a horse to the Blue Lagoon, before flying off to the lovely snow-covered mountains of the Askja region. A week with Travel the World costs £1,200 per adult for accommodation and return to Reykjavik and on to Askja. Rates for children are lower.

Part 4

You will hear someone talking about the Westbay Music Festival.

Interviewer You're listening to 3FM, where we're looking forward to Vancouver's biggest event of the year, the Westbay Music Festival. Matt Harris is here to tell us all about it.

Matt The Westbay Festival has been going for quite a number of years. It started off as a small gathering of a few hundred people in the early 1980s. Just a dozen groups played in a single tent and the event began at lunchtime and was over before it got dark. Nowadays it's a event, featuring some of the biggest acts in world music.

Interviewer How many people will be attending?

Matt Ticket numbers have been reduced slightly this year but more than ten thousand people are expected to attend the festival, which provides a wide range of entertainment for young and old alike.

Interviewer What kind of entertainment can people expect?

Matt Well, while it's still called a Music Festival, there's actually much more to Westbay. The Big Smile Stage will have some of the best names in comedy to entertain the You'll recognize people such as Mark Whitfield and Sandy Denver from TV, and there are also some new performers from the Vancouver area. A number of international names will be appearing, although US comic Joe Reen has unfortunately had to cancel his appearance. There are film shows every night in the Big Blue Tent behind the Main Stage. Friday night is thrillers night, so there should be some exciting movies. On Saturday and Sunday, you can watch a programme of music biographies and videos covering the history of rock music. Amazingly they'll also be showing some old famous science fiction movies - special

outdoor screenings which will only take place if the weather is suitable. Elsewhere, you can find a huge variety of things to buy in the festival market place. Whether you want to buy a jacket to keep the rain off or a candle for a friend, you'll find it there. I'm particularly looking forward to visiting Fast Eddie's Music Shop, which sellsyou can't find anywhere else.

Interviewer Will there be food there, too?

Matt Oh yes! When you need a break from all that dancing, laughing and shopping, you'll want a good meal. Westbay has more food stalls from around the world than any other festival in the country. You can get a hot vegetable curry from Thailand, enjoy the..... of Mexico or try Australian barbecued lamb.

Interviewer Delicious! It sounds as if there's going to be something for everyone ...