

LISTENING PRACTICE 1 - FCE

Part 1

You will hear people talking in eight different situations. For questions 1–8, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

- 1 You overhear a young man talking about his first job.
How did he feel in his first job?
A bored
B confused
C enthusiastic

- 2 You hear a radio announcement about a dance company.
What are listeners being invited to?
A a show
B a talk
C a party

- 3 You overhear a woman talking to a man about something that happened to her.
Who was she?
A a pedestrian
B a driver
C a passenger

- 4 You hear a woman talking on the radio about her work making wildlife films.
What is her main point?
A Being in the right place at the right time is a matter of luck.
B More time is spent planning than actually filming.
C It is worthwhile spending time preparing.

- 5 You hear part of a travel programme on the radio.
Where is the speaker?
A outside a café
B by the sea
C on a lake

6 You overhear a woman talking about a table-tennis table in a sports shop. What does she want the shop assistant to do about her table-tennis table?

A provide her with a new one
B have it put together for her
C give her the money back

7 You hear part of an interview with a businesswoman. What is her business?

A hiring out boats
B hiring out caravans
C building boats

8 You hear a man talking on the radio. Who is talking?

A an actor
B a journalist
C a theatre-goer

Part 2

You will hear a radio interview with Mike Reynolds, whose hobby is exploring underground places such as caves. For questions 9–18, complete the sentences.

Cavers explore underground places such as mines and

	9	as well as caves.
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When cavers camp underground, they choose places which have

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In the UK, the place Mike likes best for caving is

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As a physical activity, Mike compares caving to

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Cavers can pay as much as £20 for a suitable

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Cavers can pay as much as £50 for the right kind of

	14	, which is worn on the head.
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Mike recommends buying expensive

	15	to avoid having accidents.
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Caving is a sport for people of

	16	and backgrounds.
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Some caves in Britain are called 'places of

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The need for safety explains why people don't organise caving

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Part 3

You will hear five different people talking about their work on a cruise ship. For questions 19–23, choose from the list (A–F) what each speaker says about their work. Use the letters only once. There is one extra letter which you do not need to use.

A One aspect of my job is less interesting than others.

Speaker 1	19
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B My job involves planning for the unexpected.

Speaker 2	20
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C You have to be sociable to do my job.

Speaker 3	21
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D I don't like routine in my working life.

Speaker 4	22
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E There's not much work to do during the day.

Speaker 5	23
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F I provide passengers with a souvenir of their trip.

Part 4

You will hear an interview with a man called Stan Leach who is talking about adventure sports. For questions 24–30, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

24 Stan says that the best thing about walking is that you can

- A** get fit by doing it.
- B** please yourself how you do it.
- C** do it on your own.

25 Stan's opinion on scrambling is that

- A** people doing it may need to be accompanied.
- B** it is unsuitable for beginners.
- C** it is more exciting than walking.

26 What did Stan discover when he went climbing?

- A** It was not enjoyable.
- B** It was harder than he expected.
- C** It can be very frightening.

27 What does Stan say about mountain biking?

- A** Britain is not the best place for it.
- B** It is more expensive in Britain than elsewhere.
- C** It is best where there are lots of downhill slopes.

28 Stan's advice on scuba diving is that

- A** most of the courses for it are good.
- B** it is easier than it seems.
- C** you should think carefully before trying it.

29 What is Stan's view of skydiving?

- A** It is surprisingly popular.
- B** It is best when done in teams.
- C** Only certain types of people like it.

30 What does Stan say about canoeing?

- A** You can do it in conditions that suit you.
- B** It is best at certain times of the year.
- C** There are few places in Britain to do it.