HOW TO IMPROVE IELTS LISTENING SKILL

TIP: In extended multiple-choice questions, you may hear most or all of the options on the recording. Don't just select the first words you hear. Speakers may change their minds, so you cannot answer the question with certainty until the discussion is finished.

Listening skills **Changing opinions**

1 Read the four dialogues below.

a Which speakers change their minds? Please check the letter A, B, C, D,...

b What phrases do they use to indicate this?

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1

A What river's that?

B That's the River Exe, no, I mean the River Avon.

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C Ben Nevis is the tallest mountain in Scotland. In the UK, in fact.

D Really?

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E If we leave now, we will see the sunset.

F I'm not so sure about that. The sky looks very cloudy.

E Actually, you're right. It might be better to wait until another day.

4

G If we visit the lake this afternoon, we may see the ducks flying in.

H I think you'll find they come in greater numbers in the evening.

G Yes, that's what I meant, in the evening. We'll see thousands in the evening.

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2 Read the dialogue. Then answer questions a–c below.

Man	What shall we do this morning? We can visit the monkeys first – they're always fun.
Woman	But the monkeys will be having their tea-party in the afternoon. That will be the best time to see them.
Man	Well, we can see the elephants, then.
Woman	The keepers bring *them* out after midday too.
Man	Then we should visit the aquarium – the fish are always awake.
Woman	That's a good idea. We'll see the fish. And what about the bears?
Man	The bears' cages are not open today, although we can see the polar bears this morning if we want.
Woman	Yes, let's see those and the fish. And then we can have lunch.
Man	All right. Let's go.

a How many animals do they talk about visiting?
b How many animals do they decide to visit?
c At what stage in the conversation do you know their decision: the beginning, the middle, or the end?

a._____

b._____

c._____

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