

LISTENING: UNIT 1-LESSON 3-P8

Conversation 1

A: Crime is just1.. You can't pick up a newspaper without there being four or five crime stories on the first page.

B: In my opinion, all this crime is a symptom of the whole2 in culture. What is the world coming to?

A: Well, there's not a whole lot anyone can do about crime, is there?

B: Actually, there is something we can do about crime.

A: You think so?

B: Absolutely. We should provide more money for local police, and we should be careful3 tempt criminals.

Don't wear a lot of jewelry on the street.4.

A: That's true. You're so practical.

B: Thank you.

Conversation 2 [A = German]

A: Have you been reading about that Marburg virus?

B: You bet I have. I'm checking the news sites like a hundred times a day to see what's happening. I think I'm getting a little obsessed. I just can't stop5 about it.

A: Well, I don't think that's crazy. It is pretty horrendous. Thousands of people are already sick and they say it's even more contagious than the flu or Ebola. However, there is some good news: I've heard they're working on a vaccine and that there might be one next year.

B: Well that's good. But you couldn't get me to get on a plane right now. You're just a6 if someone with Marburg gets on. The ventilation systems of planes recirculate the air, and then everyone breathes it in. Very scary.

Conversation 3

A: I don't know about you, but I'm getting a little freaked out about7. I mean, I'm really scared. Every single day some new group pops up. You never know where they're going to strike.

B: True. These attacks are happening everywhere now.

A: Yeah. What is going on with this world? It's crazy.

B: Right. But what are you going to do about it? It's just part of life these days.

A: That's one way to look at it, but I feel it's gotten so bad that I don't like to be in crowded places. I keep thinking something bad is going to happen, like a bombing.

B: Well, that's no way to live. I think you just got to keep living and hope for the best. It is what it is.

A: You're probably right. I guess I'm going a little8