

AUDIO SCRIPT

SPEAKING

Exercise 7.

I am going to tell you about David Mitchell. Have you heard of him? OK, I don't know much about him, but I know he is a British writer. He used to be an English teacher in Japan, and his son has autism. That's all I know. He is famous for being a novelist though. He's won prizes for being a novelist. He's written seven novels, I think, and some short stories. Two of his novels are my favourites. One is *Cloud Atlas*, which you must have heard of – they made a film of it with Tom Hanks and Halle Berry. It isn't as good as the book, though. I also like his book *Bone Clocks*. I read that in a few days. I like David because all of his books are good, and the stories are interesting, and I like the characters, too. You always want the characters to do well. That's all. Any questions?

LISTENING

Exercise 3:

Tour guide: Thank you, everyone, for coming today. I want to remind you that we are now visiting the museum after lunch on Tuesday. As you know, we'd planned to go on Monday morning – having already visited the nearby park and castle at the weekend – but, due to the museum being closed for a private event, we have had to change our schedule. Instead, we're going to take advantage of late-night shopping on Monday evening, followed by dinner and dancing into the early hours of Tuesday morning at a restaurant on the waterfront.

Park officer: OK, everyone, let's move on to the position of the new and, may I say, quite unique, work of art that's kindly been donated to the park by our local sculptor, David Waterman. We had thought it would look great in front of the small artificial lake, as it would be the first thing visitors saw when they entered the park, and children do like to feed the ducks there. However, it is quite close to the public toilets, and so we've decided it would be better on the medieval hill just to the north of the swings in the play area.

Exercise 4.:

Speaker 1: I just wanted to tell you about some recent changes we've made to the property. As you know, the condition of the roof was terrible when we bought it, so we've gone ahead and had that repaired. The living room is a little small, and we were hoping to make it bigger and lighter by knocking down the wall and creating an open-plan space. However, we don't have the funds for that right now. So instead, we're going to paint the outside walls of the property. We think this will make the house look much more attractive without costing too much.

Speaker 2: Well, I think you'll all agree that we had a wonderful day on Wednesday visiting the old town. It was great to see all the remarkable buildings from the eighteenth century, which are still in such great condition. Right, tomorrow, as planned, we're going to the botanical garden, where you can spend time walking around and smelling all the nice flowers. I'm told this spot was a particular favourite of previous kings and queens. On Friday, just before our weekend boat trip, we're going to the Grand Palace, which served as the main home of the monarchy in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. Although many of the castle walls are new, the stone circles located in the castle grounds date back to ancient times and are well worth a visit.

Exercise 5:

Good afternoon, everyone, and welcome to our recently renovated university bookshop and library. We've made many changes, and I just wanted to give you an idea of what you can find where. Right, well, the reception desk is to the left as you enter, and directly to the left of that, in the corner, you'll find our little shop. You'll remember that we used to have the accommodation office here, but that's been relocated to the main university building. Anyway, now you can buy a range of locally made items, including birthday cards, notepads and pens. Behind the reception desk and in front of law and politics is the used books table. This is also a new addition but something we think will be very popular with all our students. Information about the region is directly at the back of the library, to the left of our business section. Everything you want to know about the area can be found here, and you can also buy tickets for public transport. On the other side of the business section, we had intended to put a tourist information point. However, as there is one located just five minutes from the campus, we decided instead to make this a relaxing space where you can buy snacks and hot drinks. Finally, I'm delighted to tell you that we now have an area dedicated to the integration of audio and visual technologies. It's located in the small annexe behind and to the right of the reference area. You'll find the toilets there, too.

Exercise 6:

OK, so I wanted to talk to you about the events we have coming up over the rest of the term. As you know, planning for the graduation party has started and, even though it's not until next year, we already anticipate it'll be a great success. I will keep you informed of any developments, but it's not something we need to talk about today. I do, however, want to take the opportunity to thank you all for your help with last month's summer fair. We raised over £2,000 and can now start the much-needed repairs to the roof. The builders are arriving next week, so please be aware that there may be some disruption.

Right, as you know, this weekend we have over 500 potential new students and their families coming to look around the university and find out what courses we have available. It's going to be very busy, so thank you to everyone who's coming along to help. OK, so let's go through some of the details for the event. Last year, we opened our doors at half past ten and had intended to do the same this year, but now the bus timetable has changed, it makes more sense to bring that forward slightly to ten fifteen. I realise it will be almost eleven before the gardens are open, but I think there's plenty to do beforehand, and we want to make sure there's enough time for lunch.

Now, there are a few things we need the volunteers to do. I had hoped the new tables would've arrived by now, but unfortunately, they haven't, so we've decided to use the existing ones that are in the storeroom. Those are already built, so we don't need to waste time putting them up on the day. Now, with regards to the raffle, we've had some fantastic prizes donated by local businesses, and tickets will be sold at the university office all weekend. There will be posters on display showing what people can win, so please direct anyone who wants to buy a ticket to the office, where they can do just that. Food and drink will be available from midday. As you know, we'd booked a local catering firm for this, but I'm afraid they have let us down. Therefore, I am going to need you to take round sandwiches, snacks and such like. OK. So, I think that just about covers everything I wanted to say about that.

Exercise 7:

The final thing I wanted to tell you about are some of the changes we've made to security. You'll remember that we had an unfortunate incident last year when someone broke into the admissions office. We needed to call the police, and it's something we want to avoid this weekend. So, this year, a pass will be issued to all members of the public, and this must be stamped on arrival and shown to security before they enter the dining room, gardens and lecture theatres. This doesn't include the library, as it's only accessible through the dining room. Although volunteers don't need a pass, you should wear your identity card and make sure it's displayed at all times. May I remind you that we still have a problem with the wooden floor in the main hall, which was damaged by the storm last year when the roof leaked. Unfortunately, this does mean that access to this room is going to be restricted and visitors won't be able to enter.

Moving on to another issue, namely smoking. Some people think it's acceptable to smoke in the gardens, and whilst this used to be the case, the changes to health and safety this year mean we can no longer allow it anywhere. We need to make sure that people abide by this rule, otherwise we might face a fine and possible closure. Signs will be displayed around the college, but if I could ask all volunteers to be cautious and report any problems to the office.