



SUMMIT 2.2
Q2- U4

Mark

Student's Name: _____

Date: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Listening

Conversation 1

Listen to the conversation. Then choose A, B, or C on the line

1. Ed is complaining about _____

- a) a colleague
- b) his parents
- c) his roommate

2. Ed thinks Jason is _____

- a) Controlling
- b) disorganized
- c) negative

3. Ed admits that he's _____

- a) Disorganized
- b) a perfectionist
- c) a procrastinator

4. Ed doesn't want to _____

- a) calm down
- b) shrug it off
- c) lose his temper

5. Ed needs to _____

- a) vent to his friend
- b) share a secret with his friend
- c) let go of his problem

Conversation 2

Listen to the show. Then choose all the correct answers on the lines. Write only the letters.

1. What is this episode of *Be Smart* about? _____

- a. dealing with hot-tempered people
- b. venting frustration

- c. dealing with mistakes
 - d. releasing stress
 - e. staying calm
2. What does the speaker say can relieve stress? _____
- a. walking
 - b. sitting
 - c. eating
 - d. exercising
 - e. screaming
3. What might the speaker talk about next? _____
- a. writing down your angry feelings
 - b. making a big issue out of a small problem
 - c. being oversensitive to what people say
 - d. venting your feelings to a trusted friend
 - e. going to your local gym for a good workout

Reading

Read the article. Then write the best letter on the line

1. What is the article about? _____
- a) best friends that work together
 - b) how to calm angry friends down
 - c) amazing things that friends have done
2. Whose best friend is a family member? _____
- a) David's
 - b) Veronica's
 - c) Sandra's
3. Which two people got jobs because of their best friends? _____
- a) David and Veronica
 - b) David and Sandra
 - c) Veronica and Sandra
4. Who helped his or her best friend overcome a shortcoming? _____
- a) Mateo
 - b) Jen
 - c) Dan
5. Who overcame a shortcoming to help a friend? _____
- a) Mateo
 - b) Jen
 - c) Dan

6. Which one of the following people might be another contributor on the website?

- a) an employee whose boss helped him deal with stress
- b) a woman who was disappointed by her friend
- c) a man whose friend took him on vacation

THE BEST OF THE BEST

Best friends are trustworthy and loyal. We laugh and sometimes cry with our best friends. And every once in a while, a best friend will do something extraordinary. What's the greatest thing that your best friend has ever done for you?

Posted by **David Sanchez**

What is amazing to me is that my best friend puts up with all my moods—the good ones *and* the bad ones. I admit that I can be hot-tempered. A lot of people walk on eggshells around me, but not my friend Mateo. He's always himself around me, and he always tells me when I need to chill. He even saved me from making a huge mistake one time. We were running in the park, and this guy on a bike came by and almost hit us. I was furious and about to go ballistic. Mateo grabbed my arm and told me to take a deep breath and calm down. The biker stopped and apologized. He was actually pretty nice. The next day I had a job interview. It was the biker who interviewed me for the job! I got the job, thanks to Mateo. Sure, I had the skills I needed for the work. However, that wouldn't have mattered if I had yelled instead of keeping my cool the day before!

Posted by **Veronica Campbell**

My best friend is Jen, and the best thing she's done for me is helped me after I broke my arm and my leg in a skiing accident. I had to recover at home for over a month, and I still had a few weeks of classes left. My professors said I could do my work at home and e-mail homework and final papers to them. Of course, I could only type with one hand, and it was taking me forever to complete simple assignments. I knew I couldn't finish unless I got some help. Right away, Jen offered to help me. I was a little worried because she's usually disorganized, but she really came through for me. She typed all my papers and even organized my assignment deadlines on a calendar. And she never once complained! She even listened to me vent about how miserable I was not being able to do much for myself. Although she doesn't expect anything in return, I want to find a way to repay her.

Posted by **Sandra Kim**

My best friend is my cousin Dan. We co-own a restaurant and are together all the time—morning, noon, night, weekdays, and weekends! We have to be understanding of each other's shortcomings to survive. But it wasn't always this way. I'm a perfectionist, and it drove Dan crazy when we first started working together in his parents' restaurant. I was also oversensitive, so it didn't help that I got upset every time he informed me that I was making a big issue out of nothing. When he had the opportunity to buy the restaurant from his parents, I was surprised that he asked me to be a co-owner. Furthermore, what was shocking was that he asked me to make a lot of the important decisions about running the restaurant. He said that he *wanted* me to be controlling! He thought that my perfectionism would help the restaurant run smoothly, and it would give him more time to be creative with the menu. We've been through thick and thin having run this restaurant together for several years now. Trusting me to be his business partner was the best thing he's ever done for me.

Writing

What qualities do you like your friends to have? What qualities don't you like in a friend?
What do you do when you're disappointed or angry with a friend? Write 3 paragraphs using the proper transitions to connect your sentences.

Speaking

Topic 1

Talk about your shortcomings. Use the questions below to help you plan your response. Speak on this topic for two to three minutes.

- What are your shortcomings?
- How do they hurt you?
- What do you do to try to change?
- How do your friends handle your shortcomings?

Topic 2

Imagine that your friend is very upset. Choose one of the following situations he or she is upset about. **Make up a conversation** and try to calm your friend down. Your conversation should be two to three minutes.

- Your friend is angry about a lie.
- Your friend is upset about failing a test.
- Your friend is bothered by a controlling roommate.
- Your friend is annoyed by a neighbor's loud music.