

KEYNOTE ADVANCED – UNIT 7

7 Imagination

AUTHENTIC LISTENING SKILLS *Inferring meaning from context*

6 **. 2 1** You are going to hear a podcast in which a member of the *Keynote* team talks about James Cameron's TED Talk, *Before Avatar ... a curious boy*. Complete the sentences. Then listen and check your answers.

- This talk has personal _____ for me and not only me, but for any professional.
- Everyone has some degree of motivation for choosing what they do for a _____ and in this talk James Cameron revealed some personal reasons why he made particular film choices.
- James Cameron has an easy, confident way of talking, without relying on emotional outbursts and high-pitched statements for his audience's _____.
- This confidence may come in part from Cameron's phenomenal business success, but I think it's also based on his _____ in what he does.
- This belief is impersonal and fact-based, in other words, he disconnects his ego from his work when he talks about it, and he isn't the block-buster _____ but a man doing a job and living a life.

VOCABULARY IN CONTEXT

9 Read the extracts from the podcast. Choose the correct meaning of the words in bold.

- I found that Cameron's way of talking was especially **compelling** because of his lack of ego ...
a memorable ☐ b undeniable ☐
c interesting and exciting ☐
- He was also an **avid** reader of science fiction and read for at least two hours a day.
a secret ☐ b quick ☐ c keen ☐
- He would spend time drawing – as a **creative outlet**.
a exercise ☐ b means of expression ☐
c hobby ☐
- ... making a film about it was the perfect **vehicle** to do this.
a disguise ☐ b way ☐ c car ☐
- This was the part that particularly **grabbed me** ...
a caught my attention ☐ b made me laugh ☐
c puzzled me ☐

LISTENING

7 **. 2 2** Listen to the full podcast. Are these statements true (T) or false (F)?

- James Cameron uses a lot of exciting visuals in his talk. ☐
- Doruk describes Cameron as having been fascinated by nature as a child. ☐
- Cameron was always keen to learn about and explore unknown worlds. ☐
- His dream was to go scuba diving in California. ☐

8 **. 2 2** Listen again and answer the questions.

- What two areas was Cameron especially interested in as a child, which influenced his later work?
- When making *Titanic*, how did he legitimately use the film's production to realize a personal dream?
- What technology did Cameron want to use in *Titanic* and why?
- What does Doruk see as the message of the talk?

GRAMMAR *The continuous aspect*

3 **. 2 3** Complete the conversation with the correct continuous form. Then listen and check your answers.

- A: ¹ _____ (you / daydream) when I came in?
B: Oh dear. Yes, I was. Actually, I ² _____ (think) about my holiday next week.
A: I heard we daydream less when we get older. Do you think there's anything in it?
B: ³ _____ (you / be) cheeky and saying I'm too old to daydream?
A: Of course not! I ⁴ _____ (not imply) anything of the sort. I ⁵ _____ (just / wonder).
B: I ⁶ _____ (daydream) since I was at school, though.
A: Yeah, I ⁷ _____ (always / get caught) daydreaming, too, especially in French. It was so boring. What made you start daydreaming this time?
B: Not sure. Maybe it's to do with the report I ⁸ _____ (read) all morning!
A: Oh, that report's next on my to-do list. I ⁹ _____ (probably / daydream) myself soon.

4 Complete the sentences with the correct continuous form of the verbs in brackets, using contracted forms where you can. More than one answer may be possible.

- 1 He _____ (work) in the research team for two years before he was asked to lead it.
- 2 They _____ (come) over from head office to meet the new manager, once she's settled in.
- 3 We _____ (go) to Greece on holiday ever since I can remember.
- 4 I _____ (work) in the garden when the news of the disaster broke.
- 5 You could tell he _____ (not / listen); he was still working out the finances in his head.
- 6 She _____ (exhibit) in Australia and New Zealand later in the year; she's a very sought after artist.
- 7 He _____ (dream) of going abroad when the chance for an exchange came up.
- 8 She _____ (hope) to do some research into cognitive processing next year.

6 Choose the best answer (a, b or c) for each question.

- 1 How long have they been renting out their place on Airbnb?
a Last week they started.
b About a year now.
c More regularly.
- 2 Is there someone staying there now?
a I'm not sure, you'd have to ask them.
b There's someone who will stay every June.
c No, no one stayed last week.
- 3 Will anyone be using it over the holidays or can we stay there again?
a Their parents won't stay.
b That would be nice, wouldn't it? We'll have to see.
c I think so.

5 Choose the best options to end each sentence.

- 1 I'm working in London *for the summer / since 2004*.
- 2 She's waiting for the response from her interview *last week / next week*.
- 3 He hadn't ever been sailing *last year / before last year*.
- 4 They were planning to arrive this evening, *until they've been delayed / but there's a strike*.
- 5 By then she'll be living in Spain – *she's moving this week / she moved last week*.
- 6 They were just signing the contract *when they heard the news / when they were leaving*.
- 7 They're implementing the project in Sweden *every year / before the end of the year*.
- 8 She's been attending training courses there *ever since I can remember / last year*.

- 4 Were you still living at home or were you there when there was that huge storm?
a Yes, I did.
b Yes, I stayed there.
c Yes, I was there. It was awful actually.
- 5 How long had they been renting it for before we went there?
a Not long, about six months.
b In 2013.
c Six months previously.

GRAMMAR EXTRA! Adverbs of certainty

7 Complete the sentences with the correct adverbs of certainty.

- 1 We'll *probably / maybe* be renting a car for the whole summer.
- 2 Future generations will *maybe / definitely* be living longer.
- 3 Most of us will *probably / surely* be living in megacities in 30 years' time.
- 4 We'll *perhaps / undoubtedly* be shopping online more over the next decade.

- 5 Businesses will *maybe / certainly* be using and sharing more through open source in the future.
- 6 Higher life expectancy means people will *definitely / perhaps* be needing more support and services in coming years.
- 7 There *most probably / maybe* won't be many mono-ethnic workforces in existence over the next 20 years.
- 8 People will *surely / maybe* start to take better care of the environment in the near future.

VOCABULARY Expressions with *mind*

4 Match 1–8 with a–h to complete the expressions with *mind*.

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| 1 to put | a of mind |
| 2 to bear | b your mind's eye |
| 3 to blow someone's | c your mind to it |
| 4 to give someone peace | d minds |
| 5 to keep | e someone's mind |
| 6 to ease | f something in mind |
| 7 to be in two | g an open mind |
| 8 to see something in | h mind |

5 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the expressions from Exercise 4.

- 1 If I don't _____, I'll never finish this presentation before the deadline.
- 2 Please _____ when applying for positions that due to the high demand we are not able to reply to unsuccessful candidates.
- 3 He was _____ about accepting the promotion; it was more responsibility but it would require relocating.

WORD FOCUS *eye*

8 Match the idioms (1–6) with the meanings (a–f).

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| 1 to keep an eye on | a to see something without special equipment |
| 2 to be up to one's eyes in | b to become aware of the truth of |
| 3 to see something with the naked eye | c to be very attractive or unusual |
| 4 to open one's eyes to | d to be overwhelmed by the quantity of |
| 5 to be eye-catching | e to do something easily |
| 6 to do something with your eyes shut | f to look after |

- 4 The high salaries of the board members and CEOs can _____ if you compare them to what a normal worker earns!
- 5 It can be difficult to _____ about the candidates; it's easy to be influenced by factors such as your first impressions and personal preferences.
- 6 It would _____ to know that you are going to be able to get the figures ready in time for my meeting.
- 7 If you can _____ the finish line _____ when you run a marathon it makes it easier.
- 8 He was leading a difficult project but working with a reliable team _____.

9 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the idioms from Exercise 8.

- 1 Can you _____ the new intern until I get back and make sure she's got enough to do and answer any of her questions?
- 2 The company logo _____ really _____ . Everyone noticed it straight away.
- 3 On a clear day you can _____ the cathedral _____ from the top floor of the building.
- 4 I don't know anyone who isn't _____ work, do you?
- 5 He's driven that road so often he could almost _____ it _____ .
- 6 That documentary really _____ the issues for women in developing countries.