



## LISTENING TEST 17

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You will hear people talking in eight different situations.  
For questions 1-8, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

**1 You overhear a woman talking to her husband on a mobile phone. What is the background to the conversation?**

- A The family's holiday may have to be cancelled.
- B The woman wants to buy their son a computer.
- C Their son has schoolwork to complete before the start of term.

**2 You hear a phone-in programme on the radio. Why has the man phoned?**

- A to complain about the traffic scheme
- B to express his support for the traffic scheme
- C to question the aims of the traffic scheme

**3 On the radio, you hear a woman talking about her house. What has she recently done?**

- A decided to move to another area
- B solved a problem that she had
- C made improvements to her house

**4 You overhear two people discussing a friend. What language does their friend usually speak at home?**

- A French
- B English
- C Italian

**5 You hear a man talking about an activity holiday he went on as a child with his family. How did he feel during the holiday?**

- A bored by the climbing
- B upset with his father
- C disappointed with the rowing boat





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**6 You hear the beginning of a radio programme. What is the programme going to be about?**

- A child development
- B the environment
- C a form of entertainment

**7 You hear a man being interviewed about a new project he has set up. What is the purpose of the project?**

- A to help people find accommodation in Scotland
- B to tell people where to stay in Australia
- C to advise people how to set up a flat agency

**8 You switch on the radio in the middle of a programme. What kind of programme is it?**

- A an arts review
- B an interview
- C a quiz show





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You'll hear an announcement about an evening's programme. For questions 9-18, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

### 7.30 pm 'Art Review': Student Art Exhibition

This evening's programme is taking place at the 9  in London.

The exhibition is of work by students in the 10  year of their art course.

At the exhibition, you can see things as different as curtains and 11 .

Some of the works of art have been made using 12  technology.

### 8.00 pm Play: 'The Vanishing Lady'

In the play, a young couple on a train think they hear the sound of someone using a 13 .

A 14  tells the couple about an old lady whom he has seen.

After writing this play, the author, Porten, became a writer for 15 .

### 9.30 pm 'Business Scenes': Interview with Peter Field

Peter used to work for a 16 .

Peter says the material he uses for his boats is a particular kind of 17 .

Peter collects 18  as a hobby.





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**You will hear five different people talking about the way they study.**

**For questions 19-23, choose from the list (A-F) which of the opinions each speaker expresses. Use the letters only once. There are three extra letters which you do not need to use.**

- A** Music helps me concentrate when I'm studying
- B** I study best in the morning when I can think clearly
- C** I prefer to study when I'm lying down
- D** I find I can concentrate better when I study with a friend
- E** It is much easier for me to study late at night
- F** Learning new things comes naturally to me

**Speaker 1 19**

**Speaker 2 20**

**Speaker 3 21**

**Speaker 4 22**

**Speaker 5 23**





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You will hear a girl called Tricia Simpkins talking at a public meeting about a plan to create a nature reserve in the centre of a large city. For questions 24-30, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

**24. How did Tricia once feel about the countryside?**

- A She preferred it to the city.
- B She paid no attention to it.
- C She wanted others to experience it.

**25. Why did Tricia take part in a wildlife survey?**

- A She was required to do it.
- B She preferred it to being in school.
- C She was asked to do it by her neighbours.

**26. What does Tricia say about the results of the survey?**

- A They were unsatisfactory.
- B They were confusing.
- C They were unexpected.

**27. What does Tricia say about the problems created by trees?**

- A People exaggerate them.
- B People ignore them.
- C People accept them.

**28. According to Tricia, what is wrong with the trees the council is planting?**

- A They are expensive to replace.
- B They fail to attract wildlife.
- C They are too small for the area.

**29. What used to happen in the wasteland at the end of Tricia's street?**



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- A Dog owners used to go there.
- B People used to leave rubbish there.
- C Children used to play there.

### 30. What is Tricia's suggestion for the new nature reserve?

- A to allow the planting of trees
- B to protect it from visitors
- C to let it go wild

