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## Expectation



### Listening

- 1 **02** You will hear five different people (1–5) talking about the first time they flew abroad by themselves, and the expectations they had. For questions 1–5, choose from the list A–F what each speaker said. There is one statement that you will not need.

- A I knew from experience what to expect.
- B My expectations were confirmed.
- C It was a life-changing event for me.
- D I appreciated the trip more as I was alone.
- E It was very different from what I'd imagined.
- F I found it quite similar to being at home.

Speaker 1	<b>1</b>
Speaker 2	<b>2</b>
Speaker 3	<b>3</b>
Speaker 4	<b>4</b>
Speaker 5	<b>5</b>

- 2 **02** Listen again and fill each gap with one word from the recording to complete these expressions.

- a (Speaker 1) I didn't ..... what to expect
- b (Speaker 1) from that ..... on
- c (Speaker 1) well and truly .....
- d (Speaker 2) nothing ..... for me
- e (Speaker 2) ..... nature to me
- f (Speaker 2) have no ..... but to
- g (Speaker 2) ..... to the challenge
- h (Speaker 2) sink or .....
- i (Speaker 3) it was a great .....
- j (Speaker 3) ..... up the atmosphere
- k (Speaker 4) an ..... mind
- l (Speaker 4) ..... to the test
- m (Speaker 5) a once in a ..... opportunity

- 3 Re-use some of the expressions in similar situations:

- a
- My first day as a travel agent was tough, as the office was busy with customers. The things I'd learnt in training were really ..... On the whole, I think I ..... well, but there was one query I simply couldn't answer, and I had ..... call my boss for help.

- b
- On a recent trip to Spain, I went to watch Barcelona play Real Madrid. I'd never been to such a huge stadium before, and I arrived early so as to ..... In my country the standard of football is much lower, so for me ..... to see the incredible skill of the players. After such a fantastic match, I was ..... on Spanish football.

- c
- My first ever interview was for a place at university, and not surprisingly ..... , so it was all rather new and intimidating for me. A lot was at stake, so it was a real ..... situation. But the interviewer told a joke to put me at my ease, and ..... I was much happier.

## Grammar

- 4 Complete these extracts with an appropriate form of the verbs in the box. You may also need to use *will/shall* on their own. There may be more than one correct answer.

be (× 3)    be on the verge of    give    leave    open  
pack (× 2)    visit

Thanks very much for the invite to dinner this evening – I  
(1) ..... able to make it though. I'm off to  
Mexico in the morning (my plane (2) .....  
at 5 am!) and I (3) ..... hard-pushed to get  
ready in time. It looks like I (4) ..... into  
the small hours. My company (5) .....  
an office there next month and apparently some problem's  
come up with the lease they (6) .....  
signing. Anyhow, I'm really sorry about this evening but  
(7) ..... we do something together at  
the weekend? I (8) ..... my grandmother  
at some point during the day on Sunday, but otherwise I  
(9) ..... free till the end of next week.  
That (10) ..... me something to look  
forward to while I (11) ..... suitcases  
tonight! Let me know how you're fixed.

acquire    also    consider    be (× 2)    develop  
also    expect

### JOBS IN SCIENCE

#### Earth Observation Applications Scientist

Leading a specialist team, you (12) .....  
a generic synthetic aperture radar (SAR) image-focusing  
processor, with the aim of producing a cost-effective high  
performance space radar within two years. Ideally you  
(13) ..... a minimum of five years'  
experience in signal-processing applications plus signal-  
simulation experience, though candidates with less experience  
but with a highly relevant academic background  
(14) .....  
Excellent computing skills (15) .....  
necessary and you (16) ..... to have  
a good understanding of advanced engineering mathematics.  
Proven analytical and presentation skills  
(17) ..... essential to your success,  
as (18) ..... your effective use of IT  
systems.

be likely    break    expect    have  
move    remain

### 5-Day Forecast

After a fine and mainly dry  
start to the week, rain

(19) .....  
in to the north-west of Scotland  
later. England and Wales

(20) ..... to  
stay fairly settled with further spells of  
sunshine for the second half of the  
week, although western parts

(21) .....  
some patchy rain at times on  
Thursday. Scotland

(22) .....  
cloudy and damp with rain and  
drizzle, especially over the mountains  
on Tuesday, before brighter weather

(23) .....  
through on Wednesday, particularly  
in the west. But don't put away your  
umbrellas because more rain

(24) ..... by  
the end of the week.



5 Put the missing punctuation into these sentences from the *Cambridge Learner Corpus*, written by Proficiency candidates. There is one mistake in each sentence.

- a In a few years time, there is the risk of having to ...
- b What about going to your aunts to spend Christmas?
- c As a young woman she started educating young black children.
- d She was called to Washington D.C. where she joined the Advisory Board.
- e Her mother, who was in the kitchen heard that she wanted to ...
- f A longer life therefore, means not only more opportunities but also ...
- g Seeing her you wouldn't believe how nice she is.
- h I saw this could, at least temporarily improve our situation.

## Vocabulary

6 Complete these sentences using a prepositional phrase from the box. Use a dictionary to help you.

at odds with	beyond all expectation
by no means	in all honesty
on its own merits	out of my control
over the top	within reason

- a It's ..... certain that the job will go to an external candidate.
- b You can invite anyone you like to my birthday party, .....
- c I can assure you that each of your proposals will be judged .....
- d John's angry reaction to my letter was completely .....
- e Clare's claim that she locked the door behind her is ..... what she said earlier.
- f You could try to get a refund on your ticket, but ..... I don't think there's much point.
- g Ivan's English improved ..... when he stayed with a host family in Manchester.
- h I've done all I can for you, but ultimately the matter is .....

7 Using an appropriate word from the box with *have no*, replace the words in italics so that each sentence has the **opposite** meaning. You will also need to change the form of some verbs and you may need to add a preposition or *but*. Use your dictionary to help you.

appeal	chance	desire
doubt	option	problem
qualms	recollection	

EXAMPLE: Apparently, he *remembered* our meeting last March.  
Apparently, he **had no recollection of** our meeting last March.

- a Having known him for years, she *didn't believe* that he was lying.  
.....
- b They *found it difficult* to follow the instructions that they had been given.  
.....
- c Eng *really wanted* to go back to her home country before she died.  
.....
- d Sara *was unhappy* about lying to the police.  
.....
- e I *will be able to* finish this essay before the weekend.  
.....
- f Having run out of money, Bogdan *chose* to work.  
.....
- g Going to the theatre *was a treat* after everything she had been through.  
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## Use of English

- 8 Read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0).

More people fly today than ever before, yet many – experienced air (0) travellers as well as novices – suffer anguish and (1) ..... at the mere thought of flying. As many as one in seven people are thought to experience anxiety when flying, with women (2) ..... men two to one in these feelings of (3) .....

A certain amount of concern is (4) ..... The sheer size of modern jet aircraft, which appear awkward and (5) ..... on the ground, makes one wonder how they will manage to get into the air – and stay there. However, most of these fears are (6) ..... and are perhaps based on the knowledge that once in the aircraft, we, as passengers, are (7) ..... to control our fate, which depends solely on the (8) ..... of the crew. There is little comfort for us in the numerous statistical compilations which show that modern air transport is many times safer than transport by car or rail.

TRAVEL

APPREHEND

NUMBER

QUIET

UNDERSTAND

WIELD

LOGIC

POWER

EXPERT



- 9 Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

**B**y the (0) time ..... we landed in Oslo, it was already pitch dark. Rather than the wintry wonderland I had hoped (1) ..... , rain was lashing down under the orange airport lights. It was bitterly cold. The airport bus deposited me, tired, hungry and disorientated, in the city centre. After several wrong turns, and (2) ..... nearly dislocated my shoulders with the weight of my backpack, I finally stumbled into the reception of my chosen, but unbooked, hotel. (3) ..... my horror, I discovered that every hotel in the centre was fully booked (4) ..... to a pop concert. The receptionist redirected me to the tramline and some possible bed and breakfast places way (5) ..... in the suburbs. Two hours (6) ..... I stood in the rain, peering around in vain, cursing the pop singer to the Oslo night sky. Eventually, I hauled my weary limbs along a dark and muddy path, at the end of (7) ..... I found the shining lights of a small hotel. 'Vacancies' (8) ..... a sign on the door.