

Listening Test 9

Part 1

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

1 You hear a news item about a man who has just been given an award.
Why was he given the award?
A for shooting a man
B for holding up a restaurant
C for catching a robber

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2 You hear an announcement. You have left your car in the car park for 40 minutes. How much will you pay?
A nothing
B 50p
C £1

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3 You hear two men talking. Where are they?
A in a factory
B in a garage
C in a supermarket

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4 You hear two women called Vera and Jane talking.
What does Vera think of Tony?
A He's talkative.
B He's polite.
C He's mean.

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5 You hear part of a university lecture. Which subject is the lecture about?
A Law
B Medicine
C History

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6 You hear an introduction on a TV show. What kind of show is it?
A a documentary
B a game show
C a chat show

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7 You hear a radio announcement. Who is Mr Hill?
A a hospital patient
B a criminal
C a holiday maker

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8 You hear a woman talking to her husband. What will she buy?
A dog food
B olive oil
C cheese

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Part 2

You will hear a man called Wilhelm Zeppelin talking on the radio about his great-grandfather Ferdinand. For questions 9-18, complete the sentences.

Wilhelm Zeppelin is 9 that Ferdinand von Zeppelin is still so famous.

Ferdinand von Zeppelin began making airships more than

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Ferdinand was originally a 11 , not an inventor.

While visiting 12 as a young man, Ferdinand flew in an 'aerostat', an early form of balloon.

After this, he became interested in making a 13 which could carry passengers around the world.

His first patent described the airship he had designed as a flying

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Unlike balloons, Ferdinand's airship had 15 so it could fly into the wind.

The 16 of his airship LZ-1 took place on 2 July 1900.

The German 17 asked him to build a fleet of airships.

Zeppelin wanted his airships to be used for travel rather than only for

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Part 3

You will hear descriptions of five different days from the itinerary of a tour of Russia. For questions 19-23, choose from the list (A-F) which statement applies to each day. Use the letters only once. There is one extra letter which you do not need to use.

A On this day you don't have a specific programme to follow.

Day 1

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B On this day you travel on water as well as by road.

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C On this day you learn to do some traditional crafts.

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D On this day you can choose to listen to music.

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E On this day you can buy local souvenirs.

Day 5

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F On this day there is a surprise event in the evening.

Part 4

You will hear a sociology lecturer talking about shopping habits. For questions 24-30, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

24 What were shops like in the past?

- A They specialised in goods for families.
- B Their goods cost much less than today.
- C They often had a limited range of goods.

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25 What is shopping like today?

- A There are price reductions all the time.
- B Most shops can only be reached by car.
- C There are similar shops in most towns.

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26 What is the most popular method of payment today?

- A cash
- B credit card
- C cheque

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27 Why is shopping on the Internet popular?

- A It's convenient and time-saving.
- B The staff are helpful.
- C There are fewer new shops opening.

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28 Why is Internet shopping good for older people?

- A They can learn to use computers.
- B It is not as tiring as going to the shops themselves.
- C Shopping in supermarkets is more expensive.

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29 Shoppers may not like ordering on the Internet because

- A pictures of the goods are often unclear.
- B goods may not be the quality you expect.
- C orders take a long time to arrive by post.

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30 What does the lecturer believe?

- A There are too many disadvantages to Internet shopping.
- B Internet shopping will be less popular in the future.
- C Shopping habits will continue to change.

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Listening Test 10

Part 1

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

1 You hear two answerphone messages.

After the messages, what is Nick supposed to do?

- A visit his mother
- B take his mother to Blackpool
- C phone Jenny

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2 You hear an advertisement for a supermarket.

What does it suggest you should buy?

- A Asdaway products
- B popular products
- C half-price products

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3 You hear a short news item. Why did a doctor stop at Alan's house?

- A His car had broken down.
- B He was lost.
- C The house was on fire.

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4 You hear a girl talking to her mother.

What does she think of her mother's suggestions?

- A One dish is too fattening.
- B One dish needs too much cooking.
- C One dish is too complicated.

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5 You hear a receptionist talking on the phone. Where does she work?

- A a college
- B an accountant's office
- C a doctor's surgery

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6 You hear someone addressing a crowd of people. Where are they?

- A at a building site
- B at a road accident
- C outside a burning building

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7 You hear two men, Alan and Jim, talking about a tree. Who will keep the tree?

- A Alan
- B Jim
- C Steve

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8 You hear a chef on a TV cookery programme.

Why doesn't she make brownies very often?

- A They are hard to resist.
- B They are too moist.
- C They are very heavy.

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Part 2

You will hear a radio programme on which the host, Gordon Joyce, talks to a woman called Maggie Forbes about food packaging. For questions 9-18, complete the sentences.

Gordon says that, until quite recently, most food packaging consisted of a brown

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Plastic packaging is supposed to keep food

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make it better.

Maggie Forbes is in charge of packaging and

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chain of supermarkets.

She says that 30-50% of food is wasted in countries without modern packaging and

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systems.

In contrast, Maggie says, people in Europe throw away no more than

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of food nowadays.

Maggie claims plastic packaging saves money, but Gordon suggests that it is a

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Maggie says food stored in the

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should be wrapped
in plastic to prevent loss of water content.

She points out that glass and stone containers are easily broken and very

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She says that plastic packaging prevents food smelling and

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bacteria which cause food poisoning.

Gordon is worried that plastic bags have a very bad effect on the

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Part 3

You will hear five different horoscopes on the radio. For questions 19-23, choose from the list (A-F) what each horoscope says. Use the letters only once. There is one extra letter which you do not need to use.

A You will have a difficult year.

Horoscope 1 19

B You should think about getting married.

Horoscope 2 20

C You can meet new companions.

Horoscope 3 21

D You should take care at work.

Horoscope 4 22

E You might get promoted.

Horoscope 5 23

F You are good with money.

Part 4

You'll hear a radio interview with Doctor Ramsdale about keeping healthy. For questions 24-30, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

24 According to Dr Ramsdale, how does life today differ from the past?

- A People rarely visit the doctor.
- B People have more money.
- C People are healthier.

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25 Dr Ramsdale advises people to

- A cook food without fat.
- B check their blood pressure.
- C learn about heart disease.

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26 What does Dr Ramsdale say could help fat teenagers?

- A They should eat regularly and often.
- B They should learn more about food.
- C They should count their calories.

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27 According to Dr Ramsdale, nowadays children

- A eat too many potatoes.
- B enjoy playing outside.
- C are usually inactive.

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28 What does Dr Ramsdale feel children today are like?

- A independent
- B capable
- C spoilt

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29 What should people do if they suffer from stress or depression?

- A improve the way they live
- B take pills prescribed by the doctor
- C buy fewer expensive possessions

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30 What does Dr Ramsdale believe?

- A Changing your lifestyle is worth the extra money.
- B It is not difficult to adopt a better lifestyle.
- C People should visit their doctor less often.

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