


### 3 LISTENING

- A Use background knowledge.** Read the sentences below. What does the word in bold mean? When do election campaigns typically happen?

There are two candidates running for mayor. The **campaign** will begin on February 1st, and the election will be on March 15th.

- B**  **Listen for gist.** Listen to the beginning of speeches given by Doris and Amelia. Choose the best answer to complete each sentence. (One answer is extra.)

#### Listening Strategy

##### Listen for Gist

Listen for the general idea.

1. Doris is giving her speech because \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Amelia is giving her speech because \_\_\_\_\_
- a. she is going to run for mayor.
  - b. she has been elected mayor.
  - c. she has lost the race for mayor.



- C**  **Listen for context.** Listen again. Choose the best answers.

1. When Doris says *never in my wildest dreams*, she means...
  - a. she was pretty sure.
  - b. she couldn't imagine it.
2. When Doris says *I gave it my best shot*, she means...
  - a. she was very disappointed.
  - b. she worked really hard.
3. When Amelia says *Doris and I were running neck and neck*, she means...
  - a. they had almost the same number of votes.
  - b. there was a clear winner.
4. When Amelia says *we saw a record turnout*, she means...
  - a. a large number of people voted.
  - b. a small number of people voted.

#### Listening Strategy

##### Listen for Context

Listen for information that helps you to understand the situation.

- D**   **Listen for main ideas.** Now listen to the rest of Amelia's speech. Check (✓) the topics she refers to in her speech. What key words in the listening helped you choose your answers? Tell a partner.

☐ the economy    ☐ public transportation    ☐ crime    ☐ pollution    ☐ education