

- Read this article about a language which is really two languages, and then read the sentences (14-20) following it.
- Mark a sentence **A** if it is true according to the article.
- Mark it **B** if it is false according to the article.
- Mark it **C** if there is not enough information in the text to decide if the sentence is true or not.
- Write your answers in the white boxes next to the numbers as in the example (0).
- A = TRUE B = FALSE C = THE TEXT DOES NOT SAY

Male	English	Female
abu	dog	okwakwe
kitchi	tree	okweng
bamile	water	amu
nko	cup	ogbala

## UBANG: THE NIGERIAN VILLAGE WHERE MEN AND WOMEN SPEAK DIFFERENT LANGUAGES

In Ubang, a farming community in southern Nigeria, men and women say they speak different languages. Wishing to demonstrate the two different languages, village chief Oliver Ibang calls over his two young children.

He holds up a cup and asks his daughter what it is called. "It's *ogbala*," she says, without thinking for a moment. But in Ubang's "male language" the word for cup is *nko*. There are some other examples, such as the word for clothing, which is *nki* for men and *ariga* for women.

It is not clear exactly how many words are different in the two languages. Also, there is no pattern, such as whether the words are commonly used or linked to traditional roles for men or women. There are a lot of words that men and women have in common, then there are others which are totally different depending on your sex. They don't sound alike, they don't have the same letters, they are completely different words. However, both men and women are able to understand each other as well as anywhere else in the world. This might be partly because boys grow up speaking the female language, as they spend most of their childhoods with their mothers and other women. However, by the age of 10, boys are expected to speak the "male language".

Ubang people are extremely proud of their language difference but there are different theories about how it happened. "God created Adam and Eve and they were Ubang people," says the chief. "God's plan was to give each ethnic group two languages, but after creating the two languages for the Ubang, he realised that he simply didn't have enough languages to hand out. So he stopped," he explains.

"That's why Ubang has the benefit of two languages – we are different from other people in the world."

**0) There is a village where the language people speak depends on their sex.**

0)	A	
14)		
15)		
16)		
17)		
18)		

**14) The chief's daughter cannot immediately give the word for *cup*.**

**15) Most of the words are the same in the male and the female language.**

**16) There are more male than female words in Ubang.**

**17) The male words are more difficult to pronounce than the female words.**

**18) In Ubang, a man and a woman have no more problems understanding**

each other than, for example, a man and a woman in the UK.

**19) Boys learn the male language from their fathers.**

19)		
20)		

**20) According to the chief, God gave two languages to every ethnic group**

in the world.

- You are going to read an article about whether men or women are better at multitasking. Some words are missing from the text.
- Choose the most appropriate answer from the options (A-D) for each gap (17-25) in the text.
- Write the letter of the appropriate answer in the white box.
- There is one example (0) at the beginning.



### WHO IS BETTER AT MULTITASKING?

Men were slower and (0) \_\_\_\_\_ organised than women when switching quickly between tasks in tests (17) \_\_\_\_\_ by UK psychologists.

First, they compared 120 women and 120 men in a computer test (18) \_\_\_\_\_ involved switching between tasks like counting and recognising shapes. Men and women were equal when they did one task (19) \_\_\_\_\_ time. But when the tasks were mixed up and the switching became faster, (20) \_\_\_\_\_ women and men slowed down and made more mistakes. However, men were significantly slower.

To make the experiment more relevant to everyday life, the researchers (21) \_\_\_\_\_ a second test. The participants were given eight minutes to complete a series of tasks – locating restaurants on a map, answering a phone call, and deciding how (22) \_\_\_\_\_ search for a lost key in a field.

Completing all these tasks in eight minutes was impossible, (23) \_\_\_\_\_ men and women had to prioritise, organise their time, and keep calm. Women spent more time (24) \_\_\_\_\_ thinking at the beginning, whereas men jumped in too quickly. It suggests that – in a stressful and complex situation – women are more (25) \_\_\_\_\_ to stop and think about what's going on in front of them.

0)	A the less	B the least	C less	D least	0)	C
17)	A taken away	B given up	C carried out	D put down	17)	
18)	A which was	B which	C what	D what was	18)	
19)	A in	B at a	C on	D by the	19)	
20)	A each	B all of	C every	D both	20)	
21)	A tried	B could try	C will try	D were trying	21)	
22)	A have they	B would they	C they would	D they have	22)	
23)	A if	B although	C when	D so	23)	
24)	A for	B by	C with	D –	24)	
25)	A quick	B able	C suitable	D often	25)	

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**TASK 3**

- In this section you will listen to the history of the Brooklyn Bridge in New York City.
- Your task will be to decide whether the following statements are true, false or we do not know because the text does not say, and write the appropriate letter in the boxes on the right. Write **A** if the statement is true, write **B** if the statement is false, and write **C** if the text does not say.
- First, you will have some time to look at the task, and then we will play the whole recording in one piece.
- Then, after a short pause, you will hear the recording again, but this time we will play the text in shorter sections to give you enough time to make your decision about the answers.
- **A = TRUE**   **B = FALSE**   **C = THE TEXT DOES NOT SAY**



✓ Brooklyn is joined to Manhattan by the Brooklyn Bridge.

**A**

17. Suspension bridges are safer than any other types of bridges.

18. The Brooklyn Bridge is the only suspension bridge in the United States.

19. The building of the bridge took more than twenty years.

20. At the opening ceremony, the US President and the Mayor of New York were greeted by the Mayor of Brooklyn in the middle of the bridge.

21. On the first day after the opening, more people crossed the bridge than vehicles.

22. As a result of a panic six days after the opening, eight people died on the bridge.

23. In order to convince people that the bridge was safe, heavy animals were taken across it.

24. The Brooklyn Bridge was the longest bridge in the world until the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

25. Unfortunately, more than twenty people died while building the Brooklyn Bridge.

That is the end of Task 3, and also the end of the Listening Exam.

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### **TASK 3**

The Brooklyn Bridge is a suspension bridge in New York City, which connects Manhattan and Brooklyn. A suspension bridge is a type of bridge that is supported by strong steel ropes or cables which hang from a tower at each end of the bridge. The Brooklyn Bridge is one of the oldest suspension bridges in the United States and the first steel-wire suspension bridge in the world.

The construction of the bridge began on January 3, 1870 and it was opened for the public in 1883. Thousands of people were present at the opening ceremony, as well as lots of boats and ships on the river. The American President and the Mayor of New York crossed the bridge from the New York side to the Brooklyn side where the Mayor of Brooklyn greeted them with cannon fire in celebration of the event. On the first day after the opening, about 1,800 vehicles and 150,000 people crossed the bridge. However, just six days after it was opened, there were about 20,000 people on the bridge when suddenly a panic started. For some reason, people thought that the bridge would collapse. As people were still very afraid, in May 1884, a circus entertainer called P.T. Barnum took 21 elephants over the bridge to show that it was perfectly safe.

At the time when the construction was finished, the Brooklyn Bridge was the longest bridge in the world with a total length of 1,825 meters. It stayed the longest until 1903. It cost \$15.5 million and 27 lives were lost during its construction.