

Advice by task

Students should practise these exam strategies regularly in class.



Listening: https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/youre-hired/episode-04
Paying selective attention and using general world knowledge clues to identify details

- 1. Predicting content: skim through the questions first and try to predict what kind of information you need to listen out for
- 2.Listening for a gist: tries to understand what is happening even if he or she can't understand every phrase or sentence. The learner is trying to pick up key words, intonation, and other clues so as to make a guess at the meaning.
- 3. Detecting signposts: Just like the traffic lights on roads, there are signposts in language that help us follow what we're listening to. These words, which link ideas, help us to understand what the speaker is talking about and where they are taking us
- eg. you might hear the phrases 'first of all', 'moving on to' and 'in summary' to indicate the next part of the talk. Other words and phrases can function in a similar way. For instance, to clarify ('in other words', 'to put it another way'); to give examples ('to illustrate this', 'for example'), and so on
- 4. Listening for details: perhaps a number, name or object, listen for the words related to age ('old', 'young', 'years', 'date of birth', etc.) or a number that could represent that person's age.
- 5. Inferring meaning: we can infer the relationship between people from the words they use, without having to find out directly. eg. How much can you infer about what is taking place, who is talking and what their relationship is?

Practice

- 1. Daniel is an enthusiastic rock climber.
- 2. Daniel thinks that he should be working in a bigger company than Networld.
- 3. Daniel expects to work at Webware for a long time.
- 4. Marcia is impressed by Daniel's loyalty.

| 6. Daniel is fluent in Mandarin. | nagement skills. | | |
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| Thieves stole 70 cell phones from the City Mall | -70 cell phones from the City Mall last week. | | |
| The watchman reported the robbery | -The robbery (a) by the watchman early in the morning. | | |
| The mall's manager denounced the robbery | -The thieves (b)by the police soon after the robbery (c) by the mall's manager. | | |
| The police identified the thieves | | | |
| Francis found the cell phones in a box | -The cell phones (d) in a box. | | |
| 2. Based on the news above, use the wordVoice.a. City Mall / stolen / What? | | | |
| b. identified / by / thieves / the police ? | | | |
| c. found / the cell phones / where ? | | | |
| d. a tropical storm / hit / the Caribbean Coby? | past / | | |
| e. made of / strong winds / heavy rain / th? | ne storm | | |
| f. homes / the tropical storm / damaged / by? | last year / | | |
| 3. Match the if clauses with the result claus | ses. | | |
| a. If someone sweeps over your feet,b. If you walk under a ladder,way. | …it will bring you good luck. …money will come your | | |
| c. If you find a four-leaf clover, d. If you have an itchy palm, | you'll have bad luck. you'll never get married. | | |

4. Read and complete the text. Find the missing words in the Word Bank.

| Word Bank | |
|---|------------------------------------|
| download • hook up • Internet • put on video technologies • turn on • turn off | • send• stay up • |
| The world of information and communication | 50 (50) 100 (50) 100 (50) 100 (50) |

| ICTs, is definitely changing our lives. They can be valuable instruments for |
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| education, business, and entertainment. These technological tools include |
| computers, the(a), smartphones, radio and television. |
| For example, people can do many different things with smartphones, which |
| are like small computers that keep you online. People can take pictures, |
| (b) and receive instant messages, surf the web, check |
| their email,(c) apps, and even make(d) |
| calls. Everybody wishes they had a smartphone at hand. |
| But, can people really control their online time? Most people today |
| (e) their computers in the morning and(f) |
| all night. They(g) their headphones and |
| (h) to the net to enjoy all sorts of Internet resources. It is difficult for them |
| to(i) the computer and take a nice walk. It may be time |
| to unplug the computer and enjoy the fresh air! |

Grammar *I, he, she, e it* use was in Past Tense but *were*. In conditional *could - would*.

| | SECOND CONDITIONAL |
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| 1 | If I were invisible for one day, I could play tricks to police oficers. Si yo fuera invisible por un día, les podría gastar bromas a oficiales de policia |
| HE | If he weren't so stubborn, he would admit he was wrong. Si no fuera testarudo, admitiría que estaba equivocado. |
| SHE | If she were a good friend, she would help you. |

SECOND CONDITIONAL Si fuera una buena amiga, te ayudarfa. If it were cheaper, I could buy it. Si fuera más barato, lo podría comprar.

5. Discuss with your partner (pairs). Then, complete the chart below.

| What would you do if | Partner |
|---|---------|
| you (a. be) a famous Adidas-setter? | |
| you (b. <i>have</i>) an extraordinary talent? | |
| you (c. be) a politician? | |
| a fairy (d. grant) you a wish? -Aladdin | |
| there (e. be) a natural disaster? | |
| you (f. find) a piece of asteroid? | |
| you (g. find) a bag with \$1 million in it in a taxi/Uber? | £ 6 |
| you (h. see) a thief stealing a cell phone? | |
| you (i. buy) the latest s iPhone Motorola Samsung Sony Huawei | |
| smartphone? | |
| you (j. cannot) control your online time? | |

Key Expressions

- 6. Match the columns to discover the headlines and the section they belong to.
- a. Colombia's largest hydroelectric project 1. its doors to the public.

b. Dollar against Euro...

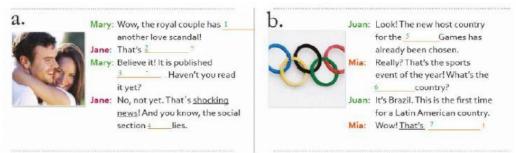
- 2. hit the headlines once again.
- c. Cheaper drug to treat···
- the never ending battle.
- d. New gallery has opened... evacuation
- 4. flooding leads to the
- e. Royal love scandal has...
- 5. heart disease has been

successful.

Sections

International Social Local News Business Arts Sports Classifieds Health

7. Complete the conversations below.



Keywords: Olympic, fortunate, never, awesome, everywhere, had, unbelievable



6. Look at the pictures and join the roles of the people involved in newspaper production



Press Operator, Editor, Journalist, Photographer, Graphic Designer, Columnist, Secretary, Publisher



- 7. Match the concepts with their definitions.
- a. Headline
- b. By-line

SPECIAL

- c. Lead paragraph
- d. Supporting details
- 1. The key or main information of an article
- 2. The title of an article
- 3. The body or secondary ideas of an article
- 4. Line that gives the writer's name
- 8. Read the headlines of the article below and predict the topic.



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The Williams: beyond a Decade of Dominance by Steven Rodriguez

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sisters have played in professional But what makes the Williams sisters such outstanding tennis players? "We our bodies fit to build an aggressive style," said Serena. It is noticeable physical effort on their part. "We also eat very healthy food and if we get emotional aspects also play a key role. "Sometimes, they can get nervous when they get near the finish line in a key set," said Richard Williams, their father, best friend and mentor, They love each other and have strong family bonds.

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9. Identify the lead in the article and complete the chart.

| idea | who | what | where | when |
|------|-----|------|-------|------|
| 1 | | | | |
| 2 | | | | |
| 3 | | | | |
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TEST In this part, candidates have five short texts. With each text is one multiple-choice question with three options A, B and C. SIGNS



- A. on a wedding invitation
- B. on a banner at a wedding reception
- C. at the entrance to a church



- A. at a train station
- B. in a flat
- C. in a shop



- A. at a swimming pool
- B. at a crime scene
- C. in a department store



- A. in a park
- B. in a restaurant
- C. in an art gallery

NO TURN ON RED

- A. on a road sign
- B. in a car park
- C. in a complex

Caution! Drive slowly. Children at play

- A. in a sport stadium
- B. outside an apartment building
- C. in a shop

READING

Chose the best option A, B, C o D

| Walt Disney was a pioneer | r of the Hollywood animated movie industry who |
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| is remembered for (0) | the charming cartoon mouse, Mickey Mouse, |
| along with other much-lov | ved characters such as Donald Duck, Goofy, and |
| Pluto. | |

| Disney achieved great success due to (6) tenacity, imagination and |
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| use of technical innovations. In 1937, he released Snow White and the |
| Seven Dwarves - the first feature-length animated movie to be (7)in |
| full color and sound. The movie had (8) several years to complete, |
| and cost far more to make (9) Disney had estimated, but it was |
| (10) instant commercial and critical success. More successes followed |
| with iconic animated movies (11) Fantasia, Dumbo and Pinocchio. |
| Walt Disney's company (12)a number of setbacks In the 1940s, but |
| (13) the 1950s the studios were once again producing animated |
| features such as Peter Pan, Sleeping Beauty and 101 Dalmatians. In 1968, |
| the studios released Mary Poppins, which features a mix of live action and |
| animation, and which was the last movie that Walt Disney (14) |
| produced. Nowadays, Disney's name is as much associated with theme |
| parks as it is with his movies. His theme park Disneyland was opened in |
| California in 1955 and, despite some early problems, became (15) |
| successful with millions of visitors each year. Construction of another |
| entertainment complex, Disney World in Florida, began in the 1960s but |
| unfortunately Walt Disney died in 1968, before the park was open. Today, |
| there are other Disney attractions in Japan, France, China, Hong Kong and |
| Hawaii. |
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| 6. A. her | B. its | C. his | D. him |
|----------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| 7. A. released | B. given | C. sold | D. opened |
| 8. A. fallen | B. given | C. written | D. taken |
| 9. A. to | B. than | C. that | D. of |
| 10. A. an | В. а | C. the | D. any |
| 11. A. whereas | B. how | C. such as | D. while |
| 12. A. arrived | B. looked | C. found | D. searched |
| 13. A. to | B. since | C. before | D. by |
| 14. A. herself | B. himself | C. itself | D. themselves |
| 15. A. partly | B. hardly | C. verv | D. slightly |

Instruction: You will read six pieces of news about football.

- 1. Match each piece of news to the correct headline.
- 2. Place a X in the appropriate box

3. There is one headline which you DO NOT need.

Headlines

- A STAR PLAYERS PLAY IN NEW STADIUM
- B FANTASTIC MATCH IN THE RAIN
- C GREAT OPENING FOR GOLDEN BALL
- D HOLIDAY AROUND THE WORLD
- E SUMMER FOOTBALL FUN
- F RAIN DELAYS MATCH
- G INTERNATIONAL FUN AT HOME

1

The opening ceremony for the new Golden Ball Football Stadium was held yesterday. Football fans can now visit the building, which cost €100 million. The first match will be at the beginning of October.

2

Fans could see an excellent match in bad weather yesterday between Leeds City SC and the Liverpool Giants. The team of Leeds could not play well in the rain so the Giants defeated them 3-1.

3

Free online football games are available at www.sportsforall.com. Build your team, train your players and play matches in your room with friends all around the world. Join the fun today and win the game!

4

Parents can now send their children to the Golden Ball football camp of the famous new stadium. The international camps are going to be two weeks in July and August, in the school summer holidays.



5

The Champions have decided to cancel tomorrow's match due to the heavy rainfalls this week. The team manager said that the new date for the match will appear sometime next week.

6

Famous footballer, Jimmy Carson got married in Hawaii. The party was held in a 5-star hotel. Carson is going to spend his summer holiday travelling around the world with his wife.