


## Listening


**1**  **38** You will hear James giving his views on texting as a form of communication. Answer the questions below by selecting the correct option – A, B or C.

- 1** James feels that people like to communicate by using \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a** written telegrams
  - b** picture images
  - c** sign language
- 2** He believes that texting means people are \_\_\_\_\_ in their use of language.
  - a** more creative
  - b** lazier
  - c** less interested
- 3** James would prefer that his friends did not use \_\_\_\_\_ in their conversations.
  - a** text messages
  - b** funny emojis
  - c** text speak

**Listen**

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listen carefully for those words or synonyms.

**2**  **39** You will hear part of the audio again.

Complete the test below with **no more than one word or number** for each gap.

Well, I don't know. It seems that people prefer to \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> by message, whether it's a picture or an emoji. Don't you agree? So, are we \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup> the art of \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup> or, just maybe, playing with \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup> and communicating more? Let's face it, in the past our communication was limited, but now all our friends, family and work colleagues are at our fingertips. Umm, personally, I think text messages allow for a \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup> use of language. English is, after all, always changing. I mean, new words are added to the dictionary \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup>, for example, \_\_\_\_\_<sup>7</sup> and \_\_\_\_\_<sup>8</sup>. In addition to this, the meanings of words are ever changing and they evolve over time. Look at words such as tweet, google and viral – when I was a kid, they meant very different things. In fact, I don't think the word 'google' even existed! I have to say, I also believe that texting \_\_\_\_\_<sup>9</sup> people to write and communicate more, and this can only mean good things for language use and \_\_\_\_\_<sup>10</sup>, right?