

Listening an interview

1  100 Listen to an interview with a member of the Barter Society. What is the advantage of barter, according to him? Choose the correct option (a–c).

- a You can exchange things without paying tax.
- b It opens up a whole new world of people to do business with.
- c You get a much better deal than you would if you used cash.

Glossary

GDP (n) /ˌdʒɪdɪˈpiː/ gross domestic product

spear (n) /spɪə/ a long, pointed weapon used in hunting

tree surgeon (n) /ˈtriː ˌsɜːdʒ(ə)n/ a specialist in cutting off damaged parts of trees



2  100 Listen again and choose the best option (a–c) to complete the sentences.

- 1 The example of barter given by the interviewer is an exchange of a chicken for:
 - a an item of clothing.
 - b some food.
 - c a weapon.
- 2 Barter is a system of trade that:
 - a all primitive societies use.
 - b is still used widely today.
 - c has always had a small group of followers.
- 3 'Exchange barter' is a system:
 - a that involves two people exchanging goods with one another.
 - b that involves being a member of a club of other barterers.
 - c where you exchange goods up to a certain value.
- 4 Barter exchanges:
 - a aren't taxed.
 - b are taxed if they are above a certain value.
 - c are taxed in some countries.
- 5 The advantage of direct barter groups is that they:
 - a mean you can reach a big group of potential customers.
 - b allow you to pay less tax.
 - c avoid currency exchange.