Listening 1

For Questions 1-5, write one word only each answer.

Podcast presenter: Welcome back to all fans of this channel. It's great to have you listening again! Now for today's topic ...

Have you ever heard anyone say, "Tell me who your friends are and I'll tell you who you are!" Do you think this is true?

Many experts say that friends are a ..... of ourselves.

Here are six types of friends you will probably make in your life.

The ..... This type of friend is probably one of the very first friends you make when you join a new club. Or go to a new school, for example. They're always very ..... And they'll introduce you to everyone.

The ..... This is your fun friend. And they'll help you have fun, too! The adventurer is often not there when you need them. But you will have a lot of great stories about the times you spend together!

The ..... This type of friend is someone most of us need in our lives. Talking to them is easy and .....

The secret keeper is the friend we tell our secrets to. They're always ready to listen to you.

The mother figure. The mother figure is not always .....

But it is a friend who always tries to look after everyone. This kind of friend is incredibly kind and ..... A mother-figure friend puts everyone else first without ever asking for anything from you.

The older brother or sister. They ..... you and teach you what they know. And they support and ..... you to improve Maybe you see them as the older brother or sister you always wanted, but never had

And finally, the loyal best friend. You call them in an ..... because you know that they'll always be there for you when you need them. They feel more like family than a friend. It is the first person you want to tell when something good happens to you!

Listening 2

Narrator: You will hear two friends making travel plans to visit another friend. For Questions 1 to 5, choose the correct letter, A, B or C.

A = Anna B = Bryan

A: Hi Bryan, are you busy?

B: No, it's OK, Anna, I can talk now.

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A: Great! So, we need to decide how we're travelling to Scotland next week to meet Celia. Shall we fly, take the ....., or go by bus? I've looked at the different prices.

B: And?

A: Well, the bus is the cheapest ..... - a return ticket only costs £20. But of course, it's slow and takes about ..... hours.

Flying is obviously the quickest option, but we are too late to get any cheap flights. They all cost over £..... And then of course there's the train - we can get return tickets for £..... So what do you think we should do?

B: Hmm, I'd prefer to fly, but I don't want to spend a lot of money. How long does the train take?

A: It's ..... hours.

B: So not much faster than the bus? OK, let's just get the cheapest tickets.

A: OK great I'll book those later. Do you want to get any travel .....?

B: What's that for?

A: If your suitcase is lost or for cancellations

B: Hmm, no, I don't think so. I'll only take a small bag and bring it on board with me

A: OK, well I'm getting it. It's only £5 extra

B: Oh, it that case, I'll get it too. It means I can bring a big case in case we go .....!

A: Good thinking OK, what else do I need to ask you? Do you want me to get tickets for the theatre on Saturday night?

B: Hmm, what about Friday?

A: I think we'll be too tired after our trip. And the play I want to see is only on Friday and Saturday. So, can we please go on Saturday?

B: Hmm, well err, no. Celia has organised a party at a ..... for your birthday! It's supposed to be a surprise!

So it will have to be Friday then.

A: Oh, I'm glad you told me! You know I hate surprises!

B: OK, but please act like you are surprised!

A: OK, OK! Is there anything you want to do when we're in Scotland?

B: No, I just want to see Celia and spend time with her. I haven't seen her since last July. And it's already October! | know she was here just a few weeks ago, but I was staying with my grandparents in the country

A: Yeah, I'm really looking forward to seeing her too and meeting her new friends.

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