

Test 1 Exam practice**Listening • Part 1**

1  03 You will hear people talking in eight different situations. For questions 1–8, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

- 1  03 You hear a girl talking about a running race she is going to compete in soon. What does she say about the race?
 - A She hopes the spectators will be supportive.
 - B She has prepared for it as well as she can.
 - C She thinks her chances of success are poor.
- 2  04 You hear the beginning of a radio programme for teenagers. What is today's programme going to be about?
 - A conservation
 - B climate change
 - C pollution
- 3  05 You overhear a boy phoning a friend. Why is he calling?
 - A to ask a favour
 - B to pass on some news
 - C to confirm travel arrangements
- 4  06 You hear two friends talking about a school photography exhibition. What is the girl trying to do?
 - A persuade the boy to display his photos
 - B suggest how the boy could improve his photos
 - C encourage the boy to go and see the photos with her
- 5  07 You hear two friends talking about a shopping trip they've just been on. How does the girl feel about the trip?
 - A sorry that she did not buy an item she saw
 - B disappointed that she could not find what she was looking for
 - C relieved that she did not spend too much money
- 6  08 You hear a girl talking about her class trip to the theatre to see a play. She thought the play was
 - A more frightening than she had expected.
 - B surprisingly different from the version she had studied.
 - C very difficult to understand when performed on stage.
- 7  09 You hear two friends talking about a canoeing lesson they have just had on the river. What do they agree about?
 - A how risky the activity seemed at times
 - B how painful their muscles felt
 - C how difficult it was to paddle properly
- 8  10 You hear a teacher telling a class about a science project they are going to do. Which place is the class going to visit for the project?
 - A a science laboratory
 - B the city library
 - C a museum

Tip! Try to use the first listening to answer the question, and then check your answer during the second listening. If you're still not sure, have a guess – don't leave the answer blank.

Advice

3 If you are not sure of the answer, try to eliminate each option, e.g. Alfie is asking Jake something – but is it a favour or does he need advice? He is also telling Jake something – does Jake know about it already? And is he confirming travel arrangements or making new ones?

5 For this question, you need to look carefully at the *feelings* adjectives. The girl says she *would've regretted* it if she had bought something expensive she saw. What does she mean?

 14 You will hear a girl called Flora telling her class about a recent trip to South Africa, where she saw some animals called meerkats. For questions 9–18, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

Tips! Read carefully through the rubric to find out who will be talking and what they will be talking about.

While you're waiting for the recording to start, read through the sentences and think about what kind of word will fill the gap.

The answer is usually between one and three words.

Meeting the meerkats

Flora explains that the main purpose of her trip was to see (9)

Flora says according to some people, the word 'meerkat' actually means (10)

Flora discovered that meerkats live longer in (11) than elsewhere.

Flora was surprised to be given some (12) during her visit to the meerkats.

The guide, Gavin, had made sure the meerkats were particularly used to his (13) , so that they weren't disturbed by visitors.

Flora learnt that meerkats use their tails for (14) as well as for sending out warnings.

Flora says she heard the meerkats (15) when they spotted something unusual.

Flora says each meerkat's (16) are different from those of other meerkats, which helps distinguish between individuals.

Flora was told that meerkats occasionally feed on (17)

Flora decided on some (18) from the hotel shop to take home as a souvenir of the meerkats.

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 17 You will hear five teenagers talking about their hobby, collecting different things. For questions 19–23, choose from the list (A–H) how each speaker feels about their hobby. Use the letters only once. There are three extra letters which you do not need to use.

Tip! Before the recording begins, read quickly through the options so that you are familiar with them. Remember, you will not need to use all of them.

A I'm grateful to family members for expanding the collection.

Speaker 1

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B I'm thrilled to have met so many other people through it.

Speaker 2

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C I'm discouraged by the cost of adding to it.

Speaker 3

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D I'm aware it no longer has the same appeal for me.

Speaker 4

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E I'm proud of the size of the collection.

Speaker 5

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F I'm disappointed at other people's lack of interest in it.

Advice

G I'm surprised how many other people have similar collections.

H I'm impressed at how it has increased in value.

21 You will hear an interview with a boy called Jamie Davidson, who has just tried rock climbing for the first time. For questions 24–30, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

Tips! Look carefully through the questions and options before you begin to listen.

Listen carefully for the interviewer's questions to help you keep your place in the recording. They signal when you need to move on to the next question.

24 Jamie says that the climbing centre he went to

- A specialised in courses for beginners.
- B was situated near the coast.
- C offered other sports as well.

25 How did Jamie feel when he had got his climbing equipment?

- A confused by all the things he was given
- B determined to make sure he dealt with everything correctly
- C confident once he was wearing it all

26 Jamie was doubtful at first that

- A he would know how to check the ropes as the guide had taught him.
- B the guide had enough experience to take them climbing.
- C he would enjoy the climb as much as his guide expected.

27 When they started to climb, Jamie began to

- A feel envious of his guide's climbing skills.
- B ask himself whether he was up to the trip.
- C worry about possible bad weather.

28 When Jamie was told to let go of the rock, he

- A felt relieved to see other climbers doing the same thing.
- B remembered his training about using ropes safely.
- C found it hard not to panic.

29 Jamie says that the view from the top of the rocks

- A wasn't quite what he had expected.
- B seemed hard to appreciate after the difficult climb.
- C reminded him of another view he'd seen.

30 At the top of the rock, Jamie regretted

- A being unable to take any pictures.
- B leaving his lunch behind.
- C wearing clothes that were too warm.

Advice

25 Jamie reports that he felt ready to tackle whatever lay ahead when he got his climbing gear on. What does he mean?

27 Jamie reports that it had begun to rain when they started to climb. Was he worried by it? Did he feel he couldn't manage the climb? And what did he wish about his guide, Max?

29 Jamie mentions once being at the top of a castle. What was his experience there?