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Listening skills practice: The weekend – exercises

1. Preparation: picture matching

Do this exercise before you listen. Write the correct word in the boxes below the picture.

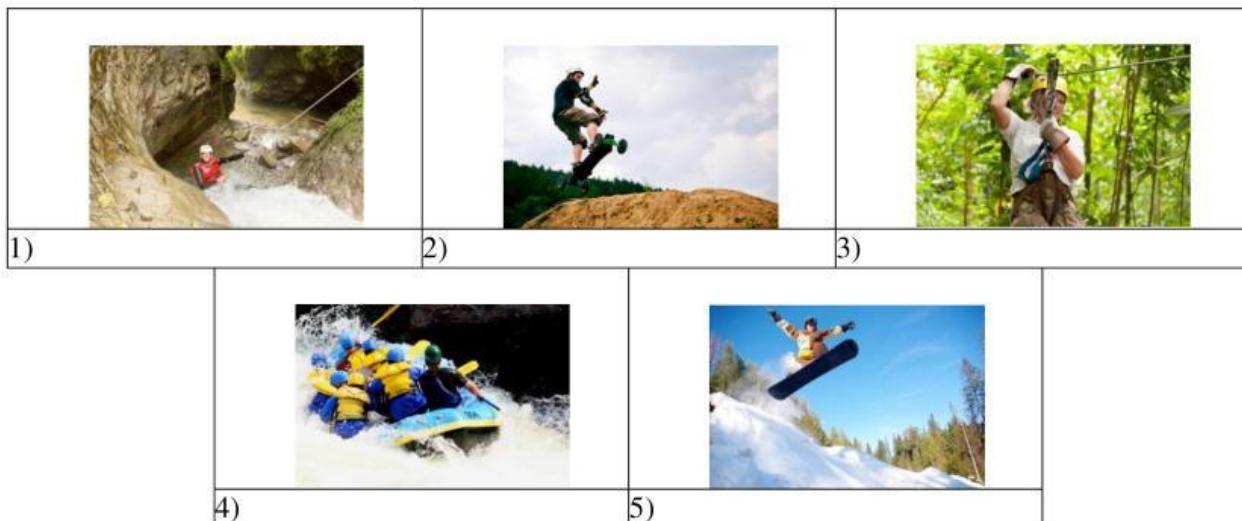
canyoning

zip-wiring

dirtboarding

snowboarding

white water rafting



2. Check your understanding: multiple selection

Do this exercise while you listen. Which six activities do the speakers say they are going to do?

Write down all the correct answers.

- A) _____ snowboarding
- B) _____ dirtboarding
- C) _____ canyoning
- D) _____ bungee jumping
- E) _____ go up the Eiffel Tower

- F) _____ visit Notre Dame cathedral
- G) _____ visit the old parts of the city
- H) _____ go round the Louvre
- I) _____ go to Musee O'Darsey
- J) _____ visit Montmartre and look at the views

3. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Do this exercise while you listen. Circle the best option to complete these sentences.

1. 1) A dirtboard is a board with wheels that you stand on / a board with no wheels that you stand on / a board that you sit on .
2. 2) To go canyoning you need ropes and a helmet / a guide and special equipment / ropes and special equipment .
3. 3) Zip-wiring is scary and difficult / easy and exciting / scary but exciting
4. 4) Paris looks so beautiful at night / on television / in the photos
5. 5) The impressionist paintings are in the Louvre / the Musée D'Orsay / the Rodin Museum .
6. 6) The famous Rodin statue is called The Worker / The Thinker / The Philosopher
7. 7) The girl is going to Paris for the weekend / four days / five days .

8) She's going with her friend / her boyfriend / her family

Answers

1. 1) canyoning 2) dirtboarding 3) zip-wiring 4) white water rafting 5) snowboarding
2. B C E G H I
- 3 1. a board with wheels that you stand on
2. ropes and special equipment
3. easy and exciting
4. in the photos
5. the Musée D'Orsay
6. The Thinker
7. four days
8. her friend

Transcript for **The weekend**

Girl: So, have you got any plans for the weekend?

Boy: Yeah, me and my mates are going to this activity centre in the mountains.

Girl: Oh, yeah?

Boy: You can do all kinds of things. It's a new centre; it sounds great. We're going to go dirtboarding ...

Girl: What's that?

Boy: It's like skateboarding or snowboarding. You have a board, or deck, to stand on and wheels. They're pretty strong because you go down rough mountain tracks on them. Steep, rough mountain tracks.

Girl: Sounds a bit risky. Have you done it before?

Boy: No, but I've done similar things. Anyway, we're also going to go canyoning. Before you ask, that's when you jump and swim down a river canyon. You have to use ropes and special equipment. And maybe we'll go white water rafting too.

Girl: Phew. It sounds far too difficult to me.

Boy: They have lots of things that you could do too. Like zip-wiring, you know when you go along a wire through the trees or down a mountain.

Girl: Go down a mountain on a wire!

Boy: It's really easy, and exciting too. You just have to hold on and enjoy the ride. Or there's bungee jumping.

Girl: Jump off a bridge on a long elastic band! Me? You've got to be joking! Anyway, I'm going away this weekend too, thank you for asking.

Boy: I was going to ask. So where are you going?

Girl: Paris! I'm so excited!

Boy: Paris, wow!

Girl: Yeah, it'll be brilliant! We're going to do all the sights, like go up the Eiffel Tower and take a boat along the River Seine and see the old parts of the city. It looks so beautiful in the photos. And then there are all the art galleries. You know how much I like art. I can't wait to go round the Louvre and see all those famous paintings.

Boy: I think the famous Impressionist paintings are somewhere else.

Girl: Yeah, I know, they're in the Musée d'Orsay. We're going there too. And then I want to go to the Rodin

Museum and see that famous statue, you know, The Thinker. And of course, if we're in Paris, we'll have to go shopping. Or look at the shops, at least. And then there's the restaurants. Just think, French food!

Boy: You've got a lot planned for one weekend.

Girl: Oh, we're going for four days, actually.

Boy: Oh, four days, very nice. And who are you going with?

Girl: Oh, just a friend.