

EXAM PRACTICE — LISTENING PARTS 1 AND 2

Exam know-how

When you do Listening Part 2:

- If you aren't sure you understand what a speaker is saying, listen to their tone of voice. You can often tell how somebody feels by the tone they use.
- It's possible that an answer is a number, such as somebody's age or even a telephone number. Remember that you don't have to write the answer in letters and can just write the number in figures if you want to.

A

Part 1 

You will hear people talking in eight different situations. For questions 1-8, choose the best answer, **A**, **B** or **C**.

- 1 You overhear this exchange in an office. How does the man feel?
A relieved
B embarrassed
C disappointed 1
- 2 You hear a woman talking about a party. What did she feel about the man she met?
A He was helpful.
B He was funny.
C He was powerful. 2
- 3 Listen to this man talking to someone on the phone. Why is he calling?
A to rearrange a meeting
B to cancel a meeting
C to report on a meeting 3
- 4 You hear this woman talking on a radio show. Why did she call?
A to request a song
B to enter a competition
C to give her opinion 4
- 5 In a shop, you hear an assistant on the phone. How does she feel?
A annoyed with her manager
B upset with a customer
C worried about a delivery 5
- 6 You overhear this conversation on a bus. What does the woman want her husband to do?
A mend the car
B clean the car
C sell the car 6
- 7 You hear this man describing a book. What is his attitude towards it?
A It had a great effect on him.
B It didn't teach him anything new.
C It made him feel guilty. 7
- 8 Listen to this woman talking to her son. What does she want him to do?
A write a letter
B make a phone call
C visit someone 8

B Part 2

You will hear part of a radio programme about a famous person. For questions 9-18, complete the notes which summarise what the speaker says. You will need to write a word or short phrase in each box.

The 9 were all surprised by her wedding.

Her first part was in a 10

As a child, she wanted to be 11

Denise learnt more about the theatre when she 12

She met Peter Jones at 13

They spent some time living in 14 together in Hollywood.

Peter worked hard to get 15 interested in his ideas.

To make money, Denise worked in 16

Andy Foster was impressed by the 17 Peter showed him.

They started making *My Previous Life* 18 after Andy met Denise.



Grammar focus

Look at the following statements using the infinitive:

To make my mum happy, I called my grandma.

To tell you the truth, I didn't want to call my grandma.

The first expresses a purpose and tells us why the speaker did something. It is the same as saying:

I called my grandma in order to make my mum happy.

The second is a linking phrase and does not express a purpose. It is the same as saying:

Really, I didn't want to call my grandma.

Listen to these people making statements using infinitives.

Decide if they are using infinitives of purpose by circling the correct answer.

Speaker 1

- a expressing a purpose
- b not expressing a purpose

Speaker 2

- a expressing a purpose
- b not expressing a purpose

Speaker 3

- a expressing a purpose
- b not expressing a purpose

Speaker 4

- a expressing a purpose
- b not expressing a purpose

Speaker 5

- a expressing a purpose
- b not expressing a purpose

Speaker 6

- a expressing a purpose
- b not expressing a purpose