UNIT 3 – LISTENING

09 25 Listen to a conversation between Maria, Simon and Dr Thornton one month after the start of the project and read questions 1–3. There are two options for each question: one correct answer and one distractor. For each question, choose the correct answer and think about why the distractor is wrong.

1 Alfonso has left the Mars project because
- A he became ill while they were in Arizona.
- B he had a problem unconnected to the project.

2 If someone leaves the Mars project, the rules say that
- A a new person must take their place.
- B no new people can join at a later date.

3 Simon agrees that
- A only one person should look after the food production.
- B more than one person should look after the food production.

TIP 09

When you check the answers, think carefully about why the distractors are wrong and how you can identify the correct answer.

RECOGNISING PARAPHRASES OF WHAT PEOPLE SAY

10 26 Listen to the next conversation about the project and choose the answer, A, B or C, which correctly paraphrases the information in the recording. Look at this example.

One person has most probably been physically violent because
- A they do not speak very much as a rule.
- B they might have difficulty being in a closed space.
- C they always disliked another participant.

TIP 10

In multiple-choice questions in the Listenin test, there are always **three** options – one correct answer and two distractors.

11 27 Now listen to the next part of the conversation and choose the correct answer, A, B or C.

1 Dr Thornton's main interest is in
- A what kinds of people take part in projects like this.
- B how she can be a psychology expert on the project.
- C how people interact in long periods of isolation together.

2 Dr Thornton thinks it's good that
- A it took some time for the first serious conflict to take place.
- B problems like these happen on this type of project.
- C the project is not like a television series or soap opera.

3 Simon states that
- A Joe could cause problems for the environment of the building if he stays.
- B Joe successfully dealt with a serious environmental situation.
- C they could solve any environmental problems if Joe left.

12 28 Listen to the final part of the conversation and choose the correct answer, A, B or C.

1 Simon is going to base his main study on
- A why just over half of the participants stayed until the end of the project.
- B how to make sure that people can survive on a real trip to Mars.
- C how much the project was covered in the news media.

2 One surprising result of the project was that
- A it was reported as a major news item.
- B the participants were in danger of losing their lives.
- C information from the project will be used in a new design.

3 One thing that Dr Thornton is interested in finding out about the people in the Mars project is
- A why they had health problems.
- B how they coped physically with living close together.
- C how their physical well-being might develop in the future.

4 Maria intends to
- A make a contribution to an important scientific publication.
- B write about how well the participants performed while living in a small space.
- C focus only on the psychological issues affecting the participants.

5 In the end, the total spent on the Mars project was
- A just over the planned amount.
- B twice the planned amount.
- C just under the planned amount.

6 The person who would absolutely refuse to be a participant in a repeat project is
- A Simon.
- B Dr Thornton.
- C Maria.

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