

## A Context listening

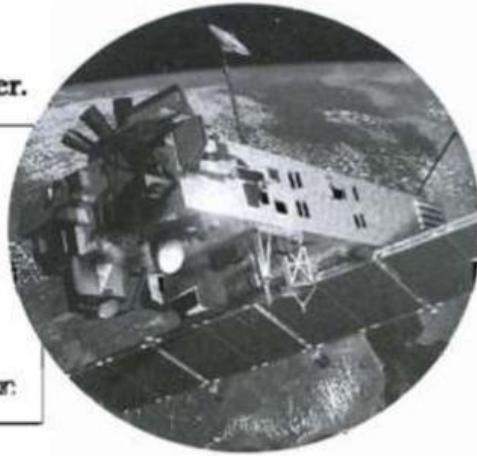
1 You are going to hear a speaker at an environmental awareness conference talking about a European satellite called Envisat. Before you listen, put the words below into two groups: *the environment* and *satellites*.

climate	fully-equipped	global warming	instrument
launch	monitoring	observation	operational costs
outer space	ozone depletion	precise	

2  8a Now listen to the talk and complete the notes below. Write no more than two words or a number for each answer.

## Envisat satellite

- Envisat was launched 1 .....
- Envisat has 2 ..... instrument systems.
- In 1990s ESA launched 3 ..... and 4 .....
- ESA will spend 2.3 billion euros over 5 .....
- This is the same as 6 ..... of coffee per person per year.



3 Underline the correct words.  8a Listen again to check your answers.

- 1 Envisat is *a/the* fully equipped observation satellite.
- 2 *A/The* satellite was launched in 2002.
- 3 With its ten instrument systems it is equipped with *-/the* best eyes possible and offers everything that *-/the* scientists could wish for.
- 4 The total cost of the Envisat Programme is 2.3 billion euros over 15 years. Included in *that/this* sum is development and construction of the instruments.
- 5 *Neither/None* of our countries can afford to let down their environmental guard.

4 Look at your answers to Exercise 3 and answer these questions.

- 1 Why do we say *a satellite* in sentence 1 and *the satellite* in sentence 2?
- 2 In sentence 3, why do we use an article before *best*? Why don't we use an article in front of the word *scientists*?
- 3 In sentence 4, what does *this sum* refer to?
- 4 In sentence 5, why can't we use *neither*?