

Listening for Attitudes

Exercise 1

Listen to Jennie's friends talking about her birthday party last Sunday and answer the questions.

(Circle the answers.)

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| (1) Do you think Eric is happy with Tim's comment about his lateness? | Yes | No |
| (2) Does Eric sound like he enjoyed Jennie's party? | Yes | No |
| (3) Does May sound like she enjoyed the party? | Yes | No |
| (4) Do you think Tim liked May's balloon animals? | Yes | No |
| (5) Do you think Eric is upset with Gilbert's comment? | Yes | No |
| (6) Do you think Gilbert was happy with Tim's food comment? | Yes | No |
| (7) Do you think May likes garlic? | Yes | No |

Exercise 2

Listen and circle the tone of voice the speaker uses.

- The next train leaves in half an hour.
☐ A. calm ☐ B. urgent
- That's made me feel a lot better.
☐ A. grateful ☐ B. sarcastic
- This is going to be rather painful
☐ A. aggressive ☐ B. sympathetic
- We were too poor to even go on holiday.
☐ A. bitter ☐ B. nostalgic

Exercise 3

Listen. Which adjective below best describes each speaker's tone of voice? There are three extra adjectives.

arrogant *enthusiastic* *grateful* *nostalgic*
pessimistic *sympathetic* *urgent*

Speaker 1

Speaker 2

Speaker 3

Speaker 4

Exercise 4

Listen to four monologues. Match speakers 1-4 with sentences A-E. There is one extra sentence.

- A The speaker is persuading people to buy something.
- B The speaker is remembering a family tradition from when he / she was younger.
- C The speaker is thanking his / her guests for coming to a special family meal.
- D The speaker is praising a family member for preventing a family argument.
- E The speaker is complaining about a bad experience at a family reunion.

Speaker 1

Speaker 2

Speaker 3

Speaker 4

Exercise 5

Listen to the conversation. Which of these opinions are Lewis's (L)? Which are Amelia's (A)?

1	Boxing is dangerous.	
2	Other sports are more dangerous.	
3	In boxing, the goal is to hurt other people.	
4	People are naturally aggressive.	
5	Boxers are great athletes.	
6	People can choose to box or not.	
7	Children under sixteen shouldn't box.	
8	If you ban boxing, it will become more dangerous.	
9	Boxers could do other sports because they're good athletes.	

Exercise 6

Read the statements below. Then listen to the last part of Greg's talk and tick your answers.

Greg thinks:	Yes	No
a most people have the same learning style.		
b one learning style is better than the rest.		
c people learn in similar ways.		
d it's not possible to categorize everyone.		
e the human brain is predictable.		

Exercise 7

Listen to six people talking about feelings. Match the feeling each speaker talks about 1-6 with the things he/she says about it a)–f).

1	bored	a) anything to do with numbers
2	lonely	b) prefers to be busy
3	confused	c) the beauty of nature
4	amazed	d) problems of the world
5	nervous	e) call a friend/sister
6	worried	f) organize a party/dinner

Exercise 8

Are these statements true or false? Check (✓) the correct answer.

	True	False
1 Melanie doesn't like musicals.		
2 Jake goes to the park often.		
3 Sarah has stayed home every night this week.		
4 Ben doesn't have tickets to the game.		
5 Jen studies Spanish.		
6 Steven only wants to see the match.		

Exercise 9

People are talking about shopping. Listen and choose the correct information about each person.



1. ☐ A. She enjoyed going to the store.
☐ B. There were good bargains.
☐ C. She bought many things.

2. ☐ A. Most of the things he bought were good.
☐ B. He didn't buy much.
☐ C. He didn't like the clothes he bought.

3. ☐ A. The camera cost nearly \$250.
☐ B. The camera doesn't work well.
☐ C. The camera cost more at an online store.

4. ☐ A. She bargained when she bought them.
☐ B. She thought the prices were reasonable.
☐ C. Her friend got things for a higher price.

Exercise 10

Part 1

People are giving opinions about these topics. Are they for or against them? Listen and check (✓) the correct answer.

	For	Against
1 space exploration		
2 TV commercials		
3 Olympic Games		
4 tourism		
5 action movies		
6 big cars		

Part 2

Listen again. What reason does each person give? Choose the correct answer.

- ☐ A. It's too expensive.
☐ B. It's how we learn about the universe.
☐ C. It isn't important.
- ☐ A. They're too short.
☐ B. They interrupt her favorite programs.
☐ C. They're boring.
- ☐ A. They encourage an interest in sports.
☐ B. They cost too much.
☐ C. Her country always wins.

4. ☐ A. It creates pollution.
☐ B. It's fun to meet visitors.
☐ C. It brings jobs and money to the city.
5. ☐ A. They're too violent.
☐ B. They're too boring.
☐ C. They're too loud.
6. ☐ A. They take too much gas.
☐ B. There isn't enough parking.
☐ C. They cost too much.