

## Listening for Attitudes

### Exercise 1

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

(Circle the answers.)

(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.

1. The next train leaves in half an hour.  
 A. calm       B. urgent
2. That's made me feel a lot better.  
 A. grateful       B. sarcastic
3. This is going to be rather painful  
 A. aggressive       B. sympathetic
4. 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.

1.  A. It's too expensive.  
 B. It's how we learn about the universe.  
 C. It isn't important.
2.  A. They're too short.  
 B. They interrupt her favorite programs.  
 C. They're boring.
3.  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.