Future Plans

Complete the digital exercises below while listening to six individuals outlining their plans and ambitions.

Exercise 1: Warm-Up

Select your response for each question before you listen:

1. Would you consider moving abroad to study at university for a full academic year?
   - ○ Yes
   - ○ No

2. Which goal feels more urgent to you at present?
   - ○ Academic or career success
   - ○ Family and personal relationships

3. 'Setting clear financial milestones before the age of twenty-five is essential for young adults.'
   - ○ Agree
   - ○ Disagree

Exercise 2: Introductory B2 Vocabulary

Match each B2 vocabulary item from the monologues (1-5) with its correct definition (A-E):

Word / Phrase	Definition
1. mates *(informal noun)*	A. Expected to arrive, be born, or occur at an anticipated time
2. due *(adjective)*	B. The historic financial and banking district of London
3. the City *(proper noun)*	C. Close friends, companions, or peers
4. set myself this goal *(collocation)*	D. Young children *(colloquial British expression)*
5. the little 'uns *(informal noun phrase)*	E. Established a definite, ambitious objective to achieve

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Exercise 3: Listening Strategy & Comprehension Check

Listening Strategy Tip:
Navigating Speaker Shifts When listening to multiple short speakers, use brief pauses between speakers to review the subsequent stem. Focus on specific numeric details, dates, destinations, and personal ambitions to avoid mixing up speakers.

Part 3B: Multiple Choice

Listen to the six speakers and choose the correct option (A, B, C, or D) for each question:

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1. What subject does the first speaker intend to read at Cambridge University?

A) French Literature
B) Geography
C) Modern History
D) Economics

2. At what time does the football match kick off on Saturday?

A) Half past ten
B) One o'clock
C) Three o'clock
D) Five o'clock

3. What sweet treat does the fourth speaker plan to bake for family visitors?

A) Chocolate chip biscuits
B) An apple tart
C) Fruit scones with clotted cream
D) A sponge cake with jam

4. Which institution will the fifth speaker attend during her year in France?

A) The Louvre Academy
B) The Sorbonne
C) Sciences Po
D) Cambridge Institute

5. What financial target has the sixth speaker set to achieve before turning twenty-five?

A) Purchasing a luxury flat in the City
B) Doubling his current monthly expenditure
C) Making a million pounds
D) Founding an independent mobile telephone business

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Exercise 4: Targeted Fill-in-the-Gaps

Gap-Fill Listening Tip:

Grammatical Prediction Check whether the context demands a specific duration, family title, time of departure, or monetary amount before confirming your answer.

Listen and fill in each blank with one or two words from the recording:



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1. The first speaker mentions that the degree course at Cambridge University will last for [1] _____ *(time expression / number of years).*

2. The second speaker plans to watch Oxford United take on Bristol Rovers after having [2] _____ *(quantity phrase / drinks)* with his mates.

3. The third speaker shares that Marie's baby is due in [3] _____ *(time duration / number of weeks).*

4. On Thursday, the fourth speaker expects her [4] _____ *(family noun)* to arrive accompanied by the little 'uns for tea.

5. The student travelling to Paris notes that the scheduled flight departs at [5] _____ *(time).*

6. The professional working in the City aspires to be earning [6] _____ *(multiplier / quantity phrase)* his present income within the next few years.

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