3 Listening 1

You are going to listen to information about the explorer Christopher Columbus (1451-1506). First, read these sentences and predict if they are true or false. Then listen and check your ideas. Be ready to explain your answers.

1. As a young man, Columbus visited India.
2. In the 15th century, both land and sea travel to China took a long time and was not safe.
3. Columbus believed he could reach the Far East by traveling to the west.
4. Columbus brought only plants and animals back to Europe from his first voyage.
5. Columbus knew that he had discovered a new continent that was not part of Asia.
6. Sickness and slavery killed many Indians after Columbus arrived.

4 Listening 2

Read the questions below. Can you remember which answer is correct? Discuss with your partner. Then listen again and check.

1. Who did Columbus do business for?
   a. The Chinese
   b. The Coromboro family
   c. Traders from Genoa
2. What did Europeans want to buy from the Far East?
   a. Spices and slaves
   b. Silk and spices
   c. Tea and silk
3. Who finally agreed to help Columbus with his plan?
   a. The king of Portugal
   b. The people of Genoa
   c. The king and queen of Spain
4. Why was Columbus lucky on his first voyage?
   a. The wind helped him
   b. He didn't get lost
   c. He found Asia
5. When did the Vikings first explore the Canadian coast?
   a. 5 years before Columbus
   b. 50 years before Columbus
   c. 500 years before Columbus

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