

Lifestyles

You will hear people talking about their lifestyles. Complete both tasks as you listen.

Task 1 For questions 1 – 5, choose from the list A – H the reason which best reflects why each person chose his or her current lifestyle.

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| Speaker 1 | A disinterest in promotion |
| Speaker 2 | B a lack of job prospects |
| Speaker 3 | C being forced by the economic crisis |
| Speaker 4 | D a painful childhood experience |
| Speaker 5 | E a lack of freedom in a previous, very demanding job |
| | F gaining the necessary experience to move up |
| | G a desire to get out of the rat race |
| | H being able to fulfil the ambition of a lifetime |

Task 2 For questions 6 – 10, choose from the list A – H the main advantage of the lifestyle mentioned by each speaker.

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| Speaker 1 | A putting knowledge to good use |
| Speaker 2 | B working fewer hours |
| Speaker 3 | C seeing customers' positive reactions |
| Speaker 4 | D having a lifestyle similar to the one in his/her homeland |
| Speaker 5 | E getting roles he/she could never have expected |
| | F enjoying colleagues' company |
| | G living in the fast lane |
| | H experiencing rural life |

Three extracts

You will hear three different extracts. For questions 1 – 6, choose the best answer a, b, or c. There are two questions for each extract.

Extract One

You hear two people talking about an unusual sport Tough Mudder.

1. What is Dan's opinion of Tough Mudder racing?
 - a. It's much more fun than marathon racing.
 - b. It involves overcoming obstacles that are too challenging.
 - c. It's best left to those with army training.

2. What do the two speakers both know about?
 - a. Contestants should take the race more seriously.
 - b. Some contestants put on ridiculous costumes.
 - c. There's a humorous element to the race.

Extract Two

You hear part of an interview with a young gymnast.

3. Why does Gemma correct the interviewer?
 - a. She has only taken part in local competitions so far.
 - b. She's younger than he thinks she is.
 - c. She hasn't been competing on a national level for as long as he says.
4. What is true about Gemma's aunt?
 - a. She holds Gemma back.
 - b. She doesn't set goals that are too high.
 - c. She sometimes allows Gemma to skip training.

Extract Three

You hear part of an interview with a former football hooligan.

5. Why does Jack mention the incident in Milan?
 - a. To show that hooligans don't always cause serious trouble
 - b. To explain why he stopped being a hooligan
 - c. To warn others of the consequences of hooliganism
6. What opinion does Jack now have of hooligans from other teams?
 - a. They're beyond help.
 - b. They're still the enemy.
 - c. They're not so different from him.