

8d Listening skills

1 a) You will hear a radio documentary about a country's climate. Before you listen, check these words in the Word List.

- unpredictable variations • depressions
- anticyclones • spinning clockwise
- ocean current • high/low pressure
- subtropical climate • vessels

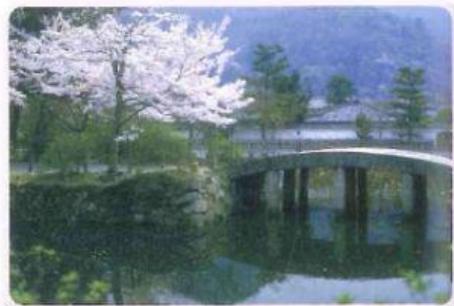
b)  Listen to the radio documentary and decide if these sentences are *True* or *False*.

- 1 Japanese weather can always be easily forecast.
- 2 Palm trees need help to grow in southern Japan.
- 3 The very cold and strong winds in Japan come from Russia and the Arctic.
- 4 No ships can move in the frozen seas of northern Japan.

2  Listen again and choose the correct answers A, B or C for questions 1-6.

- 1 Subtropical climates are characterised by ...
A different seasons.
B warm weather with some extended periods of heavy rainfall.
C heavy showers of rain daily.
- 2 Heavy rain in southern Japan is caused by ...
A its proximity to Russia. B anticyclones.
C depressions.
- 3 The climate in northern Japan is ...
A very wet. B the same as China.
C colder than southern Japan.
- 4 What are ice-breakers?
A A type of sea ice.
B Ships which push other boats through the ice.
C Ships which make a passage for other boats through the sea ice.
- 5 The Gulf Stream is ...
A another name for the Black Stream Current.
B a warm ocean current which flows to the UK.
C a warm ocean current which flows around southern Japan.
- 6 Why do coral reefs exist in Japanese waters?
A The Black Stream Current brings warm water from Taiwan.
B The Black Stream Current cools the sea temperature so coral can grow.
C Because of the subtropical climate of southern Japan.

3 Compare weather conditions in Japan to your country's.



4 You will hear five short stories about natural disasters. Before you listen, check these words in the Word List.

- surrounded • erupt • lava
- ash • unsettling • stinging
- regenerate • captivated
- dazzling

5  Listen and match the speakers (1-5) to the sentences (A-H). There are three extra sentences you do not need.

	Speaker 1	Speaker 2	Speaker 3	Speaker 4	Speaker 5
A	We knew how to protect ourselves.				
B		It made me think how I could help.			
C			We were cut off for a couple of days.		
D				It was very scary to see it coming towards me.	
E					He was determined to save his town.
F					He was very lucky to survive.
G					I had to spend some time in hospital.
H					There was no one close by to help him.

Pronunciation – Homophones

6 Homophones are words which sound the same but they have different meanings and spelling. Match the homophones.

 Listen and repeat.

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2 <input type="checkbox"/>	dear	b whole
3 <input type="checkbox"/>	night	c know
4 <input type="checkbox"/>	no	d deer
5 <input type="checkbox"/>	hole	e rays