

Unit 4C: Young and Homeless

LISTENING COMPREHENSION PRACTICE

1) Complete the paraphrases with the words below:

effort eye get give hand have life make time touch turn word

- 1) to try hard= to a big
- 2) to contact somebody= to in with somebody
- 3) to ignore something= to a blind to something
- 4) to talk to somebody= to a with somebody
- 5) to enjoy yourself a lot = to have the of your .
- 6) to help somebody = to somebody a .

Listening strategy 1: When you listen to a recording, remember that many ideas will be expressed differently in the task. For example, a simple verb in the task may be expressed by a phrase in the recording:
sleep well → get a good night's sleep.

2) **Read Listening strategy 1. Then listen to four people and circle the correct summaries.**

- 3) For the past two weeks, speaker q has been.....
 - a. sleeping well
 - b. sleeping badly
- 4) He's got a new neighbour, but speaker 2 hasn't.....
 - a. Seen him
 - b. Spoken to him
- 5) Speaker3's husband is in the mountains and nobody can.....
 - a. Find him
 - b. Phone him
- 6) Speaker 4 couldn't take part in the race, although he really.....to be fit for it.
 - a. Tried
 - b. Expected

Listening strategy 2: Pay attention to whether the language you hear is formal or informal. This can be an important clue to the context.

3) **Read Listening Strategy 2. Match the phrases 1-6 with similar meanings a-f. Write the letters in the boxes. Then, click the formal phrase in each pair.**

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| 1. Increase sharply | a gain employment |
| 2. Need help | b at the moment |
| 3. Find a job | c a high priority |
| 4. Currently | d go up a lot |
| 5. Very important | e suggest something |
| 6. Make a proposal | f require assistance |

4) Listen to three recordings and circle the correct answers.

1. In recording 1, we hear a man...
 - a. asking for a form to complete.
 - b. asking for help in completing a form.
 - c. returning a form that he has completed.

2. In recording 2, what is the main intention of the speaker?
 - a. To persuade people to make donations to a charity.
 - b. To advise people against giving money to homeless people on the street.
 - c. To suggest ways of helping homeless people which do not cost money.

3. In recording 3, when the speaker took part in the Big Sleep Out, she....
 - a. felt much colder than she had expected.
 - b. did not feel as cold as her friends.
 - c. did not feel as cold as she had expected.