

ENGLISH LISTENING TEST

Listening 1

New Business Ideas

A. Listen to five people talking about how they became entrepreneurs. Decide if each statement is

TRUE

when the statement agrees with the information,

FALSE

when the statement contradicts the information,

NOT GIVEN

when the information is not in the text.

1. Speaker one's husband is Irish but loves Spanish food.
2. Speaker 3 came from a long line of doctors and surgeons.
3. Speaker 4 was always interested in setting up her own design business.

B. Listen again. Match each statement to the corresponding speaker.

4. "I missed doing what I was good at."
5. "I inherited some land from my grandparents."
6. "I felt a sense of duty to the family business."
7. "I saw a gap in the market."
8. "I improved an existing service."
9. "I had a talent that someone spotted."
10. "I don't make as much as I did but I don't mind."

C. Listen to speakers 1 and 3 and complete the sentences below with the words you hear.

11. Chorizo, _____ and paella rice are hard to find in _____.
12. Blood is _____ than water.

Listening 2

Shopping Addiction

A. Decide if each statement is

TRUE

when the statement agrees with the information,

FALSE

when the statement contradicts the information,

NOT GIVEN

when the information is not in the text.

13. Speaker 1 has lots of credit cards and useless stuff in his flat.
14. Speaker 4 would even enter auctions to shop.

B. Listen again. Match each statement to the corresponding speaker.

- 15.** I can never resist a bargain.
- 16.** I try to buy only what I really need.
- 17.** I got into debt by having what I wanted
- 18.** I've stopped impulse buying.
- 19.** I think it's good for people to have what they want.
- 20.** I earn a living by getting people to buy things.
- 21.** Losing my job was the reality check I needed.
- 22.** I thought I needed a new place just to fit my stuff.

C. Listen again to speakers 2 and 4. Fill in the blanks USING ONLY ONE WORD.

- 23.** In one weekend, I bought 6 pairs of _____, 8 shirts, 20 CDs.
- 24.** I realized I already had six white _____.
- 25.** I've never been very much in _____.