

B2 LISTENING TEST

PART 1. You will listen to a lecture about the spice routes. Complete the sentences with a word or short phrase from the recording.



1. In the past, spices were expensive because they were used to
2. The word 'spice' originated from the same Latin word as the word
3. Spices from Asia were taken to other parts of the world and used in foods and as
4. Originally, the sea routes could only reach
5. _____ often made long sea voyages difficult for explorers.
6. The _____ were discovered accidentally while looking for a trading route across the ocean.
7. Some people think _____ came about because of the spice trade.
8. Due to the variety of people trading spices, port towns became very
9. These days most spice farms are usually owned by
10. The main challenges farm owners now face are strong competition and the changing

PART 2. You will hear two people talking about a new sports centre. For questions 1–5, match the opinions to the speakers. Write A, B or Both (for A and B).

1. The sports centre cost too much money.
2. It would be better with a swimming pool.
3. There isn't enough parking.
4. The facilities are excellent.
5. Young people will use the centre most.



Now listen to the second part. For questions 6-10, answer the questions about each speaker's plans.

6. Which speaker will use the fitness classes?
7. Which speaker wants to try a new sport?
8. Who says they might go after work?
9. Which speaker plans to take someone there?
10. Who is going to call for some advice?

