

16 Follow the exam instructions, using the advice to help you.

You will hear a woman called Sally Batting talking about her experiences in the Antarctic. For questions 7–14, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

Tip! As you read the questions before listening, think about what words might be used to indicate that you are about to hear the answer. Remember that the recording will usually use synonyms rather than the exact words in the questions.

SALLY BATTING: CYCLING IN THE ANTARCTIC

Sally's favourite (7) inspired her to go to the Antarctic.

Sally travelled mainly on (8)
..... on her first visit to the Antarctic.

It was the (9) that first struck Sally about the Antarctic.

After two years working as a (10)
..... Sally decided to return to the Antarctic.

Sally's favourite part of her cycle ride across Antarctica was the
(11) stage.

Sally found the (12)
..... the hardest thing to deal with in the Antarctic.

While cycling across the Antarctic, Sally kept in touch with her family through a
(13)

A (14) was what Sally missed most on her long cycle trip.

Advice

7 How might the recording express 'favourite' differently?

8 What kind of word would you expect to fill gap 8?

9 What are you going to be listening for here?

10 What kind of word is going to fit here?

11 'Stage' does not mean part of a theatre here – what is it likely to be referring to?

12 How might the speaker express the idea of 'hardest thing to deal with'?

13 What answer would you predict here? You may not predict the right word, but predicting may help you to catch the correct answer.

14 What might you predict as the answer here? Try to think of three or four possibilities.