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Listening

Arguments

I can understand people talking about arguments.

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1 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 The government conceded / doubted / boasted that they weren't winning the war.
- 2 Gary dismissed / reminded / insisted that it wasn't his fault.
- 3 Tom informed / recommended / argued that we see the film.
- 4 Argued / reminded / observed that Max was worried about something.
- 5 Many people complained / protested / insisted in the streets against the government's plans.
- 6 Our investigation revealed / advised / enquired that the minister was lying.
- 7 Resent / regret / deny having to do all the housework – you should help me!
- 8 Did I warn / inform / mention to you that I had an argument with Harry yesterday?

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs below.

announce deny fear object remind threaten

- 1 Terrorists threatened to attack the festival.
- 2 Mandy denied that she had taken the money, but I saw her do it.
- 3 I'm glad that Janet objected to me to call Fran on her birthday – I'd completely forgotten.
- 4 Rob wasn't answering his phone. Sam began to fear that he'd had an accident, but she didn't tell anyone.
- 5 The police announced that they had arrested the criminal. They said they would charge him with murder.
- 6 A lot of people objected strongly to the plans for building a shopping centre on protected land.



Listening Strategy

Listening tasks often include language that reports or summarises things people say in the recording. It is important therefore to have a good knowledge of reporting verbs, adjectives and adverbs that describe feelings, and verbs that report opinions.

3 2.03 Read the Listening Strategy. Then listen to eight people talking. Choose the correct answer (1–8).

Which speaker:

- A reveals something about their past
- B proposes a celebration
- C announces something important
- D complains about something
- E boasts about their talent
- F reminds someone to do something
- G denies taking something
- H questions what someone says

4 2.04 Listen to three conversations and choose the correct answers. There are two questions for each conversation.

Conversation 1: you hear two people talking about an argument.

1 Matt's friend insisted that ...

- A her party was the best.
- B Matt should help her to give out leaflets.
- C Matt should take part in the election.

2 Matt objected to ...

- A being told he was irresponsible.
- B his friend walking out of the room.
- C someone trying to change his political ideas.

Conversation 2: you hear two people talking about an art exhibition.

3 The man regrets ...

- A going to the exhibition.
- B expressing a strong opinion about the exhibition.
- C telling his friend something.

4 The woman recommends ...

- A apologising.
- B not speaking to his friend for a while.
- C talking to his friend about art.

Conversation 3: you hear two people talking about a damaged laptop.

5 The woman concedes that ...

- A she was fully to blame.
- B she lied about it.
- C she might have been more careful.

6 The man ...

- A proposes talking to Stephen about the damage.
- B recommends that she buy him a new laptop.
- C advises her to ignore Stephen's complaints.