

Exercise 5

Read the information. Then choose the two distractors for the question.

One way to identify a distractor is to listen for language that corrects or contradicts what has already been said. For example:

However, we couldn't afford that.

Actually, we weren't able to go there.

But unfortunately, that didn't work.

Look at the following question and possible answers. Then read the recording script. The correct answer is in bold. Why are the other possible answers distractors?

What will replace the old factory building?

A a library

B a bicycle park

C a shopping centre

Recording script: *The local authorities have been discussing plans to replace the recently demolished factory building. A new library was considered, and the idea was positively received by committee members. However, due to lack of public interest, this didn't go ahead. An idea that came from a local resident was to build a bicycle park to accommodate the growing number of cyclists travelling to and from the city centre. While the majority of committee members were keen to build a new shopping centre instead to boost the local economy, the costs were estimated to be too high, so this was ruled out and the local resident's suggestion was approved.*

The phrase that identifies option A as a distractor is: *However, due to lack of public interest, this didn't go ahead.*

The phrase that identifies option C as a distractor is: *the costs were estimated to be too high, so this was ruled out.*

When will the new modern art exhibition open to the public?

A February

B August

C October

Recording script: Organisers of the art gallery have been discussing the best time to open the new modern art exhibition to the public next year. The same exhibition was opened in February last year, and organisers were keen to do the same again this year. However, due to the clash with the ever-popular digital art exhibition, organisers wanted to ensure the modern art exhibition received maximum attention. The month of August was agreed upon by most of the team, until it became apparent that young people would be off school and so they wouldn't be able to offer school trip packages to students.

Although October wasn't ideal, this was the period of time when the most staff were available, so this month was chosen.

The two distractors are:

- February
- August
- October