

LISTENING FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION



Skill listening for numbers, dates, and prices

We sometimes have to listen for numbers, dates, and prices:

- Practice listening to numbers regularly on the radio or on television.
- Be prepared to hear years and dates if someone is talking about the past.
- Listen for the verbs *cost* and *spend*. We often use them to talk about prices.

1 8.8 Watch or listen to the first part of *Learning Curve*. Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

- 1 Simon talks about the invention of the *satellite* / *GPS*.
- 2 Kate talks about the invention of *instant coffee* / *coffee filters*.

2 8.8 Read the Skill box. Watch or listen again and complete the sentences with the correct numbers, dates, and prices.

- 1 Simon's taxi trip took _____ minutes. It cost about £_____.
- 2 In 19_____, Roger Easton worked at a research center in Washington, D.C.
- 3 In the 19_____, he thought of putting clocks on satellites.
- 4 It cost about \$_____ million to build the first GPS.
- 5 On February _____ 1978, the first GPS satellite went into space.
- 6 Melitta Bentz was born on January 31, _____.
- 7 In the early _____th century, people used little bags to make coffee.
- 8 Kate usually spends £_____ when she buys a cup of coffee.



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A Look at the irregular simple past forms in the chart. Write the infinitive of each verb.

B 8.8 Watch or listen again. Who says the irregular simple past forms in 5A? Write K (Kate) or S (Simon).

Infinitive	Simple past	Kate or Simon?	Infinitive	Simple past	Kate or Simon?
1	took		5	thought	
2	had		6	went	
3	told		7	made	
4	cost		8	gave	