

LISTENING COMPREHENSION TEST

FORM 11 (2016 – 2017)

TEXT 1

You will hear five short extracts in which people are talking about pop stars miming or 'lip-synching'. Listen and complete tasks 1 and 2 below. Remember that questions 1-5 and 6-10 refer to the same five speakers, so scan across both tasks before you listen.

TASK ONE

For questions 1-5, choose from the list A-H what each speaker feels about the music industry today. There can be only 1 answer for each speaker.

A. The only thing that matters nowadays is talent.	1) Speaker 1 _____ 2) Speaker 2 _____ 3) Speaker 3 _____ 4) Speaker 4 _____ 5) Speaker 5 _____
B. The industry creates music that follows what's fashionable.	
C. Tickets for live shows should be offered to fans first.	
D. The industry is too concerned about what artists look like.	
E. It's not only professionals who can perform well.	
F. It's a pity that a lot of talent is going to waste.	
G. It's not always easy to obtain tickets for live concerts.	
H. Many singers are second-rate live performers.	

TASK TWO

For questions 6-10, choose from the list A-H each speaker's attitude towards artists lip-synching. There can be only 1 answer for each speaker.

A. It would be unwise for some performers not to lip-synch.	6) Speaker 1 _____ 7) Speaker 2 _____ 8) Speaker 3 _____ 9) Speaker 4 _____ 10) Speaker 5 _____
B. No professional musician should need to lip-synch.	
C. Most singers who lip-synch simply look awkward.	
D. It's better to watch a recorded performance than artists lip-synching.	
E. The press should give more coverage to the fact that artists lip-synch.	
F. Lip-synching is acceptable if you know it's going to happen.	
G. Lyrics aren't important any more so it doesn't matter if artists lip-synch.	
H. If artists lip-synch, this is an insult to the audience.	

TEXT 2

You will hear part of a radio talk for young people about animals communicating with each other. Listen and complete the sentences with a word or a short phrase.

1. Bees do a _____ to communicate where to find food.
2. Although parrots seem to speak, they are only _____ the human sounds.
3. Primates can communicate a few _____ using simple sounds.
4. Monkeys have not been observed to use any kind of _____.
5. Although dolphins can make vowel sounds, they cannot accurately imitate our _____.
6. Amazingly, dolphins demonstrate an _____ of when to use phrases.
7. The sounds made by whales contain _____ than human speech.
8. The songs of the bottle-nosed whale have many of the _____ of human speech.
9. The unique grammatical nature of human language arose due to life in _____.
10. Indeed, a young child needs enough _____ with other people to develop speech.