

Listening

1 Listen to a talk about two people and answer the questions.

Nancy Li Fan

- 1 How old was Nancy when she started writing her first novel?
- 2 Where did she send her book when she finished it?
- 3 Where was she born?
- 4 Into what language did she translate her second book?

Emily Kngwarreye

- 5 Where on the catalogue was there a photo of Emily's painting?
- 6 How long did it take Emily to make 3,000 paintings?

2. Listen again. Are the sentences true (T), false (F) or don't know (DK)

- 1 Nancy has always loved birds.
- 2 She and her parents came to the USA 11 years ago.
- 3 Emily's first painting was 'Emu Woman'.
- 4 Emily sold 'Emu Woman' for a lot of money.

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Reading

Star Trek™, the story of a group of explorers on a voyage of discovery through space in the 23rd century, has become a multi-billion dollar industry with a cult following 1 . That was when Gene Roddenberry started to draft his ideas for a science fiction series 2 .

The original Star Trek™ was first shown in 1966 and ran for three seasons. The crew of the starship Enterprise was led by Captain Kirk, with his first officer, Spock. Spock's ears – he had rather a strange appearance – were so pointed that he was considered to be a bit too frightening, but the longer the series continued, the more popular he became! Then there was the chief medical officer, McCoy and 'Scotty', the chief engineer, who played a major supporting role.

Many stories in the series centred on the interaction between the three main characters, 3 . Kirk was assertive and passionate; Spock was frank and supremely logical while Dr. McCoy was very caring. In fact, the dialogue played such a central role in the series that some said Star Trek™ could have been presented as a radio drama, 4 .

However, there was more to Star Trek™ than a simple science fiction story. Star Trek™ has remained relevant even 50 years later 5 . Not only that, but Star Trek™ also helped to inspire many modern technologies, including the mobile phone, space shuttles and the concept of teleportation ('Beam me up, Scotty!').

Finally, the cast of Star Trek™ was chosen 6 . This was an original idea at the time and too shocking for some of the more narrow-minded producers. Needless to say, by the 1980s, it had become so common it was no longer seen as anything unusual.

- A. because each film or series reflected the issues of its time.
- B. but fortunately it wasn't.
- C. so people would learn lessons from the past.
- D. so there would be a cultural and racial mix.
- E. that no one could have imagined in the early 1960s.
- F. that would become Star Trek™.
- G. who would often disagree about the right course of action to take.

