

LISTENING PART 1

Exercise: Multiple choice conversations

You will hear people talking in eight different situations. For questions 1-8, choose the best answer (A, B or C).



1 You overhear a woman recommending a campsite.

Why does she recommend it?

- A It's close to tourist attractions.
- B It's in an area of natural beauty.
- C It has a wide range of facilities.

2 You overhear two friends talking about global warming.

How does the girl feel about it?

- A pessimistic about the future
- B surprised at the effects it's having
- C unconvinced that there's a problem

3 You overhear a young couple talking about moving to the country.

Why does the man object to the idea?

- A He wouldn't be able to work there.
- B He'd miss the facilities of the city.
- C He wouldn't be near to his friends.

4 You hear a part of a radio programme about food.

Why should listeners call the programme?

- A to take part in a recipe competition
- B to find out about a cookery course
- C to ask questions about cooking

5 You hear the beginning of a programme about college canteens.

What point is being made about them?

A The choice of food has improved.

B Students like the food on offer there.

C Teachers complain about the quality of the food.

6 You hear a young woman talking about her career.

Why did she accept a job in a bookshop?

A She needed a steady income.

B She thought it would be enjoyable.

C She hoped to improve certain skills.

7 You hear part of a programme about a clothes designer.

What does the woman like about the clothes he designs?

A They are practical.

B They are colourful.

C They are original.

8 You overhear a discussion about the sport of snow-kiting.

What does the man say about it?

A It's easier to learn than other winter sports.

B It's more dangerous than other winter sports.

C It requires less equipment than other winter sports.

LISTENING PART 2

Exercise: Gapped text with audio

You will hear a talk on the radio about the Loch Ness Monster. For questions 9-18, complete the sentences.



The Mysterious Monster

The head of the Loch Ness Monster has been compared to that of a (9)_____.
The first published photographic image of the monster is known as the (10)_____ picture. People argued that a picture taken in 1960 actually showed a (11)_____ but experts have proved them wrong. Tim Dinsdale realised that most monster sightings occurred on days when the weather was (12) _____. Most eyewitnesses say they have no interest in getting (13) _____ when they report their sightings.
In 1968, an underwater investigation used sonar equipment instead of (14) _____ to try and find the monster. An attempt to find the monster by using a (15) _____ failed in 1969 because the Loch Ness water is so dirty.
The idea of using a group of (16) _____ to help with the search proved to be too complicated. Dr Rines' underwater picture of 1972 seemed to show the (17) _____ of a large sea animal. The aim of the latest research project is to study all the (18) _____ and _____ living in Loch Ness.

LISTENING PART 3

Exercise: Matching opinions

You will hear five different people talking about concerts they went to. For questions 19-23, choose from the list (A-F) the opinion each speaker expresses about the concert. Use the letters only once. There is one extra letter which you do not need to use.



A The performers got a better reception than they deserved.

B These musicians are at their best in live performances.

C The concert improved after a disappointing beginning.

D I enjoyed the band's choice of material for the concert.

E I'd like to have seen more bands for the price I paid.

F I was pleased the concert was raising money for a good cause.

19 Speaker 1 -----

20 Speaker 2 -----

21 Speaker 3 -----

22 Speaker 4 -----

23 Speaker 5 -----

LISTENING PART 4

Exercise: Multiple choice interview

You will hear an interview with Patrick Shaw, who works as a pilot for a company that organises hot-air balloon trips. For questions 24-30, choose the best answer (A, B or C).



24 According to Patrick, what worries people most when they take a balloon trip?

- A how far the wind will take them
- B whether they will hit some obstacle
- C what the experience of landing will be like

25 Why does Patrick recommend joining the ground crew?

- A It's the best way of learning about balloons.
- B It provides some experience of flying a balloon.
- C It can be a fun way of earning extra income.

26 What makes the job of the ground crew particularly difficult?

- A poor communication with the pilot
- B unpredictable weather conditions
- C the nervousness of the passengers

27 Patrick says that all members of the ground crew must

- A be physically strong.
- B have good social skills.
- C know their area well.

28 Patrick finds it unsatisfactory when new crew members

- A fail to cooperate with each other.
- B distract him with unnecessary questions.
- C don't accept the way things should be done.

29 What does Patrick say about balloon competitions?

- A It is often difficult to determine who has won.
- B The finishing target area is often unmarked.
- C Some competitors are requesting clearer rules.

30 Patrick thinks his particular skills as a pilot result from

- A the way in which he was trained.
 - B the fact that he's adventurous by nature.
 - C the amount of experience he has.
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