5C Listening

Navigation nightmare

I can distinguish fact from opinion.

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1 Complete the gadgets in the sentences.

1 He used a c[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ]r to record the school play.
2 I need a new M[ ][ ] [ ][ ][ ][ ][ ]r so I can listen to music when I go running.
3 Without the s[ ][ ][ ][ ]v, we would never have found the hotel.
4 She wears a B[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] h[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ]t so she can speak to the office while she's in her car.
5 His s[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ]h doesn't just tell him what the time is but also how far he's walked every day.
6 If I had a g[ ][ ][ ][ ] c[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] in my bedroom, I probably wouldn't do much homework.
7 Now that I've bought this t[ ][ ][ ][ ]t, I hardly ever use my laptop.
8 My new d[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] r[ ][ ][ ][ ] is also a B[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] s[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ]r, so I can use it to stream music from my s[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ].
9 I've saved all of my school work onto a m[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] s[ ][ ][ ]k.

Listening Strategy

You may have to distinguish fact from opinion in a listening task. Listen for clues to help you decide. An opinion might begin with a verb connected with thinking (e.g. *think, believe, expect, reckon*, etc.) or a phrase for introducing opinions (*in my view, as I see it*, etc.).

2 1.23 Read the Listening Strategy. Then listen to four short dialogues. Are the sentences below facts (F) or opinions (O)?

	F	O
1 The best place to keep a copy of photos is on a memory stick.		
2 Smartwatches will get cheaper over the next few years.		
3 Watching films on a tablet is more popular than going to the cinema.		
4 People buy fewer gadgets now than they bought in the past.		

3 1.23 Complete the phrases for expressing opinions with the words below. Then listen again and check.

as in opinion problem to

1 In my [ ], ...
2 [ ] I see it, ...
3 [ ] my view, ...
4 The [ ] is ...
5 It seems [ ] me that ...

4 Express your own opinions about these topics using the phrases from exercise 3.

1 students using their phones in school

2 drivers using satnav to find their way

3 having hundreds of 'friends' on social media

5 1.24 Listen to four dialogues. Circle the correct answers.

1 In dialogue 1, which sentence is a fact, not an opinion?
(a) They are driving along a road called West Way.
(b) There can't be two hotels with the same name in the same part of town.
(c) The Adelphi Hotel has two buildings.

2 In dialogue 2, why do they decide to use the paper map, not the phone?
(a) There is no map app on their phone.
(b) Mobile phone reception is not reliable.
(c) The map on the phone is not big enough.

3 In dialogue 3, which sentence is an opinion, not a fact?
(a) They can't drive along the High Street.
(b) There's a market next to the park on Saturdays.
(c) The fastest route to the station is along Park Avenue.

4 In dialogue 4, why will the man's mistake not make him late?
(a) The train he is on is faster than the train he wanted.
(b) He can still catch the train he wanted.
(c) Both trains go to the same destination.

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