

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

Tip strip

Question 1: Listen for the words 'great' and 'livened things up'. What are they talking about when they use these words?

Question 3: Listen for the phrase: 'I wasn't so keen on'. Who or what is the girl referring to when she says this?

Question 5: Listen for a phrase that means 'you should'. The answer comes after it.

Question 7: Listen for a phrase that expresses a similar idea to 'looking forward to'.

- 1 You hear two friends talking about an end-of-term party.
They agree that the best thing about it was
 - A the food.
 - B the venue.
 - C the music.
- 2 You hear a sports coach talking to a football team.
He thinks that the team needs to concentrate on their
 - A attitude towards key matches.
 - B general physical fitness.
 - C specific ball skills.
- 3 You hear two friends talking about a film they have seen.
What does the girl criticise?
 - A the visual impact
 - B the choice of actors
 - C the complexity of the plot
- 4 You hear a boy talking about a competition he entered.
How does he feel about it?
 - A disappointed with his performance
 - B determined to learn from the experience
 - C dissatisfied with the level of feedback he received
- 5 You hear a science teacher talking to his class.
What is he doing?
 - A suggesting the best way to present a piece of work
 - B advising them how to approach their research
 - C recommending a useful source of background information
- 6 You hear a girl leaving a phone message for her friend.
Why is she calling?
 - A to cancel an appointment
 - B to rearrange a planned activity
 - C to apologise for forgetting something
- 7 You hear a man talking about his holiday plans.
What is he looking forward to most?
 - A having a break from everyday commitments
 - B experiencing life in another culture
 - C trying out some new leisure pursuits
- 8 You hear two friends discussing traffic problems in their city.
What concerns the girl about priority lanes?
 - A how much they will cost to install
 - B whether other road users will respect them
 - C the effect they will have on levels of congestion

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Question 9: You are listening for a sentence which mentions a family member.

Question 12: There are two types of cabin – listen for the name of the type Keith stayed in.

Question 15: Listen for the phrase 'I was cool with that'. It refers to the answer.

Question 16: Be careful, we hear different adjectives that describe the paths and the area.

Question 18: Listen for the word 'overall'. It tells you that Keith is summing up his ideas.

You will hear a boy called Keith giving a class presentation about a trip he went on to a place called The Woodland Centre. For questions 9–18, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

The Woodland Centre

Keith's family went to The Woodland Centre on the recommendation of his

(9)

Keith was pleased to see some (10)

in the chill-out room at the centre.

Keith was surprised how far his family's cabin was from the

(11)

The cabin which the family stayed in was what's known as a

(12) cabin.

Keith thought it was inconvenient that the cabin didn't have a

(13)

Keith was pleased to be able to identify some

(14) when he was in the hot tub.

Keith was happy with the choice of (15)

as the group's watersports activity.

Keith was disappointed that the mountain biking activity took place in a

(16) area.

Inside the castle they visited, Keith found the

(17) the most interesting part.

Keith uses the word (18) to sum up his

impression of the facilities at the Centre.

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Speaker One: Listen for the phrase 'on the panel'. What she says next tells you the answer.

Speaker Two: Listen to what he says about a singer – it helps with the question.

Speaker Three: When he says 'that boy will prove me right', what is he referring to? This helps with the answer.

Speaker Four: Be careful: the audience is mentioned by Speaker 4, but H is not the answer.

Speaker Five: Listen to the first half of what she says. It tells you how she feels about being a judge.

Part 3

You will hear five short extracts in which people are talking about being a judge in a talent show. For questions 19–23, choose from the list (A–H) how each speaker feels about the experience. Use the letters only once. There are three extra letters which you do not need to use.

A keen to be invited back

Speaker 1

19

B sorry for upsetting one contestant

Speaker 2

20

C unsure whether the best act won

Speaker 3

21

D surprised by the other judges' dedication

Speaker 4

22

E critical of the way it was organised

Speaker 5

23

F pleased to have identified the winner early on

G disappointed by the quality of the acts

H surprised by the behaviour of the audience

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Question 24: What does Dan say about his friends? Which option does this refer to?

Question 27: Listen to what Dan says about 'clients'. What does he mean by this?

Question 26: Be careful: all three ideas are mentioned. Which one does Dan appreciate 'most'?

Question 29: Listen for the phrase 'And that's what I did.' What does it refer to?

You will hear an interview with a successful hairdresser called Dan Shefford. For questions 24–30, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

- 24** Dan decided to train as a hairdresser as a result of
- A encouragement from his parents.
 - B positive feedback on his practical skills.
 - C realising it was a good business to get into.
- 25** Looking back on his initial training, Dan feels
- A grateful for the skills he learnt.
 - B embarrassed by the way he behaved.
 - C disappointed by aspects of a course he followed.
- 26** What did Dan appreciate most about his first job as a fully-trained hairdresser?
- A the type of clients he got to work with
 - B the attitude of the person in charge
 - C the good reputation it enjoyed
- 27** Dan thinks that, above all, a good hairdresser needs
- A a lively imagination.
 - B an interest in developing new styles.
 - C a genuine wish to understand other people.
- 28** When Dan inherited some money, he felt
- A unsure what he should do with it.
 - B obliged to follow his uncle's instructions.
 - C keen to use most if it to further his career.
- 29** How did Dan deal with the challenges of running his own salon?
- A He got a former boss to give him advice.
 - B He followed the example of someone he admired.
 - C He forced the staff to accept new ways of working.
- 30** When asked about business skills, Dan says that
- A he's come to rely on a colleague he can trust.
 - B he finds it hard to accept the advice of experts.
 - C he accepts that they don't come naturally to him.