

Task 5. Read the texts below. For questions (23-27) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

Why we don't like the sound of our own voice

'That doesn't sound like me ...' This is what many of us mutter when we hear our recorded voices. Well, yes, it does - and it's what everyone else hears, too.

When someone speaks to us, or we hear a recording of our voice, the sound is air-conducted. Sounds (23) _____ on the air are transmitted through our eardrums, making the small bones in our inner ears tremble.

In turn, these vibrations are (24) _____ by our brains.

When we speak, the sound doesn't all enter our ears from the outside, and what we hear is (25) _____ different. The vibrations are sent directly to our inner ear, and as they travel, their frequency is lowered.

The reason our recorded voice doesn't (26) _____ us is that we've grown up hearing ourselves in a real way, so it's difficult to accept that isn't how we sound to the outside world. We've (27) _____ got used to what we sound like inside.

23	A carried	B travelled	C fetched	D reached
24	A decided	B interpreted	C explained	D settled
25	A likely	B hardly	C slightly	D little
26	A please	B cheer	C invite	D tempt
27	A well	B simply	C quite	D mostly