

## Listening for Attitudes

### Exercise 1

Listen to Jennie's friends talking about her birthday party last Sunday and answer the questions.

(Circle the answers.)

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|
| (1) Do you think Eric is happy with Tim's comment about his lateness? | Yes | No |
| (2) Does Eric sound like he enjoyed Jennie's party?                   | Yes | No |
| (3) Does May sound like she enjoyed the party?                        | Yes | No |
| (4) Do you think Tim liked May's balloon animals?                     | Yes | No |
| (5) Do you think Eric is upset with Gilbert's comment?                | Yes | No |
| (6) Do you think Gilbert was happy with Tim's food comment?           | Yes | No |
| (7) Do you think May likes garlic?                                    | Yes | No |

### Exercise 2

Listen and circle the tone of voice the speaker uses.

- The next train leaves in half an hour.  
☐ A. calm ☐ B. urgent
- That's made me feel a lot better.  
☐ A. grateful ☐ B. sarcastic
- This is going to be rather painful  
☐ A. aggressive ☐ B. sympathetic
- We were too poor to even go on holiday.  
☐ A. bitter ☐ B. nostalgic

### Exercise 3

Listen. Which adjective below best describes each speaker's tone of voice? There are three extra adjectives.

*arrogant*      *enthusiastic*      *grateful*      *nostalgic*  
*pessimistic*      *sympathetic*      *urgent*

Speaker 1 .....

Speaker 2 .....

Speaker 3 .....

Speaker 4 .....

### Exercise 4

Listen to four monologues. Match speakers 1-4 with sentences A-E. There is one extra sentence.

- A The speaker is persuading people to buy something.
- B The speaker is remembering a family tradition from when he / she was younger.
- C The speaker is thanking his / her guests for coming to a special family meal.
- D The speaker is praising a family member for preventing a family argument.
- E The speaker is complaining about a bad experience at a family reunion.

Speaker 1 .....

Speaker 2 .....

Speaker 3 .....

Speaker 4 .....

## Exercise 5

Listen to the conversation. Which of these opinions are Lewis's (L)? Which are Amelia's (A)?

|   |                                                             |  |
|---|-------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Boxing is dangerous.                                        |  |
| 2 | Other sports are more dangerous.                            |  |
| 3 | In boxing, the goal is to hurt other people.                |  |
| 4 | People are naturally aggressive.                            |  |
| 5 | Boxers are great athletes.                                  |  |
| 6 | People can choose to box or not.                            |  |
| 7 | Children under sixteen shouldn't box.                       |  |
| 8 | If you ban boxing, it will become more dangerous.           |  |
| 9 | Boxers could do other sports because they're good athletes. |  |

## Exercise 6

Read the statements below. Then listen to the last part of Greg's talk and tick your answers.

| Greg thinks:                                  | Yes | No |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----|----|
| a most people have the same learning style.   |     |    |
| b one learning style is better than the rest. |     |    |
| c people learn in similar ways.               |     |    |
| d it's not possible to categorize everyone.   |     |    |
| e the human brain is predictable.             |     |    |

## Exercise 7

Listen to six people talking about feelings. Match the feeling each speaker talks about 1-6 with the things he/she says about it a)–f).

|   |          |                                |
|---|----------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | bored    | a) anything to do with numbers |
| 2 | lonely   | b) prefers to be busy          |
| 3 | confused | c) the beauty of nature        |
| 4 | amazed   | d) problems of the world       |
| 5 | nervous  | e) call a friend/sister        |
| 6 | worried  | f) organize a party/dinner     |

## Exercise 8

Are these statements true or false? Check (✓) the correct answer.

|                                                | True | False |
|------------------------------------------------|------|-------|
| 1 Melanie doesn't like musicals.               |      |       |
| 2 Jake goes to the park often.                 |      |       |
| 3 Sarah has stayed home every night this week. |      |       |
| 4 Ben doesn't have tickets to the game.        |      |       |
| 5 Jen studies Spanish.                         |      |       |
| 6 Steven only wants to see the match.          |      |       |

## Exercise 9

People are talking about shopping. Listen and choose the correct information about each person.



1. ☐ A. She enjoyed going to the store.  
☐ B. There were good bargains.  
☐ C. She bought many things.
  
2. ☐ A. Most of the things he bought were good.  
☐ B. He didn't buy much.  
☐ C. He didn't like the clothes he bought.
  
3. ☐ A. The camera cost nearly \$250.  
☐ B. The camera doesn't work well.  
☐ C. The camera cost more at an online store.
  
4. ☐ A. She bargained when she bought them.  
☐ B. She thought the prices were reasonable.  
☐ C. Her friend got things for a higher price.

## Exercise 10

### Part 1

People are giving opinions about these topics. Are they for or against them? Listen and check (✓) the correct answer.

|                     | For | Against |
|---------------------|-----|---------|
| 1 space exploration |     |         |
| 2 TV commercials    |     |         |
| 3 Olympic Games     |     |         |
| 4 tourism           |     |         |
| 5 action movies     |     |         |
| 6 big cars          |     |         |

### Part 2

Listen again. What reason does each person give? Choose the correct answer.

- ☐ A. It's too expensive.  
☐ B. It's how we learn about the universe.  
☐ C. It isn't important.
- ☐ A. They're too short.  
☐ B. They interrupt her favorite programs.  
☐ C. They're boring.
- ☐ A. They encourage an interest in sports.  
☐ B. They cost too much.  
☐ C. Her country always wins.

4. ☐ A. It creates pollution.  
☐ B. It's fun to meet visitors.  
☐ C. It brings jobs and money to the city.
5. ☐ A. They're too violent.  
☐ B. They're too boring.  
☐ C. They're too loud.
6. ☐ A. They take too much gas.  
☐ B. There isn't enough parking.  
☐ C. They cost too much.