

British English: Listening Comprehension

Do It Yourself



(6: 20)

This is another listening comprehension video. In it, you will review several important skills: understanding non-rhotic words, listening to directions, understanding numbers, etc. Before you watch the video and answer the questions, look at the vocabulary list below.

Vocabulary

- **hi-fi:** equipment for playing recorded music in high-fidelity sound (*equipo estéreo*)
- **chest of drawers:** a piece of furniture with drawers in which you keep things such as clothes (*una cómoda*)
- **practical:** skilled at manual tasks (*hábiloso*)
- **appointment:** an arrangement to meet someone at a particular time and place (*cita / turno / reunión*)
- **DIY:** an acronym (*acrónimo*) for “Do It Yourself” (*hazlo tú mismo*)
- **“hang on”:** an expression that means “wait a moment” (*espera un momento*)
- **roundabout:** a road junction at which traffic moves in one direction round a central island to reach one of the roads converging on it (*rotunda*)
- **lovely:** beautiful or attractive (*hermoso*)
- **gorgeous:** beautiful or attractive (*hermoso / espléndido*)
- **How about...?:** an expression used to make a suggestion or to ask for an opinion (*¿Qué tal si...?*)

Answer the questions.

1) Why is Helen upset? (Respond in a full sentence in English.)

2) What color did Matt suggest? _____

3) How much did the first paint option cost? _____

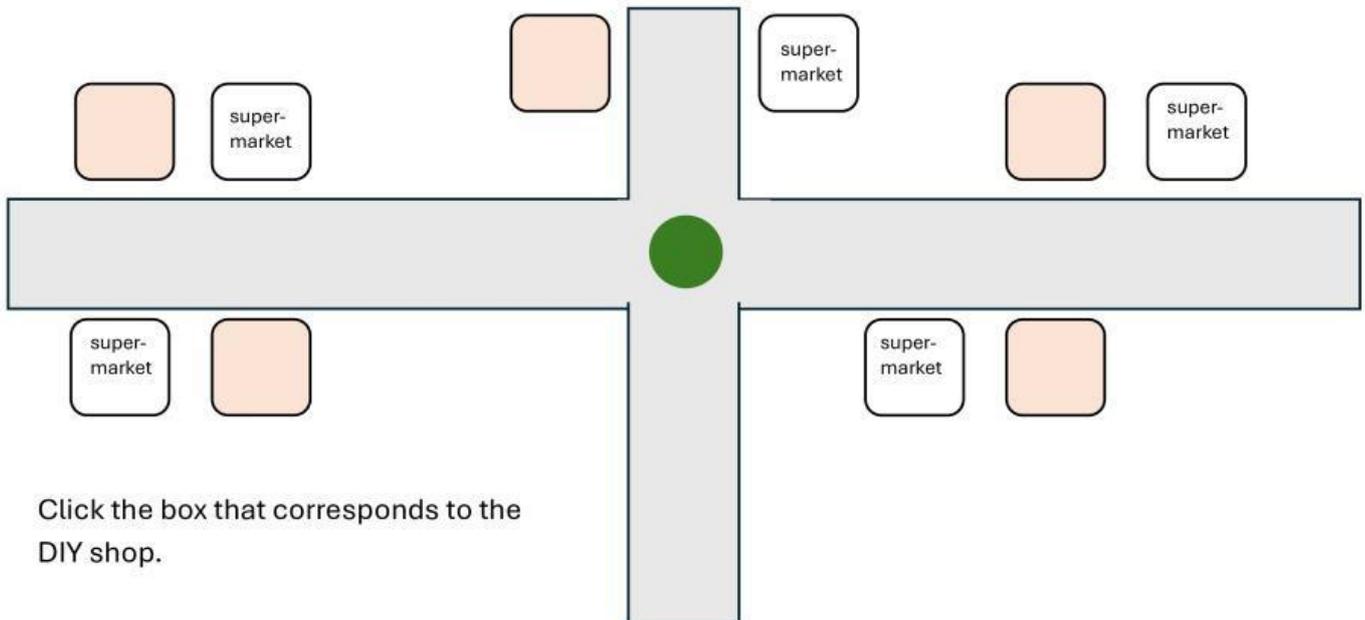
The second option? _____

4) Did Helen like the color they chose? yes no

Did you like the color they chose? yes no

5) A man gave the housemates directions to the DIY shop (at the 2:10 mark). Fill in the spaces:

(a) go _____ on, (b) turn _____ at the roundabout, (c) go _____ the road, and (d) it's on the _____, _____ the supermarket.



6) Below is a transcript of the video. Listen again—just the audio below—and fill in the missing words.

Helen (voice over): My room. It's big. It's comfortable. But... I don't know. The _____.
This chair. Everything.

David: Move the bed.

Helen: _____?

David: How about under the window?

Matt: Put the hi-fi on the chest of drawers.

David: Put the _____ in the corner.

Helen: I don't know.

Jane: Why _____ you paint it?

Helen: Paint what?

Jane: Paint the room.

Helen: I don't know. I'm not very practical. I don't like painting. ... I'm always too busy. I don't really have time today. ... I have a lunch appointment at _____. It's impossible.

Jane: Can we do it for you?

Helen: Really?

David: Yes.

Matt: Yeah.

Helen: Are you _____?

Jane: Of course, we're sure.

David: What about the _____?

Helen: Oh, I don't know. ... Something nice.

Jane: Now don't worry. You go out. Enjoy your lunch and _____ it with us.

Helen: Thank you.

Jane: OK. Let's go and buy some paint.

[Helen leaves the room.]

Jane: Matt, do you want to come?

Matt: Yeah.

Jane: Do you want to get _____?

[The housemates are in the car going to buy the paint.]

Matt: There is a DIY store here.

David: Not on this road.

Jane: Ask someone.

David: _____. Excuse me. Is there a DIY store _____ here?

Man: Yes. Go straight on. Turn left at the roundabout. Go down the road, and it's on the right, next to the supermarket.

David: Thank you.

Matt: How about this?

Jane: _____? ... There are some really nice colors here. ... Oh, look. This is lovely.

David: How much is it?

Jane: £_____.

David: That's expensive.

Jane: Hey, Matt! This is the same colour as your T-shirt. It's gorgeous. ... What do you think?

Matt: Yeah, I like it.

David: How much is it?

Jane: £_____. How many do we want?

David: Two. That's £_____. £_____. That's OK.

Jane: Now, are there any rollers?

David: There are some _____ there.

[The housemates prepare and start to paint the room.]

Jane: What do you think?

Matt: It looks great.

Jane: I love it.

David: It looks... interesting... but good. I like it.

[The housemates are waiting for Helen to return.]

Matt: Finished?

Jane: Yes. Thanks. I _____ like this colour.

Matt: Me too.

David: The room looks great. Here she is.

Helen: Hello.

Jane: Hi, Helen. We're up _____.

Helen: Can I go in?

Matt: Yep.

Jane: Welcome to your new bedroom.

Helen: Ugh, Matt. Your T-shirt.

Matt: What?

Helen: The color. It's _____.

[Helen opens the door and sees her room.]

Helen: Ooooh!

Helen (voice over): Next time, Helen, don't ask for help. Do it _____.