



Taki Academy

English

Bac- all sections

Session : **listening practice for Mid-term
1 test**

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Listening Comprehension Test: mid-term test one

Part 1:

Listen to or read the conversation, then choose the correct option (A, B, or C) for each question:

1. What is Simon planning to do?
 - A) Move to Southeast Asia permanently.
 - B) Take another trip to Southeast Asia.
 - C) Book a flight to South America.
2. According to Simon, what is a major advantage of backpacking?
 - A) It is very expensive and luxurious.
 - B) Everything is provided for you automatically.
 - C) It is cheap and you can meet interesting people.
3. Why does Simon think packaged tours are good for short trips?
 - A) You do not have to worry about anything, so your mind can relax.
 - B) You are forced to talk to strangers all day long.
 - C) You learn the local language fluently in a few days.

Part 2:

The following statements are false. Correct them with details from the listening audio

1. Simon has already made a final decision about whether he will backpack or take a packaged tour.
 - **Justification:**
2. Todd believes that backpacking is always the best choice if you are traveling with another person.
 - **Justification:**
3. Simon thinks that taking a packaged tour alone would allow you to make friends easily.
 - **Justification:**

Part 3:

Fill in the missing words based on the dialogue:

1. With backpacking, you can sometimes stumble upon really cool things or interesting places by _____.
2. Packaged tours usually have the _____ about the area, and you get a guide who can speak the language.
3. When you are a backpacker, you always have to worry about questions like "Is this place _____?" or "Are my belongings safe?".

Part 4:

Complete the table below summarizing the pros and cons discussed by the speakers:

Travel Style	Advantages	Disadvantages
Backpacking	• Cheap • Meet interesting people • Find cool places by chance	• Always have to think about safety and finding a place to stay
Packaged Tour	• Expert guidance / local guide • Good for short trips • Everything is provided /	• Can feel lonely if traveling alone

Part 5:

Find expressions in the dialogue that mean nearly the same as the following:

1. Find or discover something by accident " _____ "
2. Wealth of knowledge or special skill in a specific area: " _____ "
3. Without a doubt / Exactly (Paragraph 9): " _____ "

Part 6:

Answer the following question in 2 to 3 lines:

If you were planning a trip to a foreign country, would you prefer to travel as a backpacker or book a packaged tour? Why?

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