

B2_LISTENING PRACTICE 2

Task 1: [Test_02_02.mp3] You will hear part of a meeting and a telephone conversation. For each question, write one or two words or a number. You will hear each recording twice.

Listening 1: Look at the notes below. You will hear a manager discussing the company's website.

Website meeting

- Need to get quotes that match the ¹ _____ – not too expensive; role allocated to Toni
- Staff party on ² _____ so need finished website a week before
- Rewrite website text – role allocated to ³ _____
- Staff photo session to take place ⁴ _____

Listening 2: Look at the notes below. You will hear two colleagues talking about another member of staff.

Florencia's notes about Bruno

One problem is time-keeping. Jan changed start time to ⁵ _____

My view: Being late is ⁶ _____ – bad example

Jan said Bruno needs to show improved ⁷ _____

To do = Jan to arrange meeting to talk about ⁸ _____ @ end of month

Task 2: Listen and fill in the blanks WITH NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS

The host introduces the topic of nature versus technology. He explains that technology, such as (1) _____, televisions, the Internet and AI tools like ChatGPT and Gemini, makes our lives easier. He then asks how technology enhances our (2) _____ with nature. The female speaker explains that technology helps people explore and understand the natural world. For example, (3) _____ use technology to explore the Pacific Ocean and learn more about its depth.

The host then asks how (4) _____ on technology affects our connection with nature. The female speaker shares her personal experience of being (5) _____ to her smartphone. She checks it frequently, even when there are no (6) _____. One day, she was feeling unwell and drowsy, so she took a walk in a nearby garden. She felt calmer while enjoying the trees and watching the (7) _____. Spending time in nature helped her clear her mind and deal with work-related stress.

She also explains that (8) _____ can distract people and negatively affect their lives. As a result, she decided to (9) _____, (10) _____ her use of

Facebook, and stop checking other people's WhatsApp statuses. She realized that she needed to spend less time on social media and focus more on her own life.