

UNIT 4 – LISTENING – HOMEWORK – SURVIVAL ENGLISH

1) Exercise 1

You will hear a conversation at the customs in Gatwick Airport. As you listen, fill in the form below. (File 7)

Surname:	(1)
First name:	(2)
Sex:	(3)
Date of birth:	(4)
Nationality:	(5)
Occupation:	(6)
Reason for travel in the UK:	(7)
Address in the UK:	(8) Halefield Road, Tottenham, London

(transcript)

Officer: May I have your disembarkation card?
Student: What?
Officer: Your landing card. Do you have one?
Student: No, I have no card.
Officer: I see. Well, I'm afraid you need one. Here, let me help you. First of all, could I have your surname, please?
Student: My name?
Officer: Yes, your last name. You know, your family name.
Student: Ah, Yes. Anthony Butcher.
Officer: I beg your pardon?
Student: Anthony Butcher.
Officer: Could you spell that for me, please?
Student: B-U-T-C-H-E-R, Butcher.
Officer: B-U-T-C-H-E-R. And your first name?
Student: Anthony.
Officer: I'm sorry, but I'm afraid you're going to have to spell that one too.
Student: A-N-T-H-O-N-Y.
Officer: All right. And what's your occupation, Mr. Butcher? What do you do?
Student: My job?
Officer: Yes.
Student: I'm a student. I don't have a job right now.
Officer: And when were you born? Uh, what's your birthday?

Student: 14 April, 1966.
Officer: April 14. And your nationality?
Student: Sorry?
Officer: What country do you come from?
Student: My country?... Italy.
Officer: So you're an Italian. And what's the reason for your trip? Why have you come to the UK?
Student: Why? To study English.
Officer: Fine. And where will you be staying?
Student: With my brother.
Officer: All right. What's his address, please?
Student: Address?
Officer: Yes, your brother's address. Where does he live?
Student: 35 Halefield Road, Tottenham, London.
Officer: 35 Halefield Road, Tottenham. OK, that's it. Have a nice stay. Next, please.

Exercise 2. Circle the appropriate letter. (File 8)

1. What did the landlady leave for Mike?

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| A. notebook | B. key |
| C. note | D. bag |

2. What was the first complaint about Mike?

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| A. bathroom | B. smell |
| C. appearance | D. noise |

3. Mike often talks about

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| A. his difficulties at his house | B. finding a place to live |
| C. the parties he went to | D. his friend's house |

4. Mike wants to move, but he wants to live

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| A. alone | B. in a quiet place |
| C. near the school | D. with his parents |

5. How many people live in Tom's house besides Tom?

A. 2

B. 3

C. 4

D. 5

6. The expenses which Tom and his housemates share DO NOT include

A. food

B. rent

C. light

D. heating

7. When is Jane leaving?

A. 22nd

B. 20th

C. 30th

D. 29th

Transcript

Tom: Hello, Mike. What's up with you?

Mike: Oh, Tom. It's my landlady again.

Tom: You're always in trouble. What is it this time?

Mike: You see, she left a note for me. Just read it.

Tom: Well, did you leave the front door open?

Mike: I honestly don't remember. I got back late from a party. Anyway, what does it matter? It's all complaints in that house. first noise, then the bathroom.

Tom: Well, in that case, why don't you look around for another place?

Mike: I've already started. I looked in the paper this morning, plenty of advertisements as usual, but most of the places are too far from school.

Tom: Look, why don't you come and share with us?

Mike: But surely there are four of you in the flat already, aren't there?

Tom: Yes, but, you know. Jane is leaving at the end of the month. She's got a job down south. There will be a spare room. It's rather small, but you can sleep there for the moment till you find a nice one.

Mike: That's a good idea. How many rooms do you have?

Tom: We have four bedrooms and a big living room.

Mike: What are the arrangements?

Tom: Oh, we share all expenses, of course, rent, light, and heating.

Mike: What about food?

Tom: Oh, we each buy our own. It works out fine that way. And you can do anything like in your own room, but there is one thing...

Mike: What's that?

Tom: Don't leave the front door open. Strange people may wander in.

Mike: All right. I promise that won't happen again. By the way, when is Jane leaving?
 Tom: Let me see... yes, this time next week.
 Mike: Today is the 22nd, Tuesday, so she's leaving on the 29th. Well, will move in one day after she leaves.
 Tom: Yes, no problem. We will get ready by then.
 Mike: Thanks a lot.
 Tom: You're welcome.

Exercise 3. Complete the notes below. Write ONE WORD/OR A NUMBER for each answer. (File 9)

Transport Survey

Name: Luisa (1)

Address: (2) White Stone Rd

Area: Bradfield

Postcode: (3)

Occupation: (4)

Reason for visit to town: to go to the (5)

Suggestions for improvement:

- Better (6)
- Have more footpaths
- More frequent (7)

Things that would encourage cycling to work:

- Having (8) parking places for bicycles
- Being able to use a (9) at work
- The opportunity to have cycling (10) on busy roads

Transcript

Excuse me.
 Yes?
 I wonder if you could spare a few minutes to do a survey on transport.
 It won't take long.
 No, that's fine.
 Lovely. The survey is on behalf of the local council. They'd like to know about what transport you use and any suggestions for improvement.

Can I start by asking you how you travelled to town today?
 Sure. I came on the bus.
 Great. Now can I get a few details about yourself?
 OK.
 What's your name?
 It's Luisa
 Yes.
 Hardie.
 Can you spell that, please?
 Yes, it's H-A-R-D-I-E.
 Great. Thanks. And can I have your address?
 It's 19, White Stone Road.
 Oh, right'. I know that area. It's Bradfield, isn't it?
 That's right.
 Is the postcode GT7?
 It's actually G-T-8. 2-L-C.
 Great. And could I ask what your job is? Are you a student?
 I've actually just finished my training. I'm a hairdresser.
 Oh, right. And one more question in this section. What is the reason for you coming into town today?
 Actually it's not for shopping today, which would be my normal reason, but to see the dentist.
 Right. Thanks.
 Now in this last section I'd like you to give us some ideas about the facilities and arrangements in the city for getting to and from work, er, any suggestions you have for improvements.
 Well, something I've thought about for some time is that when I do walk and I'm doing a later shift, I think the lighting should be better.
 Yes, good point.
 And of course, I think it's a real shame they've been cutting down on the number of footpaths. They should have more of those. Then people would walk more.
 Yes, right.
 And, I don't think there are enough trains. That's why I don't use them - you have to wait so long.
 Thanks. And finally I'd like to ask your opinion on cycling. As you may know, there's a drive in the city to get more people to cycle to work.
 Right.
 But we realise that there are things which the council, but also employers, might do to help encourage workers to cycle to work.
 Yep. Well, I have thought about it and where I work there are no safe places to leave your bikes.
 OK.
 And also, I'd have to cycle uphill and on a hot day I'd arrive at work pretty sweaty so I think I'd need a shower somewhere at work.

Right.

And I suppose the last thing is that I wouldn't be all that confident about cycling on such busy roads. I think I'd like to see you offering training for that, you know, I'd feel a lot better about starting if that was the case.

Well, that's very helpful. Thank you very much for your time.

No problem. Bye.