

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

7-8 классы Transcripts

Listening Activity No. 1

A It was Nicky's idea, but we all think it's going to be brilliant. As soon as the last exams have finished, we're going to decorate the main hall at school with paper streamers and Chinese lanterns and things. Steve had this idea of projecting photos of everyone onto a wall, like a slide show. And we've got Jo's brother, who's a professional DJ, coming along. Then there are three different bands lined up to play. Ours is the best, because we've been together longest and we've got a great bass player, (coughs) although I say so myself, so we're on last. It's going to be cool.

B Every year there's a carnival in August in London. You've probably heard of it, the Notting Hill Carnival? So this year, me and my friends are going again. We went last year and we had such a fantastic time. It's all Afro-Caribbean, with people in amazing costumes and these brilliant steel bands. We don't go in costume, but we do dance a lot. It does get quite crowded, so you have to make sure you stick together. And you have to watch out for pickpockets when there are so many people in the same place. But it's really good fun; it's like London becomes a different country. Even the police dance sometimes.

C We're going to hire a boat for the day and take it up the river. It's my grandparents' golden wedding anniversary, so the whole family is getting together. I'm really looking forward to seeing my cousins again. I haven't seen them for ages. We've got this huge picnic planned, with loads of different types of sandwiches and salads and an enormous cake. My dad has borrowed an ancient gramophone player, you know, what they had before CD players, and some old records. So as we go up the river we're going to listen to music from the time my grandparents got married – the swinging sixties!

D Two of my best friends have their birthday in the same week, so some of us have decided to have a surprise party for both of them. One of my friends, Sandra, has a big house, and her parents say we can use it. They're going away, luckily. It's at the end of October, so we're going to decorate the house with Halloween things, you know, spiders' webs and spooky things. We're going to make up an excuse to get the birthday girls to come round to the house – say we're going to help Sandra move some stuff, or something. Then, as soon as Sandra lets them in, we're going to turn the lights out and jump out at them! We just have to make sure nobody mentions anything on Facebook and gives away the surprise.

E There's a Royal wedding in June – one of our princes is getting married – so it's a public holiday. Lots of people are having parties in squares and parks and places,

and the people in our street decided to have one too. Well, it's a good excuse to have a party, isn't it? We're all going to take out tables and chairs and put them together in the middle of the road. We're going to stop cars coming through, obviously. We're all going to bring different dishes and share them round. There are quite a lot of different nationalities living on our street – people from India, China and different African countries – so the food should be really interesting. It'll be good to get to know more of the neighbours too.

Listening Activity No. 2

1. How will they book their flights?

-So, what about our flights then? Shall I book on the Internet or do you want to go to a travel agency?

-Well, actually, I've already been to the travel agent's and got some prices. They can offer us a better price than anything I've seen on the Internet.

-Great. Well, let's make a decision and then go ahead and book. We could phone them, couldn't we or is it better to pop in?

-I'd prefer not to phone because I prefer to pay in cash.

-OK.

2. What does the daughter forgotten to bring on holiday?

-Hm, nice bathroom in this hotel. Oh, can I borrow your shampoo, mum? I left mine at home.

-Ok, but put it back in my bag when you finished.

-Oh, and I don't believe it! I must have forgotten to bring my hairbrush too. I can't find it anywhere in my suitcase. I was sure I put it in.

-You heard I've already put it in the bathroom with your other washing things. I don't know why you brought toothpaste though. We certainly didn't need two tubes. We are only here for four days.

3. What will the man and the woman do on Sunday?

-Oh, I'm so tired. Should we just stay at home this weekend, maybe watch some DVDs and read the newspapers?

-How about going to the beach tomorrow with a picnic? Is it so hot although we really ought to clean the flat. Oh, I nearly forgot. Isn't your sister coming to see us on Sunday?

-Yes, you're right, she is. She'll enjoy a good day at the seaside, won't she? We'll relax at home another time and then do the housework too.

-Sounds great now.

4. Which blouse does the girl decide to buy?

-Tom, I need your opinion about this blouse. I like the collar but the sleeves are rather long.

-Um, I'm not sure. Look at some more before you decide. What about this one?
Short sleeves, no collar.

- It's a bit ordinary. I do agree though. It's elegant. Ah, here's one with a collar and without sleeves but it isn't quite so nice as the other one. Hmm, no, I like the first one I saw. I can always make the sleeves shorter.

-Okay, I think it's a good choice.

5. When is the girl having a party?

-Hello, this is Amanda, about my birthday party. I told you it was on the 15th but I've got to change it to the 13th, that's a Thursday which I know isn't perfect but no one can come on Friday the 14th because it's the school disco. Sorry about the change but mum and dad have got something planned for me on the 15th. Anyway the party's at my house and it's starting about 8 o'clock. Call me back and let me know if you can come.

6. Where is the motorcycle race going to finish?

-This year's motorcycle race will finish in the city centre. Hundreds of people are expected to be in the square in front of the townhall to watch the finish of the race on Saturday afternoon. For those who'd like to see the bikes in action seating will be provided in the square outside the stadium. Race organisers recommend from Castle square with its position on top of the hill there will be a good view of the bikes making their way through the city.

7. What will the woman repair next?

-I really want to go out on my bike but it's got a flat tire. Can you fix it?

- I am really busy at the moment. Oh, and we don't have anything to repair it with. Can't you do something else? Why don't you play football instead?

- But the football's flat as well.

- Oh, but it just needs more air, that shouldn't take too long. I've just finished putting some new glass in the window. So I'll have a coffee and I'll do it.