

ВСЕРОССИЙСКАЯ ОЛИМПИАДА ШКОЛЬНИКОВ МОСКОВСКОЙ ОБЛАСТИ ПО  
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<b>LISTENING COMPREHENSION SCRIPT</b>
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**Task 1 / 2.**

The hotel suites are cheaper than apartments in Hong Kong. Hundreds of people lined up for hours to buy a unit at the Apex Horizon Hotel this week. It's not clear whether investors can legally live in the suites but buyers are still eager.

Voice of Hong Kong man:

The developer had lawyers look at it thoroughly so I'm not worried.

Voice of Hong Kong woman:

At these prices the hotel suites are cheaper to buy than public housing.

The hotel was able to sell all 360 of its suites in two days - a sign there is a demand for affordable housing. Hong Kong's low interest rate has attracted hordes of mainland Chinese investors.

It pushed home prices to record highs last year. Flats cost an average of US\$14,000 per square metre in central locations. Many residents feel they can no longer afford to buy apartments.

Hong Kong people cope by renting makeshift homes on rooftops, while others move into so-called cage homes - hutches made from wire-mesh, stacked on top of each other in a tiny room. The government's efforts to cool down property prices have not worked. So Hong Kong residents have to be creative in finding space to live.

**Task 3.**

It's an **enduring** symbol of love. The Taj Mahal in India is visited by millions each year. But for those who can't see it **first-hand**, how about a **virtual** tour?

Google is working with the Indian **government** to bring the **landmark** to Street View, using a **special** camera.

The company's previous **attempts** to map India's streets were **blocked** due to security concerns.

But now it **seems** the 360-year-old **mausoleum** is catching up with the 21st Century.

#### Task 4.

F1: Can I help you, sir?

M1: Yes. I'm staying in London for a few days, but was wondering about taking an excursion to either Oxford or Cambridge, or maybe to Stonehenge?

F1: Hmm, when were you thinking of going, sir?

M1: Well, tomorrow or the day after, if possible.

F1: Right, well. We have a day trip to Cambridge tomorrow, leaving at 9:15 from our central base in Victoria.

M1: That's a coach trip, is it?

F1: Yes, sir. All our tours are by coach. This one arrives in Cambridge around 11 o'clock, and gives you a coach tour of the city with guided commentary in the morning.

M1: Mm hm.

F1: You then stop for lunch at a restaurant of your choice and have the afternoon at leisure to explore all the wonderful historic sites on your own until 4:30, when the group reassembles

for a guided visit to King's College Chapel –

M1: Mm!

F1: – and there may be a service on then, so you might be able to hear the famous King's College Choir.

M1: Oh!

F1: And then the coach returns at eighteen hundred hours, getting back to Victoria around 8 o'clock in the evening. That's for an all-in price of £126 per person.

M1: And Stonehenge?

F1: That's a longer journey, sir, so the coach leaves at 8am. There's one short comfort stop on route, and you arrive at Stonehenge at 11 to 11:30, depending on traffic. Once again, there's a guide on the coach, and there's also a complimentary audio guide to Stonehenge once you're there. Although I should point out that visitors aren't allowed to actually walk to or through the prehistoric stones themselves.

M1: Oh, I see. So there's a sort of visitors' center, is there?

F1: Yes, from where you have full, uninterrupted view of the stones. And you can go on guided walks around the monument –

M1: Mm, I see.

F1: Let me get you a brochure about that one.