Listening (Script)

Длительность записи 15 минут. Все паузы записаны.

You will hear the pilot Kate Gingford talking about the last few days of her flight around the world in a small aeroplane. For each question 1–6 choose the correct answer. You will hear the recording twice.

You now have 30 seconds to look at the questions.

Pause 30 seconds.

Now we are ready to start.

Kate: So last week when I was talking about my flight around the world, I'd got as far as Norway. This week I'll tell you about the last part back to London.

When I landed in Norway, two friends were there to meet me. We stayed together in a hotel and talked a lot about my trip and the route I'd chosen. Next morning we were given a wonderful cooked breakfast and then <u>my friends helped me get into the suit I have to wear when flying over water</u>. It's really tight. I hadn't slept much, but I was excited and felt really wide-awake on the flight to Denmark. <u>My son, who is also a pilot, called me on the radio.</u> He was flying a plane in Germany at the time and we chatted for a few minutes. I was flying across the sea in a thick cloud so I couldn't see much, but I arrived in Denmark safely on the Sunday evening.

On Monday I was worried about the plane. <u>There was a problem with one of the front wheels.</u> I knew I could still take off and fly, without any fear of an accident, but I knew that if I made a bad landing I could damage the plane and so not be able to continue. I called the airport in Holland, my next destination, to arrange some repairs, and fortunately I managed to land there without any problems. That night I stayed with some friends on their farm in Holland. Next morning it was so foggy that I couldn't fly, but it was good to have a break. It was difficult to sleep so I walked around the farm instead. I hadn't spent any time in the countryside for months, and <u>I'd forgotten how much I missed the sound of birds</u>.

When the fog lifted in the afternoon, I was pleased to learn they had repaired my plane, and I took off within minutes. My next destination was a flying club in the north of England and <u>I</u> knew it would be impossible to land there once the sun had gone down. But fortunately it was a lovely sunny evening, and I arrived in good time.

I left early again on Thursday for London. I felt nervous because it was my last day of flying. Then, when I finally landed, <u>I felt wonderful – the long, difficult journey had been worth it.</u> It was lovely seeing my family who were all there to meet me. I promised I wouldn't make another long trip like that again.

Now you have 30 seconds to fulfil the task.

Pause 30 seconds.

Now listen again.

(запись)

This is the end of the task.

Task 2

You are going to listen to a radio programme about Oymyakon. For each question 7–12, fill in the missing information in the notes above.

You have 30 seconds to look at the questions.

Pause 30 seconds

Now we are ready to start. Listen carefully. You will hear the recording twice.

Presenter: Oymyakon, in East Russia, is extremely cold and people live there! <u>The lowest</u> <u>temperature, of minus 71.2 degrees, was recorded in 1926</u> beating all records, Dave Gunhill reports.

Dave: Extremely low temperatures are frequent in Oymyakon, with temperatures going below minus 45 degrees Celsius regularly. <u>Winters are long and cold and often last at least nine</u> <u>months.</u> The summers are much warmer than the winters. Temperatures can rise to 35 degrees Celsius but then there is the problem of mosquitoes.

About 2.300 people live in Oymyakon. <u>Life is very much the same as 100 years ago – apart from television</u>. For example, there are no indoor bathrooms and people use ice instead of water from the tap. The valley used to be famous because some of the oldest people in the country lived there. Fiodor Arnosow, Oymyakon's oldest-ever inhabitant, died in 1967. He was 109.

There are about 300 children in the local school. Up until recently, there didn't use to be any heating in the school. The children did their classes in their coats. <u>These young people dream of having mobile phones</u>, an Internet café and disco with a CD-player that works.

A local businessman, Alexander Krylov, wants to bring tourists to the area. He has also built the town's first hotel to attract these tourists. Each of the ten rooms has hot and cold water. The most famous visitor until now is <u>the Hollywood actor Ewan McGragor</u>, who visited the place – in <u>summer of course – on the back of a motorbike</u>.

Now you have 20 seconds to fulfil the task.

Pause 20 seconds

Now listen again.

(запись)

Now you have 20 seconds to check your answers.

Pause 20 seconds

This is the end of Task 2.