

**Listening (script)**

**You will hear people talking in 8 different situations. For questions 1-8, choose the best answer (A, B or C). You will hear each conversation twice.**

**You now have 45 seconds to look at the questions.**

**Now we are ready to start.**

**1. You hear a woman talking about going to a concert with her friends. How does she feel about Jack not going with them?**

**PAUSE 7 SECONDS**

I'm going to a concert on Friday with my friends. It's a band we saw last year – the Black Stripes - and they're just fantastic! When Derek suggested it we all yelled "What a brilliant idea!" except for Jack whose first reaction was "Mmm, I don't know about that" because last year his mobile phone was stolen. So he is not coming which I think is **a bit extreme**. Is it some likely to happen twice? I'm sorry actually cause Jack loves the Black Stripes and also he is often **the centre** of any party. Anyway, we'll have a good time, I know.

**PAUSE 5 SECONDS**

**REPEAT EXTRACT 1**

**PAUSE 5 SECONDS**

**2. You overhear a man and a woman talking about saving money. What do they agree about?**

**PAUSE 7 SECONDS**

Woman: Let's try and use less electricity! You know, save money and the planet.

Man: Impossible. We already do everything we can. A **larger expense is what we spend on going out**. For example, we needn't go to the cinema every week. It would be cheaper to stay at home and watch DVDs.

Woman: It's an idea, I suppose. But I don't want to stop having fun. What about spending less in the supermarkets?

Man: How? We already spend so little there. I'm beginning to think your first idea wasn't so bad after all. If we **wore** more clothes and **turned** down the heating to use less energy that would save something.

Woman: Yes, that makes sense.

**PAUSE 5 SECONDS**

**REPEAT EXTRACT 2**

**PAUSE 5 SECONDS**

**3. You overhear two colleagues talking about how to improve their French quickly. What is the woman doing?**

**PAUSE 7 SECONDS**

Woman: Well, we could get a private teacher to give us French lessons. The advantage of that would be that she'd give us individual help **with our weak areas**. But the trouble is how we find the right teacher in a short time.

Man: The private teacher is not a bad idea!

Woman: The alternative is to do an online course. The good thing about that is we could study whenever we're free and make the best use of the time available. The problem is we wouldn't get any personal attention. Nobody to help when we don't understand something.

Man: Mmm.. I like the sound of an online course.

Woman: Yes. Let's go with that.

**PAUSE 5 SECONDS**

**REPEAT EXTRACT 3**

**PAUSE 5 SECONDS**

**4. You overhear two friends talking about ways to get fit. What is the man's response to the suggestion of running?**

**PAUSE 7 SECONDS**

Man: What about cycling to class? That would be good for us and good for the environment.

Woman: Would it be really good for us? Think of all the pollution we **breathe in then**. A better idea would be to go for a run in the forest before we set out for college.

Man: That may be worth a try, but we have to get up really early. And in winter it will still be dark.

Woman: That's a disadvantage I agree. Would you prefer **going** to the gym at lunch time?

Man: Definitely not. It's so boring on **those** machines.

**PAUSE 5 SECONDS**

**REPEAT EXTRACT 4**

**PAUSE 5 SECONDS**

**5. You hear two people talking about going on holiday. What doesn't the woman want to do?**

**PAUSE 7 SECONDS**

Woman: Do you think we should take the tent when we go on holiday?

Man: That's not a bad idea. And we don't have to think about finding accommodation for the night.

Woman: And it will be cheaper too. I hate wasting money on a hotel when we could **(be spending) spend** it on something more interesting. We **(could) can** find a place to camp near the coast if it's possible, leave the car there and then go walking.

Man: The only drawback is if **(it rains) it's rains**.

Woman: That's never been a problem for us in the past, we've managed.

Man: OK then. Let's do it.

**PAUSE 5 SECONDS**

**REPEAT EXTRACT 5**

**PAUSE 5 SECONDS**

**6. You hear two people talking about the moon. How do they respond to the idea of living on the moon?**

**PAUSE 7 SECONDS**

Man: Do you know it was 1969 when a man first landed on the moon?

Woman: Really? And not much progress has been made since then.

Man: What? You mean exploration of the moon?

Woman: Yes, and going to live there, for example.

Man: The trouble with that is nobody likes that idea. I mean why would anyone want to live there?

Woman: I think it's a lovely idea. I'd go. And I'm sure people will have the opportunity sooner or later.

Man: It's a (a bit risky) big risk though. I'd be worried about not being able to (leave) live.

Woman: ... or the oxygen running out, I know. It's all (a bit unknown) will be unknown.

**PAUSE 5 SECONDS**

**REPEAT EXTRACT 6**

**PAUSE 5 SECONDS**

**7. You hear two people talking about a city centre gym. Why is the woman not sure about joining it?**

**PAUSE 7 SECONDS**

Woman: What do you think about me joining a gym?

Man: It's an idea I suppose. The one in the city centre is very popular – lots of equipment and staff.

Woman: Mm, I'm not sure about that. It's not really near my work and I know I'm like "Any excuse and (I won't go.) I'll go". How much is it anyway?

Man: About two hundred dollars a month so you'd (need) mean to go often to make it worthwhile.

Woman: I've heard the trainers are really great there.

Man: Yes, I believe so. I went once to get some information but I didn't like the woman (at) of reception.

Woman: Oh, I don't know. I'll have to think about it some more.

**PAUSE 5 SECONDS**

**REPEAT EXTRACT 7**

**PAUSE 5 SECONDS**

**8. You hear a man talking about a football match. How does he feel about his team's performance?**

**PAUSE 7 SECONDS**

Football is a strange game. I've never thought I'd live to see my local team playing in a national stadium. It's just a pity that they didn't win. I mean it didn't help, (that,

for some reason) for some reason, the manager chose not to use Roker - our best player. But I suppose a big advantage of not being favourites was that nobody had any expectations of us. But the referee didn't help. We could have been winning at half time if (he hadn't disallowed our goal.) at the end he disallowed our goal. The trouble with that was it really affected the team spirit. Now, well. It was a good day out!

**PAUSE 5 SECONDS**

**REPEAT EXTRACT 8**

**PAUSE 5 SECONDS**

**Now you have 1 minute to transfer your answers to the answer sheet.**

**This is the end of the Listening task.**