

# **IMPROVING OUR SKILLS:** <u>LISTENING</u>

Exam Preparation Centre

#### JUNIORS – Advanced Groups

In this worksheet you will find TWO tasks from the listening section of the FCE exam.

LISTENING 1

Before listening to the audio you must:

- Read each question trying to understand what it is being asked.
- Highlight key words.



### PART 4

You will heart **part of a radio interview** with a woman **called Rachel Reed**, who works in a **commercial art gallery**, a shop which **sells works of art**. For questions **24 – 30**, choose the best answer **(A, B or C)**.

- 24 What does Rachel say about her job title?
  - A It makes her feel more important than she is.
  - B It gives people the wrong idea about her work.
  - C It is appropriate for most of the work she does.
- 25 What is the most common reason for the gallery not exhibiting an artist's work?
  - A The subject matter is unsuitable.
  - B It is not of a high enough quality.
  - C The gallery manager doesn't like it.
- 26 When can phone calls from artists be difficult for Rachel?
  - A when their work doesn't sell
  - B when they don't receive payments
  - C when their work is not accepted





- 27 Why does Rachel include a commentary in the catalogue?
  - A It gives background information about the artist.
  - B It encourages people to buy paintings over the phone.
  - C It tells people what experts think of the work.
- 28 What does Rachel say about administrative work?
  - A She is able to leave a lot of it to others.
  - **B** She would like to have an assistant to help with it.
  - **C** She finds it hard to get it all organised.
- 29 What is Rachel's role in the service the gallery offers to large companies?
  - A making initial contacts
  - B responding to enquiries
  - C promoting a certain type of art
- 30 What does Rachel find most enjoyable about her job?
  - A meeting interesting people
  - B the fact that it's unpredictable
  - **C** being close to works of art

After listening to the audio and answering the question, explain the meaning of the following words and phrases according to the context in used.

Encourages:
Administrative Work:
Initial Contacts:
Promoting:



10. Unpredictable:

5. Catalogue:

#### LISTENING 2

Before listening to the audio you must:

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## PART 1

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

1.- You hear a message on a telephone answering machine.

### Why is the speaker calling?

- A. to confirm some arrangements
- B. to issue an invitation
- C. to persuade someone to do something
- 2.- You hear two people talking about a water- sport centre.

# The man says the centre should

- A. pay more attention to safety.
- B. offer activities for small children.
- C. provide all the equipment needed.
- 3.- You hear a professional tennis player talking about her career..

#### What annoys her most about interviewers?

- A. their belief that she leads a glamorous life
- B. their assumption that she's motivated by money
- C. their tendency to disturb her while she's travelling.



4.- You hear a poet talking about this work.

# What is he doing?

- A. giving his reasons for starting to visit schools.
- B. justifying the childlike nature of some of his recent poems.
- C. explaining that his poems appeal to people of different ages.
- 5.- You hear two people talking about a programme they saw on TV.

# The woman thinks the programme was?

- A. irritating.
- B. sad.
- C. uninformative.
- 6.- You hear two people talking about an ice-hockey game they've just seen.

# How does the girl feel about it?

- A. pleased to have had the experience
- B. relieved that she'd dressed appropriately
- C. impressed by the performance of the team
- 7.- You overhear two friends talking about a restaurant.

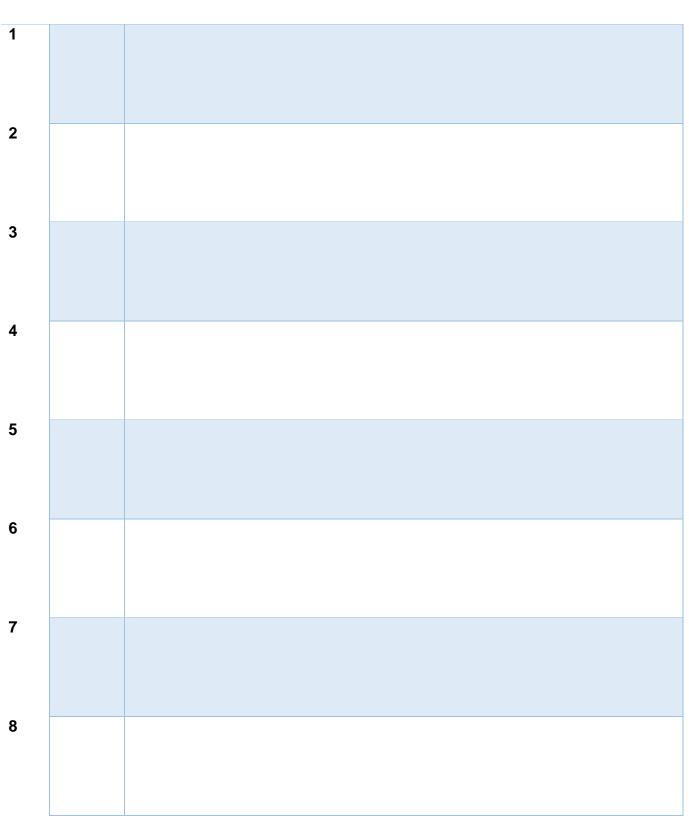
# What do they both like about it?

- A. the presentation of the food
- B. the atmosphere of the place
- C. the originally of the cooking
- 8.- You hear a man talking on the radio.

# What type of information is he giving?

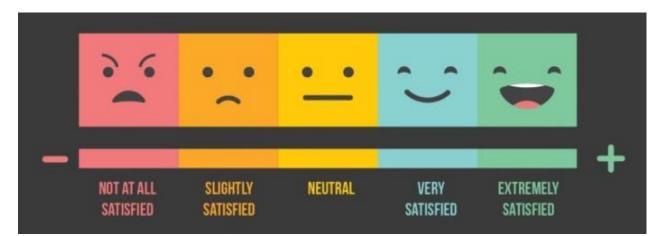
- A. a travel announcement
- B. a weather forecast
- C. an accident report

After listening to the audio and choosing the best answer, you MUST justify your answers, showing SUFFICIENT evidence to support your choice.



# *N*° Answer Support your answer.

Look at this scale, how satisfied do you feel with your performance in this worksheet?



Where would you place yourself? Why? How can you improve your performance?

(Write your answer between 90 - 100 words)