

IMPROVING OUR SKILLS: LISTENING



Sophomores – 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.
- Explain, in your own words, what the words in the boxes mean.



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

ISSUE:

PERSUADE:

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.

EQUIPMENT:

PROVIDE:

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.

INTERVIEWERS:

TENDENCY:

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4 You hear a poet talking about this work.						
What is he doing?		APPEAL:				
A. giving his reasons for starting to visit	t school	S.				
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?		IRRITATING:				
A. irritating.						
B. sad.		UNINFORMATIVE:				
C. uninformative.	L					
6 You hear two people talking about an ic	ce-hock	ey game they've just seen.				
How does the girl feel about it?		PLEASED:				
A. pleased to have had the experience						
B. relieved that she'd dressed appropriately		RELIEVED:				
C. impressed by the performance of the team						
7 You overhear two friends talking about a restaurant.						
What do they both like about it?	OVERHE	AR:				
A. the presentation of the food						
B. the atmosphere of the place	ATMOSPHERE:					
C. the originally of the cooking						
8 You hear a man talking on the radio.						
What type of information is he giving?	ANNOUNCEMENT:					
A. a travel announcement	FORECAST:					
B. a weather forecast						
C. an accident report						

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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.
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LISTENING 2

Before listening to the audio you must:

- Read the whole text trying to understand what it is being asked.
- Highlight key words.



PART 2

You will hear a woman called Angela Thomas, who works for a wildlife organisation, talking about the spectacled bear.

For Questions 9 – 18, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

Spectacled Bears

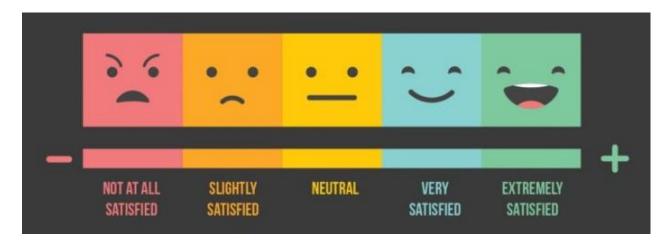


Angela says that it was the (9)	of the spectacled bear that first interested her.
Angela mentions that the bear's markings can be found on its (10)	as well as its eyes and cheeks.
Angela is pleased by evidence that spectacled bears have been (11)	seen in areas of Argentina.
Angela says the bears usually live in (12)	though they can also be found in other places.
Spectacled bears behave differently from other types of bear dur	_
Angela is upset that (14)	are the biggest danger to spectacled bears.
Angela says that spectacled bears usually eat (15)	and tree bark.
Bears climb trees and make a (16)	, which fascinated
When bears eat meat, they much prefer (17)	although they do eat other creatures.
One man has produced an amusing (18)	about the time he

After listening to the audio, answer the following questions:

- 1. What was the most difficult part of this exercise?
- 2. Did you discover a new technique to develop this type of listening exercises?

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



Where would you place yourself? Why?

(Write your answer between 40 to 55 words)