

Connectivity 1

Assessments Test 1 Audio Script

Unit 1 Review Test

Section 1: Listening

Interview 1

- Host:** Hi, I'm in San Francisco today. I'm at the language school on Liberty Street. There are people from many countries here. They all want to learn English. I'm talking to some of them. This is Carla. Are you a student at the language school?
- Carla:** Yes, I am. I'm here to study English.
- Host:** Great! Tell us where your hometown is.
- Carla:** I'm from Mexico City in Mexico. I'm staying with my brother. He lives here in San Francisco.
- Host:** Oh, Mexico City is beautiful.
- Carla:** It is. I love my city.
- Host:** So your first language is Spanish, right?
- Carla:** Well, I have two first languages!
- Host:** Really? Which are they?
- Carla:** My mother is Brazilian, so we speak a lot of Portuguese at home. My father is Mexican. I speak Spanish outside the home.
- Host:** Oh, I see. That's great. So, why is it important for you to improve your English?
- Carla:** My father has an architecture company. He wants to open an office in the U.S. I'm learning English to help him. English is important for my career.
- Host:** Do you use English in Mexico City?
- Carla:** I use it at work a lot. I speak English all day at work!
- Host:** Wow!
- Carla:** And I love to travel. I speak English when I travel to other countries.
- Host:** It is important to speak English when you travel! Thanks for talking to me!
- Carla:** You're welcome! I like to practice speaking English!
- Host:** That's great! Have fun with your studies, Carla!

Interview 2

- Host:** Hi, I'm talking with people at a language school today. This is Min-Woo. Good morning, Min-Woo. I'm sorry to ask ... Is Min-Woo your given name?
- Min:** No problem! Yes, it is. My family name is Park. Everyone calls me by my nickname. It's Min!
- Host:** Thanks for explaining, Min. Can I call you that? I love your nickname! Where are you from?
- Min:** Well, my hometown is Ulsan in South Korea. But now I live here in Seoul.

- Host:** I love Seoul! So why is it important for you to speak English well?
- Min:** I need English for my job.
- Host:** What do you do?
- Min:** I work in a restaurant. I'm the manager. There are a lot of tourists from other countries so I need to communicate in English with my customers.
- Host:** Well, your English is pretty good already.
- Min:** Actually, there is another reason why I'm learning English.
- Host:** Please tell us!
- Min:** It's because I love to travel!
- Host:** I see. English is very important for travel.
- Min:** That's right. I speak Korean, of course. And I speak Spanish. That's great when I'm in South America. But with my English, I will have no problems in any country.
- Host:** Well, good luck with your studies, Min!
- Min:** Thanks!

Unit 2 Review Test

Section 1: Listening Part A

- A:** Sunny Fields Tourist Information. How may I help you?
- B:** Hi. I'm in Denver for a week with my family, and we're looking for some things to do. Any suggestions?
- A:** How old are your kids?
- B:** They're 7 and 9. A girl and a boy.
- A:** There's a museum for children. There are many things for them to do there. It's across from the Downtown Aquarium.
- B:** What are the hours?
- A:** It's open every day from 7 to 7.
- B:** Can we get there by subway?
- A:** We don't have a subway in Denver. But you can take a bus. The bus stop is close to the aquarium.
- B:** Great, thanks.
- A:** You know, there is a water park next to the aquarium.
- B:** Really? That sounds good. What's the name of the water park?
- A:** It's Island Kingdom.
- B:** Got it. Thanks.

Section 1: Listening Part B

- A:** Sunny Fields Tourist Information. Can I help you?
- B:** Good morning. Are there any places where I can see a concert tonight?
- A:** Yes, there are. What kind of music do you like?

- B:** I like rock music.
- A:** Rock music ... let me see ... yes, Black Sun is playing tonight at Levitt Pavilion.
- B:** Oh, no, I'm not a huge fan of Black Sun. Are there any others?
- A:** Let me check... yes, The Trend is performing at 10 P.M.
- B:** That's better! Are tickets still available?
- A:** Would you like me to transfer you to the ticket office?
- B:** Wait a minute. Where's the Levitt Pavilion?
- A:** It's around the corner from the 38th and Blake Street train station.
- B:** So, I can take the train! I don't have a car.
- A:** Absolutely. Just walk north on 16th Street from the station and turn right on Main Street.
- B:** Main? Can you spell that for me?
- A:** M-A-I-N.
- B:** Great and one more thing. Is there an exhibit I can go to tomorrow?
- A:** Yes, there is. There's a history of art exhibit at the Art Museum. It's on Hudson Street and First.
- B:** Thank you so much.
- A:** No problem.

Unit 3 Review Test

Section 1: Listening

- Ken:** Good morning and welcome to "The Cooking Podcast." I'm Ken Lee. We have an interesting topic today. We're talking to the famous chef, Martha Bennett, about cooking abilities. Thanks for talking to us today, Martha.
- Martha:** Hi, Ken. It's good to talk to you.
- Ken:** So, Martha, can everyone cook? My sister and my best friend both say they can't. Are they wrong?
- Martha:** That's not an easy question to answer, Ken. Everyone can learn to cook. But can they cook well? That's the real question.
- Ken:** Tell us what you mean by that.
- Martha:** Well, for your sister and best friend, it's very hard to cook. I can teach them to cook chicken soup, for example. But is that soup good? Is it delicious?
- Ken:** So, why is it hard for some people to cook?
- Martha:** I don't think we have all the answers to that. But let's talk about a sense of taste. That's an important factor. Some people can taste when something is right. It's a natural ability.
- Ken:** A sense of taste? Sure, I guess that is important. How does that work in cooking?
- Martha:** Chefs with a sense of taste know about which ingredients go together. They don't need to ask about it. For example, they know that lemon is good with fish. They know roasted lamb is good with garlic.

- Ken:** I see. So, some people have that natural ability and some people don't?
- Martha:** Right! People can learn that some ingredients are good together but it's not a natural ability for them.
- Ken:** OK. So you can learn to be a good chef, right?
- Martha:** Well, the other thing is practice. You can learn that garlic is good with roasted lamb. But how much garlic is good? You can only learn that from practice.
- Ken:** A person can read about it in a recipe, right?
- Martha:** Well, that takes us to another factor. A good chef makes new recipes. A person without a natural ability can't do that. They only cook from recipes in a book or online.
- Ken:** Hmm. So, people like my sister and friend can learn to cook. They can practice recipes from a book. But they may not be able to think of new recipes, right?
- Martha:** Right. There's another important factor. Let's think about your sister and your best friend. Do they really want to cook?
- Ken:** Well, I don't know.
- Martha:** It's possible that they don't want to cook. I have a question for you: Do you like math?
- Ken:** Math? No, I don't like math.
- Martha:** Are you good at math?
- Ken:** No, not really.
- Martha:** You can learn how to be good at math, right?
- Ken:** Yeah, I guess so.
- Martha:** You can practice it, too. But do you want to practice math?
- Ken:** No, I don't.
- Martha:** That's the problem. Your friends don't want to learn about cooking. They don't want to be good at cooking. But they should practice!
- Ken:** I see. So, a person can learn to cook, but they can't learn to be a great cook. That's because they don't have a natural ability. Or they don't want to learn.
- Martha:** Yes, I think that's correct.
- Ken:** Wow! That's very interesting. Thank you so much for talking to us, Martha. Next, we have John...

Unit 4 Review Test

Section 1: Listening

- Linda:** Welcome to People Focus. I'm Linda Harris. Today we're looking at trends in European households. There are many trends. For example, in Italy, almost 50% of adults between 25 and 34 years of age still live with their parents. But in Denmark, only around 4% of adults this age live with their parents. Meet Stefano and Oscar.
- Stefano:** Hi. I'm Stefano. I live in Rome, Italy and I'm 33. I work as an accountant in a marketing company. I'm not married and I live with my parents. I want to buy my own home but apartments are too expensive. I don't get much money

from my job. I help my parents as much as I can around the home. I cook for them most nights and do their laundry.

Oscar: My name's Oscar. I'm 26 and I live in Copenhagen. I'm a wedding photographer. I'm single and I live in my own apartment. Apartments are not too expensive here and I get enough money from my job. I visit my parents often. They cook for me on the weekend.

Linda: The number of divorces in European countries is very different, too. For example, in Ireland, about 15% of married couples get divorced each year. But in Portugal more than 60% of married couples get divorced. Let's listen to Ana.

Ana: Hi. My name is Ana. I live in Porto in Portugal. I'm divorced and a single mom. I have two sons ... Rodrigo and Tomas. Rodrigo is 6 and Tomas is 3. They stay with their father two weekends out of four, but he comes here to see them a lot, too. It's great for the kids. We like each other very much, but we are very different people.

Linda: Another trend is the number of multi-generational households – households in which one or more grandparents live with their adult children and grandchildren. There are many multi-generational households in Eastern European countries. For example, in Romania and Bulgaria, more than 10% of households are multigenerational. Here's Rada to tell us more.

Rada: I'm Rada. I'm Bulgarian and I live in Sofia in Bulgaria. I have a large apartment near the center of the city. My son, Yan, and his wife, Rosa live with me and my husband, Petar. We look after my granddaughter, Tatiana, during the day because Yan and Rosa work. Yan is an engineer at an automobile company and Rosa is a scientist at the university. It's great that my family all lives here. I can play with Tatiana and help my son and his wife. It makes life easier for them and it's good for me.

Linda: So, we can see that social trends are different across Europe. In the next show, we look at some social trends in India.

Unit 5 Review Test

Section 1: Listening Part A

Julie: Hey, Jake, it's really late! We should order some food. It's nine o'clock and I usually eat dinner at seven.

Jake: It is late, Julie! Is there anything good on the menu?

Julie: Well, that grilled chicken with steamed vegetables sounds delicious.

Jake: You're so healthy! There aren't many calories with that. Don't you want any fried potatoes or something unhealthy like that?

Julie: I want a big dessert! If I have a healthy food for my entrée, I can have an unhealthy dessert.

Jake: That's a great idea, but I'm not a dessert fan. I'll have an entrée with lots of calories and something healthy after.

Julie: So what do you want?

- Jake:** I want the Italian-style meatballs in a tomato sauce, with sautéed potatoes and Russian salad.
- Julie:** That does sound good! How many calories in that?
- Jake:** Too many to count! What about yours?
- Julie:** Let me see. Only 350 calories in total.
- Jake:** Wow. You can have a really big dessert! What are you going to have?
- Julie:** Well, I love apple pie. But today, I think I want something chocolate for dessert.
- Jake:** It looks like they only have one chocolate dessert – chocolate cake. How does that sound?
- Julie:** Sounds fantastic! I'll have it with some strawberry ice-cream. What about you?
- Jake:** Fruit salad, I think.
- Julie:** With ice-cream?
- Jake:** Well ... OK! Why not? It is my birthday!
- Julie:** Great. Let's order.

Section 1: Listening Part B

- Sue:** I'm really hungry, Paul. What should I order? There are so many good things on this menu.
- Paul:** You don't want to eat a lot of calories, right?
- Sue:** Right. But the 5-meat pizza looks delicious.
- Paul:** It does! But the menu says it has 1500 calories. I don't think it's a good choice for you.
- Sue:** Wow! 1500? I only want to eat 1750 for the day. I can't eat much for dinner if I eat that!
- Paul:** What about the baked fish with Chinese-style sautéed vegetables? There are only 300 calories in that. I'll bet it's really tasty. It sounds great.
- Sue:** No, I don't think so. It sounds OK, but the fried chicken with sautéed potatoes looks good.
- Paul:** That has 2000 calories in it, Sue! Listen, how about grilled chicken with some steamed rice and salad?
- Sue:** Hmm. I'll think about it. What do you want to order?
- Paul:** I want the stewed lamb with roasted potatoes and salad. There aren't many calories in it, and it looks really good.
- Sue:** It does look good. I'm having that too!
- Paul:** OK. Should we order?
- Sue:** Sure. But I want to ask the server a question first.
- Paul:** What do you want to ask?
- Sue:** I want to ask him if I can have the pizza as an appetizer.
- Paul:** Sue!

Unit 6 Review Test

Section 1: Listening

- Sid:** This is Sid Jones and welcome to “Sid’s Travel Show.” Today we’re talking to Thelma Kane, a travel writer. Welcome to the show, Thelma.
- Thelma:** It’s good to be here, Sid.
- Sid:** We’re talking about travel and technology today – the problems we have when we travel to other countries with our devices. Our first call comes from Neil in Michigan. Hi, Neil, what’s the problem?
- Neil:** Hi, Sid. I have a question for Thelma. Next month, I’m traveling to Europe for work.
- Thelma:** Great, Neil. Which countries?
- Neil:** Uh, I’m not sure yet. Definitely France, Spain, and Italy. Maybe more later. My question is this: Can I use my phone to make calls when I’m in Europe?
- Thelma:** Well, the easy answer is yes. But it can be expensive. You need to tell your phone company when you’re traveling. They may make it cheaper for you to make calls when you’re there.
- Neil:** Right, OK. And what about internet? Can I use the internet on my phone there?
- Thelma:** Again, you need to talk to your phone company. But you can use the wi-fi at your hotel or in a cafe.
- Neil:** Sure, of course. Thanks, Thelma.
- Thelma:** Have a great time in Europe!
- Sid:** We have another caller on the line. It’s Catalina, from Argentina. What’s your question, Catalina?
- Catalina:** Hello, Sid. I want to ask Thelma about driving in the U.S.
- Sid:** Go ahead, Catalina.
- Catalina:** Thelma, I’m visiting the United States next week. It’s my first time. I plan to do a lot of traveling around the country in a rental car. Can I use a mobile phone while driving in the U.S.?
- Thelma:** Well, first, enjoy the USA! I hope you have a great time here. Now, which states are you going to visit here?
- Catalina:** I don’t know yet. A lot, I think.
- Thelma:** The rules are different in every state. But you usually can’t have the phone in your hand when you make a call.
- Catalina:** Oh, I don’t want to make any calls when I’m driving. I want to use my phone for directions. I want to use the map app.
- Thelma:** OK! That’s different. You can use a phone for directions, but usually, you can’t have it in your hand when you use it like that.
- Catalina:** I see. That’s great! Thanks for your help, Thelma!
- Sid:** Next, we have Kevin. He’s traveling in Japan now. Hi, Kevin. You’re on the line.
- Kevin:** Sid, please help me. I want to upload my photos to the internet but I can’t.
- Thelma:** What’s the problem, Kevin? Why not? Are you connected to wi-fi?

Kevin: That's the problem, Thelma. I can't read the wi-fi names. They're in Japanese.

Thelma: Oh! That is a problem! Are you in your hotel?

Kevin: Yes, I am.

Thelma: OK. Then, I think you need to talk to someone at the front desk. They can help you. I can't speak Japanese, sorry!

Sid: OK. Next on the line ...

Unit 7 Review Test

Section 1: Listening Part A

A: Hi, Jane. Weren't you on vacation?

B: I was. I got back over the weekend.

A: Tell me all about it!

B: The flight to New Zealand was really long, but it was comfortable.

A: OK.

B: The car I rented was really big.

A: Uh huh. Go on.

B: The people were warm and friendly.

A: Sounds great. And what about the scenery? Was that good, too?

B: Yeah, it was amazing.

A: Like what? What kind of scenery?

B: There were big mountains. The beach was beautiful.

A: OK. Sounds like you had a great time!

B: Well, it wasn't all good.

A: Oh, right. Why?

B: At the first hotel I stayed at, I got sick from the food. I had a really bad stomachache.

A: Oh, no! I'm sorry to hear that. How long were you sick for?

B: About 2 days.

A: That's terrible!

B: Yeah, but I was there for 14 days so it wasn't so bad.

A: I guess not. Well, I hope you don't get sick on your next trip! Good talking to you.

B: Thanks. Bye.

Section 1: Listening Part B

A: Hey, Nathan. When did you get back from Miami?

B: A few days ago.

A: Did you have a good time?

B: Not really.

A: Oh. What happened?

- B:** There was a mistake with the hotel. It was overbooked. They didn't have any rooms for us.
- A:** Oh, no! What did you do?
- B:** They found us rooms at their other hotel. But there was no view, no pool, and the rooms were small.
- A:** What a shame.
- B:** It was, because the first hotel was beautiful. Really comfortable with a big pool and great food. The view over the ocean was fantastic.
- A:** Oh, no.
- B:** And the price was the same too, so we had a worse hotel for just the same money.
- A:** That's too bad.
- B:** Then someone stole my wallet. It had all my money in it.
- A:** That's terrible!
- B:** Yeah, it was.
- A:** Was the rest of the vacation OK?
- B:** Well, it rained every day—Miami doesn't usually get rain at that time of the year.
- A:** No, that is unusual! Well, were the flights OK?
- B:** The flight was delayed when we left, and when we returned, it was very bumpy. We weren't comfortable at all.
- A:** Wow! Sounds like you need another vacation!
- B:** No way! I don't think I'm going on vacation anytime soon!

Unit 8 Review Test

Section 1: Listening

Conversation 1

- A:** Excuse me. Can you tell me how I can get to the men's bathroom?
- B:** Sure. Take the elevator up to the fourth floor. It's next to the electronics department.
- A:** The fourth floor?
- B:** Yes.
- A:** Do I turn left or right?
- B:** When you get off the elevator, turn left.

Conversation 2

- A:** Can I help you, sir?
- B:** Yes, thanks. I want to buy something for my grandfather. It's his eightieth birthday. Where's the jewelry department?
- A:** Are you looking for anything in particular?
- B:** A watch, I think. He lost his old one.
- A:** Well, there's a watch store on the second floor. In the back, near the escalator.
- B:** The third floor?
- A:** No, the second floor.
- B:** Great. Thanks.

Conversation 3

- A:** Excuse me. Is there an elevator near here?
B: Yes. It's in the back of the store. Turn left next to health and beauty.
A: I see. Thanks.
B: It's across from the stairs. In front of the furniture department.
A: The furniture department?
B: Yes.
A: Thanks for your help.

Conversation 4

- A:** Hi. Can you help me? I want to buy a tablet.
B: No problem. The electronics department is located on the top floor. Take the elevator right over there.
A: Sorry, where?
B: Right there across from luggage.
A: Oh, OK.
B: When you get off the elevator, turn right. Electronics is in the front of the store, next to the restaurant.
A: Thanks!

Conversation 5

- A:** Can I help you ma'am?
B: Yes. Is there a coffee shop on the top floor?
A: Actually, the coffee shop is in the basement. You can take the stairs right over there.
B: Is there an escalator?
A: Yes, there is. Walk to the front of the store and turn right after the bathrooms.
B: Turn left?
A: No, right. The escalator is across from the women's department.
B: Thanks so much.

Unit 9 Review Test

Section 1: Listening

- Host:** Lots of people think their yearly vacation will help them relax. But is that true? On today's show, Dan Majors tells us what he does to relax when he's on vacation.
- Dan:** Hi, listeners. If you're like me, you can't wait for vacation time! It's an opportunity to do a lot of outdoor activities—activities to help you relax. You could go fishing or camping. Of course, the plan is to relax, but is that really what happens?
- Let's think about that relaxing camping trip. First, you have to carry all your equipment to the camp site: the tent, the cooking pots and pans, the food, and everything else. You want a quiet place, but you have to walk a long way to get there. And we all know that you'll forget something important, right? Like the can opener or your tent!

Speaking of tents, you never sleep well in a tent. You hear noises outside. It's cold. The ground is uncomfortable and the sun comes up really early! You get up at 6:00 A.M. and you only sleep for a couple of hours! How is that relaxing?

And what about that fishing trip? You sit next to the water for hours and catch no fish. When you do get something, it's small and you have to put it back in the water. It's not comfortable either. Often it's too hot, sometimes it's too cold. Other times, it rains. Then you get up the next morning and do it all over again. That's not my kind of vacation. If you want to sit and do nothing, why not do it at home with the TV and a comfortable sofa?

So, what's appealing to me is a staycation. I don't mean that I watch TV all day. I mean that I stay in my own bed at night but do relaxing activities during the day. How often do you spend time doing things in the place where you live? Probably not a lot. That's because lots of us pack our bags and fly to another country when we take a vacation.

I like to do activities that I don't have time for when I work. I visit museums and art exhibits near where I live. I get on my bike and cycle to parks. I read a book under some trees and pack a lunch to eat while I'm there. I take cooking classes, do walking tours, and even visit the zoo. All of these things are cheap or free. And the best thing about it is that I know the bed I sleep in each night is comfortable because it's my own!

Unit 10 Review Test

Section 1: Listening

Don: Good morning and welcome to the show. Today we're talking about changing careers with career expert, Moira Steele. Hi, Moira. Thanks for being here today.

Moira: Hi, Don. Good to be here.

Don: So, we're taking calls from people who want advice about changing careers and moving into a different kind of job. Our first caller is Larry. Go ahead, Larry, tell us about your plans.

Larry: Good morning, Don. Yeah, I'm working in sales at the moment—for a clothing company—but I'm not really happy. I want to change careers.

Moira: Hi, Larry. Is there any particular reason why you'd like to change careers at this time?

Larry: I guess I want to do something that interests me. I'm not really interested in fashion. And I don't like sales. My salary changes when I make more or fewer sales each month. I want the same salary every month.

Moira: I see. So there are three things to think about there. You want an industry that interests you and a job that you like. You also want to get the same pay each month. Let's begin with the first two points. What kind of work does interest you?

Larry: I love food. I do a lot of cooking at home and I'm pretty good at it. So I think the food industry would interest me.

Moira: OK. And what kind of job in the food industry? Are you interested in being a chef? Or do you want to talk to customers about the food, like a waiter or restaurant manager?

Larry: Cooking. I'd definitely be interested in being a chef.

- Moira:** Right. Well, chefs usually have the same salary each month so that's good. Are you looking for better pay?
- Larry:** Of course, everyone wants more money. But that's not the most important consideration for me. It's better to be happy, I think.
- Moira:** From my own experience, I'd say that you can get more money in sales. But, as you say, it depends on how many sales you make. The salary for a chef can start quite low. But if you're talented, you can earn a lot of money. You know, being a chef can be very hard work and you have to work evenings, weekends and holidays.
- Larry:** I totally understand that. But if it's work I enjoy, I don't care about the hours.
- Moira:** Are you married? Do you have children? That could be a problem with those kinds of hours.
- Larry:** No, I'm single at the moment so it's not an issue.
- Moira:** So, your next step is to think about college. You need to show future employers you're serious. Either that, or you could try working part-time in a kitchen to get some experience.
- Larry:** Thanks. You've been a lot of help.
- Moira:** Good luck with your career change.
- Don:** OK, next on the line, we have ...

Units 1-5 Midterm Test

Section 1: Listening Part A

Conversation 1

- Host:** Hi, everyone. I'm talking to people at a language school today. There are many people here who want to learn English. They're from all over the world. Let's speak to a few of them. This is Emin Adem. Hi, Emin!
- Emin:** Hi!
- Host:** So, where are you from?
- Emin:** Well, Turkey is my birthplace, but Cairo is my hometown now.
- Host:** And you're here because you want to learn English, right?
- Emin:** Yeah. Well, actually, I'm here because my parents think it's important to learn English!
- Host:** And do you want to learn it?
- Emin:** Well, I do need it for my studies, I guess. I want to study business in Cairo, and the courses are all in English.
- Host:** Oh, yeah? In Egypt?
- Emin:** That's right.
- Host:** So, how many of your friends speak English?
- Emin:** Some of them do. Maybe about four or five.
- Host:** And do you use English when you speak to them?
- Emin:** No, not really.
- Host:** When do you use English?
- Emin:** I use it on social media to talk to people around the world.

Host: That's great. So you write a lot of messages, but do you speak English, too?
Emin: Sure. Sometimes we do video calls. That can be a lot of fun.
Host: What about here in the school? Do all the students speak English when they aren't in class?
Emin: We try to. The teachers say that we should, but sometimes it's too difficult.
Host: Well, thanks for talking to us, Emin. And good luck with your business course.
Emin: Thanks!

Conversation 2

Host: OK. Now, at the language school, I'm going to speak with Alice Rossi. Hi Alice!
Ali: Hi. Please call me Ali. That's the nickname I use here in the U.S.
Host: OK, Ali. So where's your hometown?
Ali: My hometown is Rome, but I'm staying here in Dallas with my family.
Host: And why are you studying English?
Ali: Well, I work in the accounting department of an international company in Italy. We have offices in Tokyo and Bogotá, too. English is an international language so we communicate in that language as much as we can.
Host: Oh, OK. You mean you live in Italy, but you need English for your job.
Ali: That's right.
Host: What about outside of work? Do you speak English then?
Ali: Oh, yes. Many people speak English in Rome. I speak it a lot with my friends.
Host: What about with your family?
Ali: Well, not with my parents or grandparents. But I sometimes speak it with my brothers and sisters.
Host: That's interesting!
Ali: There is another reason why I want to speak English well.
Host: Oh, yes. What's that?
Ali: I play a lot of online games and speak with people all over the world. Most people speak English.

Section 1: Listening Part B

Conversation 1

A: Green Hill Tourist Information. May I help you?
B: Good morning. My friend and I are in the city for the weekend, and we're looking for something to do. Do you have any suggestions?
A: Well, everyone loves the Science Museum. There's so much to do—you can spend all day there.
B: That sounds OK, but we aren't really interested in science. Any other ideas?
A: What are you interested in?
B: We both like heavy metal. Are there any concerts in the city?
A: Let me see ... There are some heavy metal concerts at the Big Top Theater down the street from City Park. And at the Central Room across from the train station.
B: Which bands are playing on Saturday night?

- A:** Hmm. Black Monday is playing at the Central Room and Big Guitar is at the Big Top Theater.
- B:** Black Monday? I'm a huge fan. Are there still tickets available?
- A:** Would you like me to transfer you to the ticket office?
- B:** Yes, please!

Conversation 2

- A:** Green Hill Tourist Information. How can I help you?
- B:** Hi. I understand there's a talk about Chinese art on Tuesday afternoon. Do you know where and when it is?
- A:** That's right. It's at 1:00 P.M. at the Museum of Art.
- B:** Who's the speaker?
- A:** It's Zac Edwards.
- B:** Oh, he's very good. Where's the Museum of Art? I don't live in the city.
- A:** It's on Hudson Street, between City Avenue and India Street.
- B:** Is that near the park?
- A:** Yes, that's right. It's across the street from the park. Would you like to book tickets? I can transfer you to the ticket office.
- B:** No, I need to talk to my wife first.
- A:** No problem. You can book them online, too.
- B:** Great. Thanks very much for your help.
- A:** Enjoy your visit to the city, sir.

Conversation 3

- A:** Green Hill Tourist Information. May I help you?
- B:** Good evening, ma'am. I'm visiting the city for my work. But I'm free in the evenings. I wonder if there are any games at Green Hill Stadium on the 25th or 26th. You know, soccer.
- A:** Soccer? Actually there is a game on the 26th.
- B:** Oh, great! I'm in luck. What time?
- A:** At 7:00 P.M.
- B:** That's wonderful. Now, how do I get to the stadium?
- A:** Well, Green Hill Stadium is between Second and Third Street. You can take a train there because the train station is right next to it.
- B:** Oh. I want to drive.
- A:** No problem. You can park under the stadium. The entrance is across the street from the National Bank.
- B:** On Second or Third Street?
- A:** On Second Street.
- B:** Are there any good restaurants near the stadium?
- A:** Kathy's Restaurant is around the corner from the stadium. It's on the corner of City Avenue and Third Street. I love the food there.
- B:** Thanks!

Section 1: Listening Part C

Conversation 1

- A:** Ron! Are you eating chocolate at 8:00 in the morning?
- B:** Yeah. Is there anything wrong with that? Chocolate is great with coffee. And it's so sweet!
- A:** I love chocolate, too, but you can't eat chocolate for breakfast. It's OK to eat chocolate as a snack sometimes, but it isn't a meal.
- B:** Why not?
- A:** It has a lot of sugar in it. That's not healthy for you—especially in the morning. You should eat healthy things for breakfast, like eggs and fruit.
- B:** OK. So, what are you having for breakfast?
- A:** Cheese, bread, and a peach.
- B:** Wow. That does sound healthy. Are you having coffee, too?
- A:** No. I like coffee, but I drink it with sugar. I don't want to eat a lot of calories—so I'm not drinking coffee this morning. I'm having a glass of water with my breakfast.
- B:** OK. I'll try to eat something healthy, too. So what should I eat?
- A:** How about the same as me?
- B:** No, I don't like cheese or peaches. There's some banana cake. That's good, right?
- A:** It has banana in it, but that doesn't mean it's healthy. It still has a lot of sugar in it. There's probably 500 calories in a big piece of banana cake!
- B:** Is that a lot?
- A:** Well, you should only eat about 2,500 calories for the entire day! So if you eat the banana cake, you can't eat a big lunch or dinner.
- B:** Wow! I guess I'll just have a banana.

Conversation 2

- A:** Hey, Nadia. Look at the time! It's after 8:30! I don't usually eat this late.
- B:** Are you hungry?
- A:** Yes, I am! Let's look at the menu.
- B:** OK. Hmm... I know what looks good.
- A:** What?
- B:** The Super Burger with french fries. It's really big!
- A:** Ha ha! You want that because you're so hungry! But it's not very healthy.
- B:** Mm. You're right. It's very fatty. And those french fries ... well, most fried foods aren't very good for you, are they?
- A:** No, they aren't. I don't eat any fried foods at home.
- B:** Me, neither. I usually eat a lot of healthy foods, like seafood, salads, and soups.
- A:** Me, too!
- B:** So what are you ordering?
- A:** The steamed fish with tofu salad and steamed rice looks good. And it's very low calorie and low fat.
- B:** That is very healthy, but I'm not a fan of steamed fish or tofu.
- A:** How about the baked chicken with a spicy noodle salad? You like spicy food, right?

- B:** I do. And I love noodles. But I prefer hot noodles. Hey, this looks good: grilled chicken with spicy fried rice. That's what I'm having.
- A:** Great choice. Should we order?
- B:** Yes, but I just want to ask the server if the fried rice has peas in it. I don't like peas.
- A:** OK ... Excuse me! We're ready to order.

Units 6-10 Midterm Test

Section 1: Listening Part A

- Michael:** This is Michael Long and you're listening to "Travel Tech"—a weekly podcast to help travelers with the challenges of traveling with technology. Today's guest is Josephine Walker, author of the book, 21st Century Travel. Welcome to the show, Josephine.
- Jo:** Thanks, Michael. Everyone calls me Jo.
- Michael:** OK, Jo. We have a lot of travelers with lots of questions so let's get started. Our first call comes to us from Adam in Atlanta. Adam, you're on the line.
- Adam:** Hi Michael, I have a question for Jo.
- Jo:** What's up Adam?
- Adam:** Hi, Jo. I'm going on a trip to Poland next month.
- Jo:** Great, which city are you planning to go to?
- Adam:** Uh, it's Warsaw, I think. It's for business.
- Jo:** OK. And what's your problem?
- Adam:** Well, I love listening to music on my phone. I use an online music service. I'd love to listen to my favorite music while I travel, but I'm worried that I won't be able to use my music service in Europe. Is it possible?
- Jo:** Yes, it should be Adam. Many online music services let you listen in other countries, usually for a short time.
- Adam:** Oh, that's good news.
- Jo:** Some don't, however. What's the name of the music service you use?
- Adam:** It's MusicPlus.
- Jo:** Actually, MusicPlus lets you do that.
- Adam:** They do? That's great!
- Jo:** But there is a limit. You can use the music service in other countries for two weeks.
- Adam:** Really? Why only two weeks?
- Jo:** It's to help people like you who are out of the country on vacation or on business. After that, you don't have permission to use the music service in other European countries.
- Adam:** Wow, that's great advice, Jo. Thanks a lot. I'm only in Poland for a week so that's not a problem.
- Jo:** Enjoy your business trip!
- Michael:** OK. Next on the line we have Stella in Dubai. Hi, Stella. What's your question for Jo?
- Stella:** Hi, Michael. Hi, Jo. My question is about photos.

- Michael:** OK, go ahead, Stella.
- Stella:** Well. I'm on vacation and I took lots of photos with my phone. But my phone is full now. I can't put any more photos on it. I still have another week left of my vacation. What can I do?
- Jo:** Well, Stella, don't you upload your photos to the internet?
- Stella:** Yes, I do. But I don't want to use the internet on my phone here because it's very expensive.
- Jo:** OK. Can you connect to the wi-fi in your hotel?
- Stella:** Yes, I can, but it's very slow. It's too slow to upload all my photos.
- Jo:** Right. Are you paying for that wi-fi?
- Stella:** Uh, no. It's free.
- Jo:** A lot of hotels have a free wi-fi service and one that you pay for. The free one is usually slow because they want you to pay for the faster service!
- Stella:** Oh, OK. So I need to ask the hotel about paying for the wi-fi?
- Jo:** That's right. But it's usually not very expensive. You can pay for a few hours of wi-fi—enough time to upload your photos.
- Stella:** That's a great idea! Thanks so much, Jo.
- Michael:** OK, our next caller ...

Section 1: Listening Part B

Conversation 1

- A:** Can I help you ma'am?
- B:** Yes, thank you. I want to buy something for my vacation. Where's the women's department?
- A:** Is there something in particular you need?
- B:** Yes, I need a bathing suit.
- A:** Bathing suits are next to shoes. Go to the back of the store and turn left. They're across from the escalator.
- A:** Thank you very much!

Conversation 2

- A:** Hi, can you help me, please? I need to get to the men's shoe department.
- B:** Of course. Go down the stairs, to the next floor. It's right across from hats.
- A:** Go up the stairs?
- B:** No, go down the stairs.
- A:** And it's across from hats?
- B:** Yes.

Conversation 3

- A:** Can I help you, sir?
- B:** Yes, please. I want to buy a juicer.
- A:** OK. You need small appliances. It's located on the fourth floor. Take the elevator.

B: So, I need small appliances on the third floor?

A: No, the fourth floor. It's near the coffee shop. When you get off the elevator, turn left. Small appliances are in the back, next to the men's bathroom.

Section 1: Listening Part C

Spence: Good afternoon and welcome to "The Careers Podcast." We have our expert, Adriana Sanchez, with us today. Hi Adriana, thanks for coming.

Adriana: It's my pleasure, Spence.

Spence: Today, we're talking with people who are thinking about changing the kind of job they're in. And we have our first caller on the line. His name's Greg. Go ahead, Greg—tell us about your plans.

Greg: Hi, Spence. Hi, Adriana. Uh, well, I'm working in an accountant's office right now. I'm an administrative assistant, and it's kind of boring. It's all about numbers and money and I'm not really interested in that.

Adriana: I see. Why did you become an administrative assistant in an accountant's office if you aren't interested in numbers and money?

Greg: Good question. I don't know ... er, I guess I just applied for the job and I got it.

Adriana: When did you start there?

Greg: Five years ago. I really need a change.

Adriana: So, what would you like to do, Greg? What are you interested in?

Greg: Well, I love keeping fit. I go to the gym a lot. I'd like anything to do with fitness.

Adriana: What about being a fitness instructor?

Greg: A fitness instructor? That could be fun.

Adriana: Well, it's fun, but it's also a lot of work.

Greg: Really?

Adriana: Yes. Of course, you have to do lots of exercise ...

Greg: That's OK. I like exercise.

Adriana: ... but you also have to work very early hours. Many people want their fitness training before they go to work. Other people want their training after work. And some people can only go to the gym on the weekend.

Greg: Oh. That's not good.

Adriana: The money isn't great either.

Greg: Hmm. Now, I'm not sure. I want more money, not less.

Adriana: Well, the money isn't good if you work for an employer. But if you work for yourself, you can earn more.

Spence: So, what do you think, Greg?

Greg: I like the idea of being a fitness instructor and working for myself. But I don't really want to work early mornings, evenings, and weekends.

Spence: Well, does it sound better than your job right now?

Greg: Yes! Yes, it does! OK, so what do I have to do?

- Adriana:** I know the pay isn't good, but you should begin working at a gym to get some experience. When you have experience, you can start getting your own customers.
- Greg:** I see. OK.
- Spence:** It sounds like you have a lot to think about, Greg.
- Greg:** Yes, I do. Thanks a lot for your help, Adriana.
- Adriana:** Good luck with your change of career, Greg!

Units 1-10 Final Test

Section 1: Listening Part A

- Marcy:** Welcome to the podcast. My name's Marcy Green and today's topic is very interesting. We're talking to music expert, Dr. Paula Lewis, about musical ability. Good morning, Dr. Lewis.
- Dr. Lewis:** Good morning, Marcy. It's good to be here.
- Marcy:** Dr. Lewis, we have two parts to the topic today, so let's get right to it. First, is it true that everyone can learn how to play an instrument like the guitar, piano, or violin?
- Dr. Lewis:** Yes, Marcy, I believe it is. With enough practice, anyone can do that.
- Marcy:** Wow. I think that's amazing because I want to play the guitar, but I can't do it.
- Dr. Lewis:** What do you think is the problem? Why can't you do it?
- Marcy:** I don't know. I guess I don't have any musical ability.
- Dr. Lewis:** Do you take classes?
- Marcy:** No. I have a book and I try to learn from that. I play along with songs I like, but it always sounds terrible.
- Dr. Lewis:** OK. So, it sounds like you don't have a natural ability in music. But that doesn't mean you can't learn to play an instrument. It's just more difficult for you than it is for other people.
- Marcy:** People with natural ability?
- Dr. Lewis:** That's right. It can be difficult for someone to learn without a teacher if they don't have natural ability. You need to have classes and learn from a music teacher. It may take some time, but you can definitely learn to play the guitar.
- Marcy:** Well, that sounds good. I feel better now. I just need to take classes. How long is it going to take to learn?
- Dr. Lewis:** That depends. Motivation is an important factor. If you really want to learn and you practice every day, you can learn quickly. But if you only take one class a week and don't practice between classes, it takes much longer.
- Marcy:** I see. And can I become a really good guitar player?
- Dr. Lewis:** That's a difficult question to answer. What do you mean by good?
- Marcy:** Could I play in a rock or pop band, for example?
- Dr. Lewis:** Well, I know many bands that have guitar players who aren't very good!

- Marcy:** Ha ha! That's very true. OK, so the next part of the topic is this: Can you learn to play a musical instrument when you're older?
- Dr. Lewis:** Yes, of course you can.
- Marcy:** Some people say it's not possible to develop new abilities after a certain age.
- Dr. Lewis:** That's not true. I teach people of all ages to play music. It may be true that older people find it more difficult. It may take longer—just as it does for people with no natural ability—but that doesn't mean it's not possible.
- Marcy:** So, even people who are sixty or seventy years old can learn?
- Dr. Lewis:** Sure! Actually, we tell older people that they should learn something like playing a musical instrument. It's good for your brain to learn something new when you're older. It keeps it active.
- Marcy:** Well, that's great news, Dr. Lewis. So, everyone, there you have it—go and buy a guitar or a piano and learn how to play. It's good for your health! Thanks very much for answering my questions today, Dr. Lewis.
- Dr. Lewis:** It was good to be here, Marcy.

Section 1: Listening Part B

Conversation 1

- A:** Betty! When did you get back from vacation?
- B:** Yesterday.
- A:** So tell me all about it.
- B:** Well, the flight there was great. It was quite comfortable and everyone was really friendly.
- A:** Did you arrive on time?
- B:** We were a little early, actually.
- A:** Huh. That's not usual. Was the hotel good?
- B:** It was amazing! There was a beautiful swimming pool, the food was delicious, and it was right on the beach.
- A:** Wow. Sounds like nothing bad happened at all.
- B:** Well, when we arrived, they said our rooms weren't ready.
- A:** Oh, because you arrived early, right?
- B:** Yeah, I think so. But you know what?
- A:** What?
- B:** The rooms we originally paid for were small and at the back of the hotel. But they gave us much bigger rooms! You could see the beach from the window. And we didn't have to pay extra for them.
- A:** Fantastic! So did you just stay in the hotel? Or did you go out?
- B:** We did lots of great things. We went surfing and took tours around the city. We learned about the culture and visited museums. We had a lot of fun.
- A:** It sounds like it. You need to give me more information about the place. I need to take my family there, too!

Conversation 2

- A:** Hi Conrad. Weren't you on vacation?
- B:** Yeah, we were. As a matter of fact, we got back the day before yesterday.
- A:** Oh yeah? So, how was it? You took a cruise, right?
- B:** Yeah. Well, we had some problems.
- A:** Oh, no! Tell me what happened.
- B:** Well, we left late because of bad weather.
- A:** That's too bad. How long was the delay?
- B:** Two days.
- A:** Two days! I hope the rest of the cruise was OK.
- B:** The rooms were really small. It was difficult to put all our luggage in them.
- A:** Ah. But you could go swimming, right? And there was other entertainment?
- B:** No swimming. The swimming pool wasn't open. They said there was a problem. But there was a movie theater.
- A:** Well, that's good. How about the food?
- B:** I don't know.
- A:** You don't know? Why not?
- B:** The weather was so bad and the boat moved a lot, so I felt sick all the time. I only ate bread.
- A:** I'm so sorry. Well, I hope you have a better vacation next time!

Section 1: Listening Part C

When I was younger, vacations were much easier. That's because I didn't have children! Vacations should be a time to relax, but when you have children it can be a time of great stress. If there's a big difference between the ages of your children, it can be even more difficult. For example, my oldest child, Simon, is twelve now. But his brother, Luke, is only five. They're interested in very different things—and so are we!

But that doesn't mean you can't have a fun vacation when you have children. Last year, we tried a vacation at a family resort—that's a kind of vacation park for families. I didn't think I would like it much. I didn't like the idea of spending a vacation with lots of other families with children. But, actually, we had a great time.

The great thing about family resorts is that there's something for everyone. During the day there are many activities for children. The younger ones can join groups where they do things like face painting, art, sports, and music. That means the adults can spend time together, without the kids.

The parks are very safe. There are attendants who look after the children and who help them when they are in trouble. They're really good with the kids! It's not like being in a town or city. If there's a problem, you know that someone will help your child. So it's OK to let your older children walk around on their own. They can make new friends and have fun.

Of course, that doesn't mean you don't spend any time with your family! There are many things that you can do together. There's swimming, kayaking, and other water sports, like

paddleboarding. There are lots of indoor activities, too. And there are many restaurants where you can eat, so the family can go out together for a meal during the day or in the evening. The parks also have people who can look after your kids in the evenings if you want to go out for a meal with other adults.

You can stay in apartments or small houses called “chalets.” Most of them have kitchens so you can cook your own food if you prefer. We had a chalet and it was really comfortable. The rooms were big and there was a lot of space to relax. Sometimes, it was nice to spend an evening watching movies as a family. We don’t always get time for that at home.

The most important thing was that we all had a great time. We all did activities that we liked, and we had time to relax. I already booked next year’s vacation there!