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# B1/B2 Listening Comprehension

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Parts 1 to 5

Length of exam: 45 minutes

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### 1. Favourite Places

Listen to three people; **Dean (D)**, **Fiona (F)** and **Andrew (A)**, talk about their favourite places. For questions **1-8**, write **D**, **F** or **A** in the box. You have an example (**0**).

Who...

<b>0</b>	... thinks this special place is unusual.	<b>D</b>
<b>1</b>	... likes to be away from urban areas.	
<b>2</b>	... likes the break from the strong sun.	
<b>3</b>	... enjoys the favourite place from a car.	
<b>4</b>	... does a physical activity.	
<b>5</b>	.... talks positively about the local residents.	
<b>6</b>	... compares the place to somewhere from fiction.	
<b>7</b>	...eats the food in small towns.	
<b>8</b>	...goes to a place near the sea.	

## 2. Climate Change

Listen to Wendy and Joan talking about climate change and complete the text **1-8** with a **maximum of 3 words from the recording**. There is an example **(0)**.

Wendy is sure climate change exists and is frightened **(0) for the future**. An insect where she comes from attacks, and eventually **(1)**\_\_\_\_\_ the trees. When she was younger the **(2)**\_\_\_\_\_ had very low temperatures, which killed these bugs. Now, however, the forests are full of **(3)**\_\_\_\_\_ which burn easily - these fires cause **(4)**\_\_\_\_\_, which affects the local city. This **(5)**\_\_\_\_\_ the city of Paris had record high temperatures. They both agree that people should buy local produce, like **(6)**\_\_\_\_\_, to help reduce transport pollution. People now use **(7)**\_\_\_\_\_ more to move around, but everyone needs to change their lifestyles because climate change is a **(8)**\_\_\_\_\_.

### 3. Fiona's Home

Listen to Fiona talking about her home. Complete the sentences **1-9** with a **maximum of 3 words from the recording**. There is an example (**0**).

0. Fiona's village in Scotland didn't have any **shops**.
  
1. Her parents had to reconstruct walls and \_\_\_\_\_.
  
2. The work was difficult because her father had suffered \_\_\_\_\_.
  
3. The repairs on the roof made the house \_\_\_\_\_.
  
4. Fiona likes the floor in \_\_\_\_\_.
  
5. Her father had a workshop behind the house where he \_\_\_\_\_.
  
6. People could look at and purchase \_\_\_\_\_.
  
7. Having a South African student in her village was \_\_\_\_\_.
  
8. The neighbours lived on a \_\_\_\_\_.
  
9. The house has become less attractive as it has got \_\_\_\_\_.

#### 4. Maastricht

Listen to Noelia talking about living in Maastricht. For questions **1-6**, choose the answer (**A, B, C** or **D**) which you think is correct. You have an example (**0**).

Example:

**0.** Noelia was in Maastricht for...

- A. three years.
- B. a job.
- C. university.

**D. less than two years.**

**1.** The interiors of many buildings...

- A. contain old-fashioned furniture.
- B. look different to their exteriors
- C. need renovation.
- D. are very cold.

**2.** The local people ride bikes...

- A. from October to April.
- B. although they are unfit.
- C. even in bad weather.
- D. except in the winter.

**3.** Noelia lived...

- A. in a house with a wood fire.
- B. on the top floor of a house.
- C. in a red-brick house.
- D. in four different places.

**4.** Noelia says Dutch people don't...

- A. close their curtains.
- B. worry about being watched.
- C. lock their doors.
- D. open their windows.

**5.** The neighbours in Noelia's area...

- A. never went on foot.
- B. watched Noelia cooking.
- C. were worried about crime.
- D. felt secure in their houses.

**6.** According to Noelia, Dutch people...

- A. don't smile at strangers.
- B. always eat outside.
- C. are obsessed with their jobs.
- D. have a positive outlook on life.

## 5. Picky Eater

Listen to Suzanne talking about food and complete the spaces **1-9** with a **maximum of 3 words from the recording**. There is an example **(0)**.

Suzanne says picky eaters have problems **(0) eating most foods** and are careful when choosing their food.

She enjoyed eating **(1)**\_\_\_\_\_ when she was young, particularly any colourful

beans which were **(2)**\_\_\_\_\_. However, her tendency to

**(3)**\_\_\_\_\_ her food irritated her mother. She is concerned about the visual

**(4)**\_\_\_\_\_ of her meals and dislikes seeing large quantities of food on her plate.

She also suggests that the way US restaurants serve food could be a reason so many Americans

**(5)**\_\_\_\_\_.

She refuses to eat food which has been **(6)**\_\_\_\_\_ (mostly because of its smell).

She still likes vegetables, but they must be colourful, look **(7)**\_\_\_\_\_ and not be

**(8)**\_\_\_\_\_, as this can make them unattractive to her.

She prefers **(9)**\_\_\_\_\_ dishes, which remind her of the food cooked with spices

she ate when she was a girl.

### 1. Favourite Places

0	D	1	A	2	D	3	D	4	A	5	F	6	D	7	A	8	F
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### 2. Climate Change - maximum of 3 words

0	<i>for the future</i>																
1	kills/killed			5	summer/year												
2	(British Columbia) winter(s)			6	(locally produced) fruit(s)												
3	(really) (dry/dried) (dead) trees			7	public transport/transportation												
4	smoke			8	global problem (now)												

### 3. Fiona's Home- maximum of 3 words

0	<i>shops.</i>			5	worked / did his work												
1	(the) roof(s)			6	(the) ceramic(s)												
2	(from) broken legs/a broken leg			7	(very) exotic												
3	waterproof			8	farm												
4	(the) kitchen			9	older												

### 4. Maastricht

0	D	1	B	2	C	3	B	4	B	5	D	6	D
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### 5. Picky Eater - maximum of 3 words

0	<i>eating most foods.</i>			5	are overweight												
1	vegetables			6	fried												
2	small and round			7	fresh												
3	play with			8	overcooked / dead looking												
4	presentation			9	Mexican and Indian												

