

Unit 1 Skills Test Dictation

My parents are deciding where to go on holiday. My dad wants to go skiing, but my mum prefers a beach holiday. I hope we go skiing.

Unit 1 Skills Test Listening

N = Narrator

N: One. You will hear two friends planning a trip.

A: So, where shall we book our holiday this year? Istanbul again?

B: Istanbul was great, but we've been there. How about something new?

A: OK, well, we love shopping. How about Dubai?

B: Isn't it very hot?

A: Not all year. Or New York?

B: New York is nice and I know you haven't been there, but I have. Maybe we could think about going to Dubai when it's cooler.

A: OK, I'll have a look at the weather!

N: Two. You will hear a father talk to his son about his journey to work.

A: Dad, how long does it take you to get to work?

B: It takes about an hour, Sam. It's a long journey.

A: Why don't you drive?

B: It takes too long to drive. It's much easier to catch a bus and then get on a train.

A: Do you get the metro when you get off the train?

B: I don't need to. The office is next to the station. I'll take you there one day.

N: Three. You will hear two friends talking about the city they are studying in.

A: I really like studying in Brighton. It's great to be by the sea.

B: I'm not sure about that. ... For me, it's far too windy by the sea. I'd prefer somewhere warmer and calmer.

A: But Brighton is great! There are lots of different shops and cafés.

B: Definitely. I'm really keen on shopping and there is plenty of choice here.

A: That's true, but it was much cheaper in my home town. And being a student, I never have much money!

B: Haha! I know what you mean!

N: Four. You will hear two friends talking about a recent trip.

A: I've just come back from a week in Sydney. It was terrible!

B: Oh, no. Really? What happened?

A: Well, our flight was delayed and then, when I got to the hotel, they didn't have our reservation, and they didn't have any rooms! They were quite rude about it all!

B: What did you do?

A: Well, my wife complained and we had to go to another hotel, but that one was very far from the centre, in quite a bad area.

B: What a shame! But did you enjoy Sydney?

A: It's a nice city, but after all the problems I didn't have a great time.

N: Five. You will hear a grandfather talking about a town.

A: Grandad. What was it like here when you were young?

B: Well, it was a very different place. There weren't many buildings and I knew all the people in the town!

A: Really? Everybody?

B: Yes, but there were only about a hundred people back then. Now there are about a thousand. Sometimes people seem very lazy these days. When I was young, everybody was nice to each other and worked hard. Now, people sometimes don't even say hello. It's just not nice.

A: But have there been any good changes?

B: Oh yes ... it's much easier nowadays to live here. There is a doctor and a dentist and more shops.

N: Six. You will hear two friends talking about going to university.

A: You're going to university next month, aren't you Alan?

B: Yes! I am off to Glasgow! I've never been there before.

A: Why did you choose a place you don't know?

B: Well, the course is really good, and I thought it might be exciting to try something new. I'm not so sure now though.

A: What do you mean?

B: Well, I've got some good friends who live there, so I'm not worried about knowing people, but I do feel a bit nervous. What if I don't like the city?

A: I'm sure you will. I went there about five years ago and I thought it was lovely, but it's a bit cold sometimes! Make sure you bring your winter clothes!

Unit 2 Skills Test Dictation

I've got an old photo of my family. I think it was taken in our garden about fifty years ago because my grandparents look very young. My grandmother is sitting at the front.

Unit 2 Skills Test Listening

Last week I entered a music competition with my friends Tom and Katie.

We saw the competition online and it said that anybody from the ages of ten to sixteen could take part. But only groups of three to six people could enter. Katie asked me to enter with her and Tom.

The special thing about the competition was that we had to make all the music using the computer. So, we didn't use any instruments! It seems difficult, but it was a lot of fun. We used an app called Sound Maker. We had sounds of guitars, drums and the keyboard. It sounded great and we had a brilliant time making it. Katie was the singer too! She was scared of singing, but I think she was really good. We applied online on Monday and we made our song by Thursday. It was so much fun and much easier than we thought.