

Listening Comprehension

Part 1

Conversations

Short Conversations

Conversation 35

M: What smells good?

W: Oh, it's just a recipe I found online. The dish looked interesting, so I wanted to try it out.

M: Wait, but I thought you didn't like to cook.

W: I know, but lately I have been spending too much on eating out.

Question 35. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The man doesn't like to cook.
- b) The woman wants to save money.
- c) The woman cooked this dish before.
- d) The man thinks the dish looks interesting.

Conversation 36

M: I always have trouble picking a book to read.

W: Why don't you ask the librarian what she recommends?

M: I did, but I don't really enjoy the kinds of books she likes.

W: Well, you can always check online to see which books have the best reviews.

Question 36. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The woman doesn't enjoy reading the same books the librarian reads.
- b) The woman will check the Internet for book reviews.
- c) The man doesn't know which book to read.
- d) The man always gets in trouble when he reads a book.

Conversation 37

M: Are you going to be ready to leave for the airport soon? I think we should arrive 2 hours before our flight.

W: That's a good idea. We can eat dinner there. What time is our flight? 10 p.m.? Can you check?

M: Um, I have some bad news. We made a mistake. The flight was at 10 a.m. this morning.

W: What? I can't believe this! I'd better call the airline to reschedule right away.

Question 37. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The woman's flight departs at 10 p.m. in the evening.
- b) The man and the woman have arrived at the airport early.
- c) The man will call to reschedule the flight.
- d) The man and the woman have missed their flight.

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Conversation 38

M: I'm working on a group project about eco-friendly products. Can you think of any examples?

W: I recently read a newspaper article about an eco-friendly car developed by a major Japanese car manufacturer.

M: How exactly is it eco-friendly?

W: The company is trying to achieve a carbon-neutral society by making cars that don't use gasoline.

Question 38. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The man is going to work at a car manufacturer.
- b) The man is trying to avoid using gasoline.
- c) The woman is giving examples of friendly people.
- d) The woman knows of an effort to protect the environment.

Conversation 39

M: Hi Jennifer, I heard that you were sick.

W: Who told you that?

M: Tom. He said you weren't in English class today.

W: Really? I was there. Oh, he was talking about the other Jennifer.

Question 39. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The man talked to Tom recently.
- b) The woman was sick.
- c) The man saw the woman in English class.
- d) The woman's name is not Jennifer.

Conversation 40

M: What shall we have for dinner tonight?

W: Let's go out. It's been a while since we've gone to a restaurant.

M: Oh that's a great idea! Can we go to the Italian place near the station?

W: How about the curry shop instead? We had pasta for dinner last night.

M: Good point. I like your suggestion. Let's do that.

Question 40. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The man offered to cook dinner tonight.
- b) The man and the woman will go to an Italian restaurant.
- c) The man and the woman recently ate pasta together.
- d) The man will buy curry at the supermarket.

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Conversation 41

M: Wow, this line is longer than I expected. Do you think they will be sold out?

W: Probably not. I think most people are actually here to watch the new action movie, so we should be fine.

M: That's good to know. But our movie will start in five minutes, so why don't I grab some popcorn and soda while you wait in line for the tickets?

W: Sounds good. Let's meet at the souvenir shop in a minute then.

Question 41. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The woman will buy popcorn and soda.
- b) The man and the woman will watch the new action movie.
- c) The woman is afraid that the tickets will be sold out.
- d) The man and the woman's movie will start soon.

Conversation 42

M: Hi, Mary. I haven't seen you around for a while.

W: I know. I've been so busy lately.

M: Really? What have you been up to?

W: Actually, I started working part-time at a bookstore last month.

Question 42. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The man works with the woman.
- b) The man looked for the woman for a while.
- c) The woman works at a bookstore.
- d) The woman is looking for a part-time job.

Conversation 43

M: Have you met the new exchange student yet? I didn't get a chance to say hi, but I heard she is from Brazil.

W: Yeah, I met her during lunch today. Her English is amazing. She actually helped me with my English homework.

M: Wow, that's surprising. I guess Brazilian schools have great English programs.

W: Well, she grew up in Canada, so she said her English is as good as her Portuguese.

Question 43. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The man thinks that English education in Brazil must be good.
- b) The man has already met the exchange student.
- c) The exchange student's Portuguese is better than her English.
- d) The woman helped the exchange student with her English homework.

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Conversation 44

M: Excuse me, miss. When is the due date for these three books that I have just borrowed?

W: I am sorry. I beg your pardon?

M: When do I have to return these books?

W: Today is Monday, April 15, so they will be due in two weeks, on April 29.

Question 44. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The man thinks that the library books are due in three weeks.
- b) The woman is sorry about returning the books late.
- c) The man is asking about when to return borrowed books.
- d) The woman can't go to the library between April 15 and April 30.

Conversation 45

W: Recently, I have had some trouble sleeping. Do you have any tips for falling asleep?

M: Have you tried stretching before going to bed? That can calm you down.

W: Yes, but it always gives me more energy so I become more awake.

M: What about listening to classical music? Piano or violin music relaxes me.

Question 45. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The woman has tried listening to music but it wakes her up.
- b) The man suggested that the woman listen to violin music.
- c) The woman suggested that the man stretch before bed.
- d) The man has been having a lot of trouble sleeping lately.

Conversation 46

W: Can you guess how much this laptop computer is?

M: 2,150 dollars.

W: Exactly right. How did you know?

M: I was thinking of buying the same one.

Question 46. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The man bought a new laptop computer.
- b) The woman wants the man to pay for her laptop computer.
- c) The woman wants to sell her computer to the man.
- d) The man knew the answer to the woman's question about the computer.

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Conversation 47

W: It's awfully hot and humid today.

M: I know. I can't stand it. I feel like having an ice cream.

W: Me too. Why don't we go to that new ice cream stand across the street from the university?

M: There's always a long line there! I don't want to wait in line when it's so hot.

Question 47. Which one of the statements is correct about the man?

- a) He enjoys the hot weather.
- b) He will go to the ice cream stand with the woman.
- c) He knows that the new ice cream stand is popular.
- d) He doesn't mind waiting in line for an ice cream in the heat.

Conversation 48

W: I'm glad the new term has started. All of my classes are quite interesting. How is your new history class?

M: I have a new professor, Dr. Smith. She seems to be okay, but I'm not sure.

W: What do you mean?

M: Well, it can be hard to hear her voice because she speaks so softly. But otherwise, she is a kind person.

Question 48. What does the man think of the new professor?

- a) Her classes are too hard.
- b) Her voice is too soft.
- c) She doesn't have a nice personality.
- d) She speaks too loudly.

Conversation 49

M: Have you started doing the homework?

W: The homework for English class?

M: Yes, we have to write poems about ourselves.

W: I haven't done it yet, but I think yours will probably be long. You've done so many interesting things.

Question 49. Which one of the statements is correct about the speakers?

- a) They forgot to do their homework.
- b) They want to read long poems.
- c) They have taken interesting trips.
- d) They will write about themselves.

Conversation 50

W: We have a new English teacher at our high school.

M: That's nice. Where's she from?

W: She's from California, but she said that her great-grandparents were originally from Hiroshima. They moved to America over a hundred years ago.

M: So, your teacher is Japanese-American?

W: Yes, I was surprised that we have the same last name!

Question 50. Which one of the statements is correct about the woman?

- a) She wants to know her English teacher's last name.
- b) She knows her English teacher's family background.
- c) She has been learning from the English teacher for a long time.
- d) She met her English teacher's great-grandparents in Hiroshima.

Long Conversations

Long Conversation 1

M: Are you busy after school today?

W: Yes, I'm going to meet my older sister.

M: That sounds like fun. Can I ask you about our math homework later?

W: Sure, please text me.

M: OK, thanks. Some of the questions are difficult.

W: I think so, too. It's good that we can help each other.

M: When are you going to do your homework?

W: I want to finish before 10 p.m.

Question 51. What does the man want to talk to the woman about?

- a) A family meeting
- b) Homework for class
- c) A test at school
- d) The best time to study

Question 52. According to the conversation, which one of the statements is correct about the speakers?

- a) They will talk to their sister.
- b) They will meet at school.
- c) They will test each other.
- d) They will study for math class.

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Long Conversation 2

M: I have some great news!

W: What happened?

M: I won the speech competition. Out of the five finalists, I came in first! I couldn't believe it!

W: Well, you deserve it. You had been practicing every day for at least three months, isn't that correct?

M: Yes, I had. However, at one point, I was thinking of giving up and withdrawing from the contest.

W: Well, I'm so glad you didn't. You should be very proud of yourself. How are you going to celebrate?

M: My parents are going to take me to a popular Korean restaurant in the city.

W: That sounds wonderful! Once again, congratulations on your victory.

Question 53. Which one of the statements is correct about the man?

- a) He went to a Korean restaurant with his parents.
- b) He helped the woman prepare for a speech contest.
- c) He gave up participating in the speech contest.
- d) He was one of the finalists in a competition.

Question 54. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The woman is congratulating the man on winning a contest.
- b) The man is asking the woman to go to dinner with his family.
- c) The woman told the man to stop practicing for the speech contest.
- d) The man is proud that the woman was one of the five finalists.

Long Conversation 3

M: I'm going to spend all day at the beach tomorrow. Do you want to come?

W: Are you going to try to find clams?

M: No, I heard they're not safe to eat.

W: Then why are you going to the beach?

M: I love watching the ocean. It's really relaxing.

W: That sounds nice, but I have to study for a test.

M: Then you shouldn't go. You'd have to take an early morning train and wouldn't get home until late at night.

W: You're right. Thanks for asking though. I'm sure you'll have a good time.

Question 55. What are the man and the woman talking about?

- a) Summer vacation
- b) School classes
- c) A day trip
- d) Clam soup

Question 56. According to the conversation, which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The man will study.
- b) The woman will plan a trip.
- c) The man will relax.
- d) The woman will go to the beach.

Long Conversation 4

M: I'm so hungry!

W: Didn't you have breakfast this morning?

M: I usually don't eat breakfast. I am always in a rush when I'm getting ready in the morning.

W: Well, it is often said that eating a good breakfast in the morning gives you the energy that you will need for the rest of the day.

M: Really? I didn't know that.

W: In addition, if you eat a good breakfast, you are less likely to overeat at lunchtime and at dinnertime.

M: That's interesting. Come to think of it, I always eat so much for dinner. I often eat late at night, too.

W: That's what I mean. It's better not to skip meals in the morning.

Question 57. What are the speakers mainly talking about?

- a) Eating a good breakfast in the morning
- b) Choosing clothes to get ready in the morning
- c) Eating breakfast too early
- d) Cooking dinner late at night

Question 58. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The woman recommends that the man eat a big lunch.
- b) The man suggests that the woman eat breakfast.
- c) The woman would like the man to change his eating habits.
- d) The man says the woman can cook breakfast very well.

Part 2 Monologues

Monologue 1

Hello students! My name is Lucy, and I am the director of the Intensive English Program of our university. We are so excited to have you join us for our three-week online English program starting on February 22.

We need to gather some information about you for the program. Please click the link to go to our online program registration. You will enter your name and email address, and then fill out a document. After that, you will have to read the section about our program policies. Please complete this before January 27.

On February 15, a week before the starting date of the program, I will email you with all of the contact information for your program. It will include a detailed schedule, the names and email addresses of your instructors, the online class information for your program, and your conversation partner information. If you have questions, please email me and ask!

Question 59. What should the students do right after they fill out a document?

- a) Enter their name and address
- b) Read the program policies
- c) Ask questions about the program
- d) Check the detailed schedule

Question 60. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The speaker wrote this email on January 27.
- b) The detailed schedule will be sent after February 15.
- c) The online program will end in March.
- d) The students won't know the names of the teachers until February 22.

Monologue 2

How many planets are in our Solar System? Well, until 2006 the correct answer was nine, but scientists decided that Pluto should not be a true planet and changed the total number to eight. The change happened when scientists changed the definition of a planet. They said a true planet should be round in shape, circle around the sun, and not share its space with other large objects. As it turns out, Pluto is round and does circle around the sun, but it also shares its space with other large rocks.

Although a few scientists still believe that Pluto should be a true planet, it is now officially renamed as a dwarf planet. Similar to true planets, dwarf planets circle around the Sun and are round in shape. However, unlike true planets, they can share their space with other large rocks. Since this change, scientists have designated four more objects as dwarf planets in our Solar System.

Question 61. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) There are four dwarf planets in the Solar System.
- b) A few scientists still think Pluto is a true planet.
- c) Pluto does not have any similarities to a true planet.
- d) Before 2006, scientists thought the Solar System had eight planets.

Question 62. According to the monologue, which one of the following is NOT a characteristic of Pluto?

- a) It is a similar size to other large rocks.
- b) It shares its space with other large objects.
- c) It circles around the sun.
- d) It is round in shape.

Monologue 3

You can try a simple experiment with your own dog at home to find out if it can learn the name of a new object after only hearing it four times. In the past, people thought only humans had this ability of learning the name of a new thing. But a group of scientists found that a few talented dogs showed the ability as well.

So how can you tell whether your own dog can do that or not? You just follow the steps the scientists took; then, you can find out whether your dog can learn the name of an object quickly. But don't worry if your dog doesn't show that ability. Like I said, the ability is something that not all dogs have. Only a specific kind of dog seems to have the ability.

Question 63. What is this monologue mainly about?

- a) How dogs are trained by scientists
- b) Why dogs are smart
- c) Scientists who study dogs
- d) Dogs that learn names quickly

Question 64. Which one of the statements is correct according to the monologue?

- a) Scientists used dogs to discover new objects.
- b) People can train any dogs to remember their owners' names.
- c) Some scientists used to think small dogs were smarter than large dogs.
- d) People can find out if their dogs can learn the names of new objects.

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