



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:

4.- You hear a poet talking about this work.

What is he doing?

- A. giving his reasons for starting to visit schools.
- B. justifying the childlike nature of some of his recent poems.
- C. explaining that his poems appeal to people of different ages.

CHILDLIKE:

APPEAL:

5.- You hear two people talking about a programme they saw on TV.

The woman thinks the programme was?

- A. irritating.
- B. sad.
- C. uninformative.

IRRITATING:

UNINFORMATIVE:

6.- You hear two people talking about an ice-hockey game they've just seen.

How does the girl feel about it?

- A. pleased to have had the experience
- B. relieved that she'd dressed appropriately
- C. impressed by the performance of the team

PLEASED:

RELIEVED:

7.- You overhear two friends talking about a restaurant.

What do they both like about it?

- A. the presentation of the food
- B. the atmosphere of the place
- C. the originality of the cooking

OVERHEAR:

ATMOSPHERE:

8.- You hear a man talking on the radio.

What type of information is he giving?

- A. a travel announcement
- B. a weather forecast
- C. an accident report

ANNOUNCEMENT:

FORECAST:

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 seen in (11) 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 during (13), which Angela finds surprising.

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 Angela.

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 spent studying the bears.

