CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH:
PRELIMINARY LISTENING PRACTICE TEST AUDIOSCRIPT

LISTENING

Part 1 02

0 Where is the pen?

GIRL: Mum! I can't find my new pen! Why isn't it on my desk?

WOMAN: Calm down, darling. Just look over there. It's under your chair.

GIRL: Oh! Thanks, Mum.

1 What time does the film start?

BOY: I think the film starts at 7.30.

GIRL: I don't really know. Let's check here on the website.

BOY: Seven o'clock! That's so early.

GIRL: Let's go then!

2 What is the girl doing first this afternoon?

GIRL 1: Are you at home? Can I come to your house?

GIRL 2: No, I'm sorry. I've got a lot to do. There's my piano lesson at 5.00. No wait, that's at 6.00. Swimming's at 5.00. And right now I'm getting ready to go to the library.

3 Which programme starts after midnight?

WOMAN: This evening at 8.00 you can sit back and enjoy our Thursday Night Is Comedy Night for a full two hours. Our documentary series, The Wonderful World of Nature, is after News at Ten. Then don't miss the World Boxing Championship from Sydney at 1.00.

4 How much do they pay for the flowers?

GIRL: Wow! Look at these flowers, they're gorgeous. Mum loves flowers, let's buy some.

BOY: Look at the prices, 10 pounds or 15.

GIRL: I've got 6 pounds. How about you?

BOY: Only 4, I'm afraid.

5 Which shop is open?

MAN: Are all the shops closed today? It is a holiday after all.

WOMAN: What do you want to buy?

MAN: I want some sweets for the kids.

WOMAN: As far as I know the supermarket and the grocer's aren't open but the newsagent's never closes. They've got sweets.

6 What does the girl order?

MAN: Can I help you?

GIRL: Yes, please. Can I have a piece of chocolate cake, a cup of coffee and a glass of orange juice?

MAN: Sure.

GIRL: On second thoughts that's too much. Just make it coffee and cake.

7 What was the weather like for the picnic?

GIRL: What was the picnic like on Sunday?

BOY: We were lucky. It rained all Saturday night and it was very foggy early in the morning but when we left, the clouds cleared and we had a lovely lunch in bright sunshine. It was heaven.

Part 2 03

Man: What will life be like in the twenty-second century? Well, I imagine that it will be very different from what it is today. There have been big changes to the way we live over the last one hundred years and nothing is going to stop more changes happening in the future. One thing we can definitely be sure of is that there will be more people in the world and that they will live longer than they do today. It will be difficult to provide food for everyone but we are making great progress in agriculture, so there is no reason to be pessimistic. Will robots with artificial intelligence control our lives? Some people who are frightened by rapid technological change think they will but I don't think so. Of course we will live in an increasingly technological world but let's not forget that man controls machines and not vice-versa. I really hope that in the twenty-second century children from poorer countries won't die because they can't see a doctor and that every child in the world will have the opportunity to go to school. Education is the answer to so many of our problems. What I think will be very exciting in the next century is the way we travel. Wouldn't it be marvellous to fly to Australia in four hours or take high-speed trains from one city to another like we take a bus today? Just a dream? Who knows? So, will life be better in one hundred years than it is today? I don't know what you think but my answer is a definite, 'Yes'.

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Part 3 04

Woman: Hello everyone and welcome to Mayfield College. I'm Veronica O'Brien, your English teacher and guide for the week. So, let's have a look at what's happening between now and Saturday. Firstly, your lessons. They start every morning at half past nine and finish at half past twelve from Monday to Thursday but on Friday they finish at eleven. Lots of grammar, reading, writing, listening and speaking! Don't worry, it's fun! After lunch we move out to the sports grounds where you can run on the track or play any sport you like. If you're not very sporty, you can stay in the recreation hall. There's lots to do there including board games and video games. On Thursday afternoon there's a trip to Lake Solitude. The bus leaves from outside the main entrance at half past two. Please be on time. The weather forecast for Thursday is good but you never know so bring a raincoat or umbrella just in case.

Well, I think that's everything. Oh yes… If you have a problem of any kind, don't hesitate to ask me for help in person or by phone. My number is 281–7496314. Enjoy your stay!

Part 4 05

DEBBIE: Can you turn the volume down, please Rick? Who are they anyway?

RICK: A brilliant new band called 'Girls Away'. What do you think?

DEBBIE: The singer's pretty good I suppose.

RICK: She sure is. But just listen to that guitar. Pure magic!

DEBBIE: Magic? It sounds very ordinary to me.

RICK: Well, if you think that's 'ordinary', it just shows that you don't understand rock music.

DEBBIE: Most rock music is only noise. You can't even understand the words.

RICK: I love the noise! It's so cool!

DEBBIE: Whatever! What's the name of the song?

RICK: Rock the Rabbits! It's a great title.

DEBBIE: So stupid! Rabbits don't rock.

RICK: Well, these do.

DEBBIE: I'm going to my room to listen to some Mozart. It's relaxing, not like this rubbish.

RICK: Mozart? That's old people's music. It's boring.

DEBBIE: Rock on, little brother.

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