

Listening Scripts and Answer Keys

Units 1–3

- Anna:** Hey, Bob. I heard you at the school concert last night. You're really good at playing the piano!
- Bob:** Thanks, Anna. Did you enjoy the concert?
- Anna:** It was great! When did you learn to play the piano?
- Bob:** Well, I didn't use to like music when I was very little. Then, when I was seven years old, I saw a famous pianist playing on TV. I loved the music, so my parents bought me an old piano, and I started taking lessons when I was eight years old.
- Anna:** Wow. And your sister's a musician too, right?
- Bob:** Yes, she plays the piano, too. She's awesome. I'm not as good as her.
- Anna:** Really?
- Bob:** Well, I'm OK. But I'm lazy and I don't like practicing. But my sister is crazy about music. She practices every day. She's going to study music at college.
- Anna:** She's older than you, right?
- Bob:** Yes. She's eighteen. What about you, Anna? Do you like music?
- Anna:** Well, I used to like singing when I was little, but I don't sing now. I love listening to music, but I don't play any instruments. Sports are my favorite hobby, especially swimming. I learned to swim when I was four years old!
- Bob:** Wow! And you live near the ocean, right?
- Anna:** We do now, but we didn't use to live near the ocean when I was little. My cousin had a swimming pool, and I learned to swim there. Now we live near the beach, and I often swim in the ocean.
- Bob:** That's great. I don't get enough exercise.
- Anna:** Well, I'm going swimming this afternoon. Come with me, Bob!
- Bob:** Maybe I will. I need to get more exercise. Are you going to the swimming pool?
- Anna:** No way! I'm going to the beach. Swimming in a pool is OK, but it's not as exciting as swimming in the ocean.

Units 1–3 Test A

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Units 1–3 Test B

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Listening Scripts and Answer Keys

Units 4–6

- Simon:** Hey, Maria! We haven't spoken for weeks! How are you? And *where* are you? Are you on vacation?
- Maria:** Hi, Simon! Good to hear from you. I'm great. And yes, I'm on vacation. I'm in Costa Rica with my family!
- Simon:** Costa Rica? How long have you been there?
- Maria:** Well, we flew here last Saturday. We've been here for a week. It's awesome.
- Simon:** Are you having a good time?
- Maria:** Absolutely! We've explored the forests, and we've seen some amazing birds and animals. Have you ever been to Costa Rica?
- Simon:** No, I never have. But it sounds fabulous.
- Maria:** It is. Right now, I'm sitting near a waterfall. It's the biggest waterfall I've ever seen!
- Simon:** Fantastic! Is your brother with you?
- Maria:** No, he's sick right now. He has a sore throat.
- Simon:** That's too bad. How long has he been sick?
- Maria:** Well, he's had a sore throat since Wednesday. That's about four days.
- Simon:** Really? Is he going to see a doctor?
- Maria:** Oh, he's already seen a doctor. He needs to take some medicine, but he'll be OK soon.
- Simon:** That's good. Have you been to the beach?
- Maria:** No, not yet. We're going to visit the beach tomorrow. I've been swimming in a lake a couple of times, but I haven't swum in the ocean yet. Hey, you won't believe what I did yesterday!
- Simon:** Did you go fishing?
- Maria:** No, I didn't. I went hiking – up a volcano!
- Simon:** Wow! You're brave! Was it dangerous?
- Maria:** No, not really. I went with my parents, and we had a guide with us. Anyway, what about you? Are you at home with your parents?

- Simon:** No, my parents have gone to London. I'm staying with my uncle. I've been here for three days. It's OK, but my life isn't as interesting as yours right now!
- Maria:** Well, this is definitely the best vacation I've ever had! Anyway, I have to go. Bye, Simon!
- Simon:** Bye, Maria!

Units 4–6 Test A

2. d 3. b 4. a 5. c 6. b 7. d

Units 4–6 Test B

2. a 3. c 4. c 5. d 6. b 7. b

Listening Scripts and Answer Keys

Units 7–9

- Karen:** Hey! Tom!
- Tom:** What is it, Karen?
- Karen:** You threw that plastic bag on the ground, didn't you?
- Tom:** Er ... yes, I did.
- Karen:** Why did you do that?
- Tom:** Well, I ...
- Karen:** What does that sign over there say?
- Tom:** It says, "Hikers must not throw litter. Please keep our forest beautiful."
- Karen:** Exactly! We're not supposed to leave litter in the forest.
- Tom:** Well, there isn't a garbage can here, is there?
- Karen:** No, there isn't. So we have to take our litter home with us!
- Tom:** I'm sorry. You're right. I'll pick it up. The environment is important to you, isn't it, Karen?
- Karen:** It's important to everyone, Tom! Have you been to Environment Club?
- Tom:** No, I haven't. What's Environment Club?
- Karen:** We meet every Thursday after school, in the library. We talk about ways to protect the environment, like using less water.
- Tom:** Do any teachers come to the club?
- Karen:** Yes. Mr. Wilson, our science teacher, often comes. He talks to us about recycling, ways to use less electricity, stuff like that.
- Tom:** Hmm. I like Mr. Wilson. How much does it cost to join the club?
- Karen:** Don't be silly, Tom. You don't have to pay to come to the club!
- Tom:** Really? And what time does it start?
- Karen:** Well, meetings are supposed to start at four o'clock, but they usually start at about four fifteen. The next meeting is tomorrow. Come along! You might enjoy it.
- Tom:** I'm sorry, Karen, I can't come tomorrow. I have to see the doctor at four thirty.

- Karen:** That's too bad. What about next week?
- Tom:** Well ... OK, I might come next week. I'll think about it.
- Karen:** That's great. Maybe I'll see you there!

Units 7–9 Test A

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Units 7–9 Test B

2. d 3. a 4. c 5. a 6. b 7. d

Listening Scripts and Answer Keys



Units 10–12

Alice: What's your favorite holiday, Scott?

Scott: Well, Christmas is nice, of course, because it's the time of year when people give each other gifts. I love choosing gifts for my family. But I think New Years is my favorite.

Alice: Why? What do you do for New Years in your country? You're from the U.S., aren't you, Scott?

Scott: That's right.

Alice: And do you celebrate the New Year on January 1st?

Scott: No. December 31st is the day when we celebrate, in the evening. A lot of people have parties that go on until about one or two o'clock in the morning – no one goes to bed early that night!

Alice: And are there fireworks?

Scott: Yes, there are usually big firework displays in parks and downtown, and a lot of people go out at night to watch the fireworks. People wish each other a happy new year, and sometimes we sing songs, too.

Alice: And what happens the next day?

Scott: On January 1st, most people take the day off. In the morning, we often make promises to ourselves.

Alice: What do you mean?

Scott: Well, for example, on January 1st this year I wrote a note to myself. It said, "I'm going to stop eating junk food, and I'm going to get plenty of exercise." The New Year is a time when people think about changing their bad habits.

Alice: And did you change your habits?

Scott: Well ... a little. For example, I started going to soccer practice once a week.

Alice: That's great!

Scott: But bad things can happen on New Years, too. Last New Years, my friend Peter went out with his family to watch the fireworks. They came home at one o'clock in the morning. You know what happened while no one was home? A burglar broke into their apartment!

Alice: Oh, no! Did he steal anything?

Scott: Yes, he took the laptop that was in Peter's room.

Alice: That's terrible. Did the police find the person who did it?

Scott: No, they didn't. And they didn't find the laptop that the burglar stole, either. It was a terrible New Years for Peter!

Units 10–12 Test A

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Units 10–12 Test B

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