

Listening Comprehension Part 1 Conversations

Short Conversations

Conversation 35

W: Aren't you going to the drug store?

M: I'm going to wait until after the rain stops.

W: Ah, good idea. I'll make a list of things I want you to buy.

M: Ok. Give it to me when you're ready.

Question 35. When is the man leaving?

- a) After he makes a shopping list
- b) After the woman returns from shopping
- c) After he finishes his other shopping
- d) After it stops raining outside

Conversation 36

W: Hello. I'd like to buy a textbook for my English class.

M: What's your teacher's name?

W: I don't know yet. But I have the class number.

M: I'm sorry, but you need to know your teacher's name to buy a textbook because different English teachers require different textbooks for their classes.

Question 36. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The man works at a library.
- b) The woman teaches English.
- c) The man wants to know the name of the woman's teacher.
- d) The woman bought the wrong textbook for her English class.

Conversation 37

M: I waited all night outside of Tokyo Dome to get a pair of tickets to the Black Pink Concert.

W: Why did you do that? Didn't you know that you can buy the tickets online next week?

M: Yes, but that is a lottery system, so there is a chance that you won't get any tickets.

W: Oh, I didn't know that! I should've waited with you last night then.

Question 37. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The woman wants to go to the Black Pink concert.
- b) The man will buy the concert tickets online next week.
- c) The man and the woman went to the concert last night.
- d) The man and the woman waited outside together to get the tickets.

Conversation 38

W: Excuse me Professor Hupka, can I leave class early? I am not feeling so well.

M: Oh? What seems to be the problem?

W: I have a headache and a slight fever. I think it's because I was up all night finishing my history report.

M: Ok, you can go. I'll email you the rest of the class notes. Would you like someone to go with you to the Student Health Center?

W: No, I think I should just go back home because I have some medicine there.

Question 38. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The woman is sick because she was doing schoolwork late at night.
- b) The man will email the homework assignment to the woman.
- c) Someone will walk to the Student Health Center with the woman.
- d) The woman will go and buy some medicine on the way home.

Conversation 39

W: Are you looking for something?

M: Yeah, I'm looking for a vending machine. I just want to get a can of coffee.

W: Why don't you use the coffee machine in the lounge? It makes good coffee, and it's free.

M: Really? Thanks for the information.

Question 39. Which one of the statements is correct about the man?

- a) He is trying to get a drink for the woman.
- b) He will buy coffee from a vending machine.
- c) He has already had free coffee in the lounge.
- d) He appreciates the woman's advice.

Conversation 40

M: Bye. See you later.

W: What time are you coming home tonight?

M: I think around eight, as usual. Why?

W: A friend of mine will be here for dinner. Can't you come home a little earlier?

M: I'll try to, but don't wait. Go ahead and start eating without me.

Question 40. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The man usually comes home quite early.
- b) The woman invited someone over for dinner.
- c) The man will definitely come home earlier than usual tonight.
- d) The woman wants the man to help her cook dinner.

Conversation 41

W: Hey David, why didn't you join the online meeting yesterday?

M: That's today, isn't it?

W: No, it was yesterday, Tuesday at 2 o'clock.

M: Isn't today Tuesday?

W: No, it's Wednesday.

Question 41. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The man attended the meeting on Tuesday.
- b) The woman reminded the man of a meeting next Tuesday.
- c) The man thought yesterday was Monday.
- d) The woman wants the man to join the meeting on Wednesday.

Conversation 42

W: I've spent the whole afternoon at the library looking for the information we need, but I can't find it.

M: I'm stuck, too. Shall we ask Professor Brown for some suggestions?

W: Sounds like a good idea. He said we could see him anytime we needed his help.

M: Good. Let's go to his office after lunch then.

Question 42. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The woman works at the library.
- b) The man is asking the woman for a favor.
- c) The woman will help her professor.
- d) The man will visit his professor in the afternoon.

Conversation 43

M: Did your mother meet with Mr. Johnson at school?

W: Yes, she did! He told her that I was doing well in his math class. He was impressed that I want to become an engineer when I grow up.

M: That's nice. Mr. Johnson told my parents that I sometimes fall asleep in class. He said that I need to work harder to keep up with my assignments.

W: Well, he does give a lot of homework. However, I always thought that his classes were interesting.

Question 43. What is Mr. Johnson's job?

- a) A teacher
- b) A principal
- c) An engineer
- d) A businessperson

Conversation 44

W: Good afternoon. Can I help you find anything?

M: I'm looking for a gift for my wife, but I don't know what to get her.

W: Hmm, well if she likes jewelry, I suggest buying a simple necklace. That's always popular.

M: That's a good idea. Do you have anything blue? It's her favorite color.

Question 44. What is the man's problem?

- a) He can't decide between a necklace and earrings.
- b) He doesn't know what to buy for his wife.
- c) He can't spend a lot of money.
- d) He doesn't know his wife's favorite color.

Conversation 45

W: How about seeing a movie with me tomorrow afternoon?

M: I'd like to, but I have to help my brother move tomorrow.

W: Well, we could go to a later screening. There's a show that starts around 7 p.m.

M: OK. We should be all done by 5 p.m. I'll call you then.

Question 45. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The woman will see a movie tomorrow.
- b) The man won't see the woman tomorrow.
- c) The woman will help the man's brother tomorrow.
- d) The man will meet the woman today at 5 p.m.

Conversation 46

W: I feel sorry for my dog.

M: What's wrong with her?

W: She has hurt her leg. I have to take her to an animal hospital.

M: You'd better hurry, then.

Question 46. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The man hurt his leg.
- b) The man is upset about a dog.
- c) The woman wants to help her dog.
- d) The woman feels sorry for the man.

Conversation 47

M: Mary, it is a bit smoky here. Do you mind if we move to that other table over there?

W: Sure, no problem. Wait, do you know that woman there by the window?

M: Oh, I think that is our new co-worker, Sarah. She just moved in with her boyfriend last week.

W: Really? I thought she was already married.

Question 47. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The woman thinks their table is too smoky.
- b) The woman thought their co-worker had a boyfriend.
- c) The man wants to sit by the window.
- d) The man recognizes his co-worker's face.

Conversation 48

M: Nancy, is that you?

W: Hi, Jim.

M: You look different. I couldn't recognize you at first. I didn't know you wore glasses.

W: I usually wear contact lenses, but I have a problem with my eyes, so I decided not to wear them today.

Question 48. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The man recognized the woman right away.
- b) The woman doesn't usually wear glasses.
- c) The man thinks the woman looks better without the glasses.
- d) The woman asked the man for advice about her problem.

Conversation 49

W: I'm going snowboarding with my friends this coming weekend. Do you want to join us?

M: Well, I don't know how to snowboard.

W: Then do you ski?

M: I do, but it's been a while so I'm out of practice. I'll pass. Enjoy yourselves!

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

- a) He is good at snowboarding.
- b) He is good at skiing.
- c) He hasn't skied for a long time.
- d) He will join the woman on the weekend.

Conversation 50

W: I'm organizing a trip for my book club, but I'm not sure if the members will like the place that I chose.

M: Where do you plan to visit?

W: Stratford-upon-Avon where Shakespeare was born.

M: I'm sure they will love it.

Question 50. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The man is a member of a book club.
- b) The man plans to organize a book club.
- c) The woman wants to visit the man's place.
- d) The woman knows where Shakespeare was born.

Long Conversations

Long Conversation 1

M: Did you go anywhere during Golden Week?

W: No, I stayed at home and studied English. How about you?

M: We visited my grandparents in Hakone. It's a long drive, so I studied English in the car.

W: How did you study English?

M: I watched two movies. It was fun listening to the English and understanding the subtitles.

W: That's my favorite way to study English, too. Which movies did you watch?

M: "Yes Day" and "Spiderman." "Yes Day" was funny. You should see it.

W: Yes, I know the story. The parents agree to say "yes" to their children's suggestions for one day. It sounds funny.

Question 51. What are the speakers talking about?

- a) Learning to drive
- b) Going to a movie theater
- c) Taking a break
- d) Studying English

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

- a) Parents need to say "yes" more often to their children.
- b) Watching movies is one way to learn a language.
- c) Spending time alone is not much fun.
- d) Learning English takes a long time.

Long Conversation 2

W: I've been looking for a part-time job, but I haven't been able to find one.

M: I know of a job opening! You might like it.

W: Really? Tell me about it!

M: There is a pastry shop that is looking for a cashier.

W: How many days a week would I be able to work? I need to work after school, but not on weekends.

M: They are looking for someone to work on Mondays and Thursdays from 4:00 to 7:00.

W: Actually, I was thinking of working Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, but I can't work three days a week. Working just one day a week won't be enough either.

M: Well, this job might be perfect for you! Here is the phone number of the shop. Go ahead and contact them.

Question 53. How many days a week is the woman likely to work at the pastry shop?

- a) one day
- b) two days
- c) three days
- d) four days

Question 54. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The man wants to work in a pastry shop.
- b) The woman is helping the man find a job.
- c) The man gave the woman a phone number.
- d) The woman can work on weekends.

Long Conversation 3

M: What's your favorite sport?

W: To play or to watch?

M: Both.

W: Swimming, and I love to watch golf.

M: You love to watch golf? But you play golf every weekend.

W: Yes, I know, but I prefer swimming.

M: How often do you go swimming?

W: Every day in the summer, and twice a week during the rest of the year.

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

- a) The events in the Olympics
- b) A sports competition
- c) The best type of exercise
- d) Favorite things to do

Question 56. How often does the woman go swimming in the spring?

- a) Once a week
- b) Twice a week
- c) Three days a week
- d) Every day of the week

Long Conversation 4

W: What are you writing?

M: Oh, I am writing an essay on endangered animals. It's an interesting topic, but it's kind of sad as well.

W: Really? What are you trying to explain in your assignment?

M: Well, I am writing about one of the many endangered species in the world.

W: What are some of those species?

M: For example, there are blue whales, giant pandas and sea otters, but in my report, my focus is on the gorillas in the Congo, in Africa.

W: Oh, I see. What did you learn about them?

M: Did you know that the metals which we use for electronic devices are taken from the gorillas' habitat? If we continue to do this, we put them in danger.

Question 57. What animal is the man writing about?

- a) Gorillas
- b) Sea otters
- c) Blue whales
- d) Giant pandas

Question 58. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The man is helping the woman to write an essay.
- b) The woman is asking the man about his assignment.
- c) The man is telling the woman about his vacation in Africa.
- d) The woman is explaining to the man about endangered species.

Part 2 Monologues

Monologue 1

If you have a chance to take a trip to Hawaii, make sure you visit a store called *Matsumoto Shave Ice*, which is located on the north shore of the beautiful island of Oahu. On a warm sunny day, the store sells over 1,000 servings of shaved ice to locals and tourists from around the world.

It was Helen and Mamoru Matsumoto who opened the store in 1951. At first it was an ordinary grocery store. In 1956, the Matsumotos decided to purchase an ice-shaving machine from Japan. They learned to make different kinds of syrup, and started serving shaved ice in their store. It became popular with the arrival of surfers from California in the 1960s.

In 1976, the Matsumotos' third child, Stanley, took over the business. Stanley's brother and sister helped him at the store when it was very busy. Stanley expanded the business and they now also sell all kinds of souvenirs. Their T-shirts are almost as popular as the shaved ice.

Question 59. When did the Matsumotos start selling shaved ice?

- a) In 1951
- b) In 1956
- c) In 1960
- d) In 1976

Question 60. Which one of the statements is correct about *Matsumoto Shave Ice*?

- a) Most of their customers are tourists from Japan.
- b) Their ice-shaving machine came from Japan.
- c) The present owner has two brothers and one sister.
- d) Their T-shirts have become more popular than their shaved ice.

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Monologue 2

There are many people who are not aware that the word *Broadway* has two meanings. The first meaning of the word “Broadway” refers to a wide street that can be found in Manhattan, an island that is in the central part of New York City. It is a major road that stretches about 20 kilometers from the southern part of Manhattan to its northernmost tip, and it was a well-known trail that was used by Native Americans in the 17th century. Its current name, Broadway, was given by English settlers.

Nowadays, however, some people know Broadway not only as a major street, but also as a billion-dollar theater industry in the center of Manhattan. For example, in the year 2018, ticket sales for Broadway shows reached a total of about 1.6 billion dollars. In addition, there was a total number of 13.8 million people who attended Broadway plays. Known for being one of the first districts to be lit with electric lights dating as far back as the 1890s, this industry, and this street, remain very important in American culture to this day.

Question 61. According to the monologue, which is one definition of the word *Broadway*?

- a) A wide road which is about 20 kilometers long
- b) The northernmost tip of the island of Manhattan
- c) A famous theater in the center of New York City
- d) A trail used by Native Americans in the 1890s

Question 62. According to the monologue, which one of the statements is correct?

- a) Ticket sales for Broadway plays showed a slight decrease in 2018.
- b) Broadway is known as the first district in the U.S. to be lit with gas lights.
- c) There were more than 1 billion theater-goers to Broadway in 2018.
- d) Broadway has been an important part of American culture.

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Monologue 3

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Question 63. Which one of the following would be the best title of this monologue?

- a) The future of Bhutan
- b) The traditions of Bhutan
- c) The national sport of Bhutan
- d) Facts about Bhutan

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

- a) Its government regularly checks how happy the people are.
- b) Most young people are happy with their traditional lifestyle.
- c) A Bhutanese cricket team played in the Summer Olympics.
- d) There are multiple official religions in the country.

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