

TASK 1: MATCHING. SOURCE: <https://www.esleschool.com/b2-first-listening-test-part-3-exercise-1-2/>

You will hear five different people talking about a demonstration. For questions 1-5, choose one of the statements applies to each person. There is one extra statement that you do not need to use.

SPEAKER 1 _____

SPEAKER 2 _____

SPEAKER 3 _____

SPEAKER 4 _____

SPEAKER 5 _____



- A. This person needed some assistance.
- B. This person was proved right.
- C. This person was curious to see what would happen.
- D. This person was prevented from doing their shopping.
- E. This person did not expect what happened
- F. This person was very embarrassed.

TASK 2: MULTIPLE CHOICE

Listen to a woman talking about which countries have the best education around the world and why. Choose the correct answer (A, B or C) for questions (1 - 6). There is an example (0) at the beginning.

Which countries have the best education?

EXAMPLE: (0) Why do teachers leave their jobs in Western Countries?

- A. Because they have other jobs to do
- B. Because of the importance given to standard tests**
- C. Because the bad results in education rankings

1. Why has Finland got a lower ranking place in international education lists?

- A. The result of test scores got worse
- B. The East Asian countries dominance
- C. The less effective educational practice

2. What do all top Asian countries have in common?

- A. They are rich (well-off) and have similar viewpoint on education
- B. They are healthy and have similar education standards
- C. They are very competitive and have good future

3. What is the main difference among the least and most effective education systems of the world?

- A. Success in school is a priority
- B. Students are not so competitive
- C. The countries investment in instructors

4. What does the OECD say about having an uneducated population?

- A. Low school enrolment equals low PISA scores
- B. A rise in basic education would increase GDP as much as 38 times
- C. Permanent economic recession is always the outcome

5. What are standardized tests based on?

- A. Repetitive models of education
- B. Practical methodology
- C. Memorising data

6. According to the narrator's point of view:

- A. Give preference to education is a must for governments
- B. Governments do not know ways of teaching
- C. There are other issues as important as education

TASK 3: SENTENCE COMPLETION. SOURCE: <https://www.esleschool.com/b2-first-listening-test-part-2-exercise-3/>

You will hear part of a radio programme on which a reviewer talks about a newly published book about a woman called Natalie Hardcaster. For questions 1-10, complete the sentences.

NEWLY PUBLISHED BOOK

Natalie Hardcastle and her sons lived in a house which had no electricity or (1) _____

Natalie's childhood dreams of Olympic fame were ended by a (2) _____

When she met Tony Hardcastle, he was rich (3) _____ and a racing driver.

Tony's risky business deals led to (4) _____ leaving Natalie and her family penniless.

He went to (5) _____ to try to become a racing driver again.

Natalie then decided to start a travelling (6) _____ and beauty parlour in the back of a van

At weekends, Natalie travelled to small outback towns in the van, taking (7) _____ with her.

When Tony returned and make her give up her business, she soon ran out of (8) _____

Tony died suddenly in a (9) _____ and left huge debts.

The book made the reviewer think more positively of her own (10) _____.

ANSWER KEY

MATCHING

1C, 2E, 3A, 4B, 5F

MULTIPLE CHOICE

1B, 2A, 3C, 4B, 5A, 6A

SENTENCE COMPLETION

1. RUNNING WATER
2. RIDING ACCIDENT
3. BUSINESSMAN
4. FINANCIAL DISASTER
5. EUROPE
6. CLOTHES SHOP
7. HER CHILDREN
8. MONEY
9. (BAR ROOM) FIGHT
10. HUSBAND