



ΕΞΕΤΑΣΕΙΣ ΑΓΓΛΙΚΗΣ – ΕΠΙΠΕΔΟ Β2 - ΕΝΟΤΗΤΑ 3
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TAPESCRIPTS

ACTIVITY 1

Listen to three instances of talk. After each listening, choose the best answers (A, B, or C) for items 1-6.

A. NEWS REPORT

Read item 1. Listen and respond.

A new report is warning that Alpine ski resorts and the regional economies that depend on them are under serious threat from global warming. The organization for economic cooperation and development says the Alps are particularly sensitive to climate change and an increased need for artificial snow will push up prices for skiers and lead to a fall in tourism.

Read item 2. Listen again and respond.

B. PHONE MESSAGE FROM AIRLINE SERVICE

Read item 3. Listen and respond.

Hello Mr Granger this is Mark with Global Airlines from the service department. I'm calling in regards to your 2 September flight 268 from JFK to London Heathrow. We have located your luggage and will ship it to you immediately. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience. Have a nice evening.

Read item 4. Listen again and respond.

C. CULTURAL NEWS FROM RADIO

Read item 5. Listen and respond.

After an absence of eight years, Thessaloniki's song festival has been revived with a new updated image and structure, starting tomorrow October 6. The new festival has been divided into two stages, the first to be presented tomorrow where contestants will compete for three prizes. Twelve songs have been selected out of the 442 submitted.

Read item 6. Listen again and respond.

ACTIVITY 2

2.1 Read items 7-8. Listen and choose the best answer (A, B, or C) for each item.

Who says the US is monolingual? This is the year of languages in America and we're talking about talk. It strikes me as peculiar that the US is often described as a monolingual English speaking country when tens of millions of people in the country speak so many other languages. Did you know that people in Idaho speak over three dozen languages other than English? That over 86 thousand people speak polish in Chicago?

Listen again and check your answers.

2.2 Read items 9-10. Listen and choose the best answer (A, B, or C) for each item.

Or that over half of NY city's residents don't speak English at home? The fact is only the less populated or rural parts of the country are exclusively English speaking places. In most of the country and especially in larger cities multilingualism is the rule.

Listen again and check your answers.

2.3 Read items 11-12. Listen and choose the best answer (A, B, or C) for each item.

How do I know that? Because the Modern Language Association has given us a way to find out what languages are spoken where at the touch of a button. With data from the 2000 census they created interactive maps and tables that show the linguistic composition of the entire US, state by state, county by county, city by city, down to the neighbourhoods defined by a zip code. There are dozens of ways planners, academics, corporations, librarians or just plain folks can use this information now that it is in the form of an electronic map.

Listen again and check your answers.

2.4 Read items 13-14. Listen and choose the best answer (A, B, or C) for each item.

If you're the Department of Justice the map can tell you in which languages to inform new Americans of their rights and responsibilities. If you are the office of Trade and Information it can help you tell a company with interests in China where to find Americans who know the language. And think of this, if you are learning a language you can find a place to practice it without spending money to go abroad.

Listen again and check your answers.

2.5 Read item 15. Listen and choose the best answer (A, B, or C).

What the language map shows is that the US is far from being a place where languages other than English go to die in the melting pot. If you still think that the US is a vast island where English is essentially the only language spoken, you may get a surprise.

Listen again and check your answer.

ACTIVITY 3

Read items 16-20. Listen and fill in the gaps with the right word.

Here is one of Aesop's Myths-it goes like this: Greedy and Envious. Two neighbours came before Jupiter and prayed to him to grant them their heart's desire. Now the one was full of greed and the other eaten up by envy. So to punish them both Jupiter granted them that each might have whatever he wished for himself but only on condition that his neighbour had twice as much. The greedy man prayed to have a roomful of gold. No sooner said than done-but all his joy was turned to grief when he found that his neighbour had two rooms full of the precious metal. Then came the turn of the envious man, who could not bear to think that his neighbour had any joy at all. So he prayed that he might have one of his eyes put out, by which means his companion would become totally blind. Vices are their own punishment.

Listen again and check your answers.