

GRADE 6

ENGLISH LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Thursday, 25th February, 2021

PROCEDURE FOR TASK 1

Look at Task One

(Allow 15 seconds pause while students familiarise themselves with the page.)

Listen carefully. You will listen to the passage twice.

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John: No problem. When you want to stop, let me know.

Sally: Agreed!

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John: Are you the only one that cook at home?

Sally: No. My husband cooks sometimes and I ask the children to help me as well. We all contribute.

John: That's fantastic. Thank you for your time.

Sally: Thank you!

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- d. Last time she used the website, Sally cooked some (meat, soup, pasta).

Number 2: Tick the column T if it's true or the column F if it's false.

- a. John works for *Living Healthy Company*.
- b. Sally was not very busy when John asked her the questions.
- c. Sally's family have some evening activities.
- d. Sally's husband cooks their meal sometimes.
- e. The children never help their mum in cooking.
- f. Sally looks for healthy recipes on the internet.
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- h. Sally has only one child.

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You now have some time to check your answers. (30 seconds)

This is the end of Task One.

(Allow a 30 second pause between Task 1 and Task 2.)

PROCEDURE FOR TASK 2

Look at the exercises for Task 2.

(Allow 50 seconds while the students familiarise themselves with the pages.)

Now listen to this information. If you wish you may start answering the questions as you listen.

The Olympic Games

Every four years thousands of athletes come together to take part in the Olympic Games. It is one of the biggest sports events in the world.

The Games are based on competitions held in Ancient Greece. All fighting, across the Greek world, stopped during the Games. These were part of a religious festival held to honour the Greek god, Zeus. The ancient Greeks thought it was very important for people to exercise their mind, as well as their body.

The first recorded Games took place approximately two and a half thousand years ago. In the nineteenth century the modern Olympics were developed to encourage young athletes and to promote peace between different countries. Many countries take part in the Modern Olympic games and the first edition was held in 1896 in Athens. A city is chosen years ahead to organise the Olympic games every four years. Tokyo in Japan was chosen to hold the 2020 Olympics but were postponed because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The opening of the Games is extremely impressive. Athletes from Greece lead the procession into the stadium, as a reminder of the original Olympics. The other teams follow in alphabetical order. The Games are officially declared open with the raising of the Olympic flag. Doves are released into the air as a symbol of peace. A highly significant moment is the lighting of the Olympic Flame, which remains alight throughout the Games.

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- b. The Ancient Games started in (Italy, Russia, Greece).
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- d. Zeus was a Greek (god, king, soldier).
- e. As a symbol of peace (the flag is raised, the torch is lit, doves are released).
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- g. Olympic Games (encourage, discourage, enrage) young athletes.
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Number 2: True or False. Tick the correct column.

- a) The athletes of the country organised the Olympics come in first into the stadium.
- b) Technology is used in today's Games.
- c) Many countries take part in the Modern Olympic Games.
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Number 3: Fill in with ONE word in each blank

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This is the end of Task 2 and the end of the Listening Comprehension paper.