

LISTENING COMPREHENSION - ANSWER SHEET

TASK 1

Programme	0 (example)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Subject	A	C	E	D	B	J	G	K	I

TASK 2

QUESTION	ANSWER
0 (example)	MATHEW
1.	TWO
2.	FOUR
3.	NEW YORK
4.	GERMANY
5.	THE GARDEN
6.	TEACHER
7.	1989
8.	A FRIEND/ CLOSE FRIEND

TASK 3

Question	0 (example)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Answer (a,b,c)	A	A	A	B	A	C	B	B	A	C

LISTENING COMPREHENSION – Task 1-(TAPESCRIPT)

1. ... Mind the gap ...
2. Expert in light weapons and guerrilla warfare, no man, no law, no war can stop him. Sylvester Stallone is back as Rambo. First Blood, part 2.
3. Welcome aboard. Before we depart, please remove the safety card from the seat pocket in front of you and follow along as we demonstrate the safety features of this Boeing 777 airplane.
To ensure your safety, your seatbelt should be fastened at all times when you are seated.
4. Welcome to “Winner Takes All” and here’s your host, Jimmy Tarbuck.
Thank you, thank you very much. Hello and welcome once again to “Winner Takes All,” which is obviously your favourite quiz show. And if you’ve never seen the game played before, it’s best played and explained ...
5. Our business systems lead the world, giving telephone connections at the touch of a finger on a television screen. British Telecom is playing a key role in the technological revolution that is shaping the way we do business. British Telecom is the power behind the button.
6. Good afternoon. Well, we’ve had yet another cold morning, with quite a lot of frost around. Ahead of us, I’m afraid temperatures aren’t going to get much better. It’s still going to be cold, top temperatures about 5°C, so overall it’ll be quite cold. Whatever you’re doing, make sure you wrap up warm and...
7. Thank you, thank you, our campaign has always been different because it’s not just about what I will do as president, it is also about what you, the citizens of the Unites States of America, can do to change it, that’s what this election is all about.
8. I, Chris. I, Amy. Take you Amy. Take you Chris. To be my wife. To be my husband. To have and to hold, from this day forward, for better or for worse, for rich or for poor, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are separated by death.
9. Now on BBC World, all the latest sports news and results in Sport Today.
Hello, I’m [...] and this is Sport Today on BBC World. Coming up, Celtic beat the helpless Milan in the Champions’ League. Fiji are preparing to face South Africa in the Rugby Union World Cup.

LISTENING COMPREHENSION-Task 2 – (TAPESCRIPT)

STING

I=Interviewer; S=Sting; M=Michele

- I: Hello everyone out there. Let me introduce tonight's special guest.
For more than two decades he has dominated the world charts. A man called the genius and the king of the rainforest. Welcome Sting.
- S: It's nice to be here.
- I: What is your real name?
- S: Gordon Matthew Sumner.
- I: A lot of people ask us for information about your personal life.
- S: I have been married twice and I have 6 children, 2 with my former wife, Frances Tomelty and 4 with my present wife, Trudy Styler.
- I: Where do you live?
- S: Most of the time I live in Lake House; in Wiltshire. It is a county West of London. Besides that, I own a home in London and an apartment in New York. I have also a home in Malibu, California and a villa in Italy.
- I: Have you ever been to Germany?
- S: I know Germany quite well. I have played in almost every place there. I even gave a concert at a man's toilet in Hamburg and at the Olympia Hall in Munich.
- I: What do you think about your life?
- S: I can't complain at all. I'm one of the happiest people on this planet and I'm very lucky.
- I: Your real name is Gordon Sumner. What can you tell us about him?
- S: There is nothing that you don't know about Sting but there's a lot that you don't know about Gordon Sumner and that's better, I think.
- I: You're now in your fifties. Have you ever thought about your life as a pensioner?
- S: We have an organic family in Wiltshire and we grow our own vegetables. I love working in the garden. I wouldn't be a teacher again. That was 25 years ago.
- I: You did a lot of work for charities. Can you tell us some more about that?
- S: I play a lot of concerts for Amnesty International and the Rainforest Foundation. Me, my wife and a Brazilian Indian Chief started the Rainforest Foundation in 1989.
- I: Sting, thank you very much.
- S: You're welcome, thank you.
- I: Oh, we have a Sting fan on the phone. Hello, who's speaking?
- M: My name is Michele. I'm a bit fan of Sting. Was that really Sting?
- I: Well, you're right. It wasn't Sting. A very close friend spoke in his name but you've found out first and you get a surprise, Sting's latest album. Is that all right?
- M: Great. Thank you very much.
- I: Bye.
- M: Bye.

LISTENING COMPREHENSION –Task 3 –(TAPESCRIPT)

1. Languages

Last week a woman called Marie Smith Jones died. She was 89 years old and she lived in Alaska, in North America. Marie was the last person alive to speak a language called Eyak. No one speaks Eyak anymore. It is a dead language.

We do not have an official language in Britain but most people, of course, speak English. There are several other native languages in Britain. The most important is Welsh, which is spoken by more than half a million people in Wales. If you visit Wales you'll see that all road signs are in English and Welsh.

Two other Celtic languages –Scot Gaelic in Scotland and Irish Gaelic in Ireland- are spoken by only a few percent of the population. Another Celtic language in South West England called Cornish died out completely in the 19th century, just like Eyak has died out. It was re-introduced about 100 years ago and today Cornish is spoken by a few thousand people.

I have also read in the paper that some experts think that $\frac{3}{4}$ of the world's languages will die out in the next 100 years. Do you think that this will happen? How many people will speak English 100 years from now? What languages will your grand-children and great grand-children learn? Chinese perhaps? Goodbye.

2. Islands

Andy Strangeway is a painter and lives in the North of England. When I say that he is a painter, I do not mean that he paints pictures. No, he paints people's houses. That is his job. But when he isn't painting doors and windows, Andy collects islands. Let me explain:

Scotland is a land of mountains and islands. There are 284 mountains over 3,000 feet high. There are also 162 islands of more than 40 hectares in Scotland. Several years ago Andy Strangeway decided to go to all of them and this year he visited the last islands on his list.

Perhaps you're thinking that visiting islands is easy. Well, you can visit some of the Scottish islands by ferry, but 99 are uninhabited –no one lives there, so there is no ferry. So Andy Strangeway had to find boatmen to take him to many of the islands. Also, Andy decided that it was not enough just to visit an island. He would stay at least one night on each island, generally in a tent.

Well, Andy has now stayed overnight on all the Scottish islands. He did not do it alone, however. He took his teddy bear called Clide with him. Isn't that nice? Goodbye.