

TOEFL Listening Practice Paper 11

Listening Practice Set 1

- Kitty: Right, so shall we discuss what we have to do for this project then?
Li: Yes, it says we have to 'Investigate some aspect of the university facilities'.
Paul: Yeah, we have to design a questionnaire don't we?
Li: Yes. And we have to write an essay and do a presentation.
Kitty: Is it an essay? I thought it was a report.
Li: Let me check. Yes, you're right, Kitty, it's a report.
Paul: How long does it have to be? 1000 words, isn't it?
Li: Let me see. The report has to be between 1000 and 1500 words, and we have to do that on our own, but we do the presentation and the investigation as a group.
Li: So, have you got any ideas about what we can investigate?
Kitty: I know one of the other groups is looking at the university library and whether it's adequate for student needs.
Paul: Yes, and one group's doing the sports centre.
Kitty: Does it matter if we do the same thing as another group?
Li: I don't think so. But I was wondering about investigating transport.
Kitty: Transport?
Li: Yes, we could look at whether people think the bus service is regular enough, and we could also look at car parking facilities.
Paul: We could look at the cycling facilities too. There's never enough space for all the bikes in the bike sheds. I'm sure the university could afford to build more, what with all the fees we pay.
Kitty: OK, I'm happy with that idea. So, how should we go about the investigation then?
Li: Well, we could make some questionnaires. I can ask the people who travel on buses, and Paul, you can ask cyclists, and Kitty, you do a questionnaire for car drivers.
Kitty: Shouldn't we write the questions together, rather than individually?
Li: Yes, that's what I meant, we can write the questionnaires together, but each of us can be responsible for carrying out the questionnaires individually. Does that sound okay?
Kitty: Sure
Paul: We should get some quantitative data too. You could count how many people get on and off the buses at different times, and I can count how many bikes there are in the bike sheds, that sort of thing.
Kitty: And we should take some photos while we're doing the questionnaires. They'll be useful for the presentation.
Li: It sounds good. Okay, well, let's think about these questions then.

1. Which TWO of the following things will the team do as a group?

- A Write the report
- B Do the presentation
- C Write the questions
- D Carry out the questionnaires

2. How long does the report have to be?

- A 1000 words
- B 1000 – 1500 words
- C 1500 words
- D 1500 - 2000 words

3. Which of the following aspects of the university will not be investigated by any of the groups?



4. What can be inferred about cycling at the university?

- A More students cycle than use the bus
- B There is inadequate shelter for bikes at the university
- C Bicycles are often stolen from the bike sheds
- D Students have to pay to use the bike sheds

Listening Practice Set 2

Amir: Hi, er, can you help me?

Librarian: Sure, what's the problem?

Amir: I've got to write an essay on electrical distribution and transmission systems, but I can't find any suitable books in the engineering section on level three.

Librarian: Have you used the library search engine?

Amir: You mean where you type the keywords into the computer? Yes, I've done that. A couple of books come up but they're not on the shelves, someone's taken them out.

Librarian: Well, I can put a reserve on them so that when the person brings them back to the library, we can put them on one side for you. Do you want to do that?

Amir: Mmm, I don't know. I suppose so, but ideally, I'd like to get started on my essay sooner rather than later.

Librarian: Well, there are some other options. Have you used the journal database?

Amir: No, what's that?

Librarian: Didn't you go on a library induction tour in the first week of term? They were running five days a week, morning and afternoon.

Amir: No, I was, er, I was ill that week.

Librarian: Well, we still do two library inductions a week on Wednesdays, and I recommend you go on one of them. You'll learn a lot of useful things. You can sign up at the desk on level two.

Amir: Yes, I probably should do that then.

Librarian: Well, I'll just quickly show you how you can use the journal database. If you go onto the library homepage on the computer, look, and click on databases, here in the top right hand corner, it takes you to all the e-journals that we have access to here at the university library. You can use the search engine to find journals that are related to your keywords. See, if I type in electrical transmission, you get over five thousand articles.

Amir: Wow.

Librarian: So, that's a good place to start. Meanwhile, you can always go and talk to your subject librarian. The person for Electrical Engineering is Mark Taylor. His office is on level four.

Amir: Will he be there now?

Librarian: Let me see. What's the time? Twelve fifteen. He'll probably be on lunch, or if not, he'll be going at twelve-thirty. You'd be best to wait and come back at two-ish. Then you'll be more likely to catch him.

Amir: Okay, thank you.

1. Which of the following has Amir done already?

- A Used the library search engine
- B Reserved some books
- C Used the e-journals
- D Been on a library induction tour

2. On how many days per week are library inductions currently available?

- A 7 days per week
- B 5 days per week
- C 2 days per week
- D 1 day per week

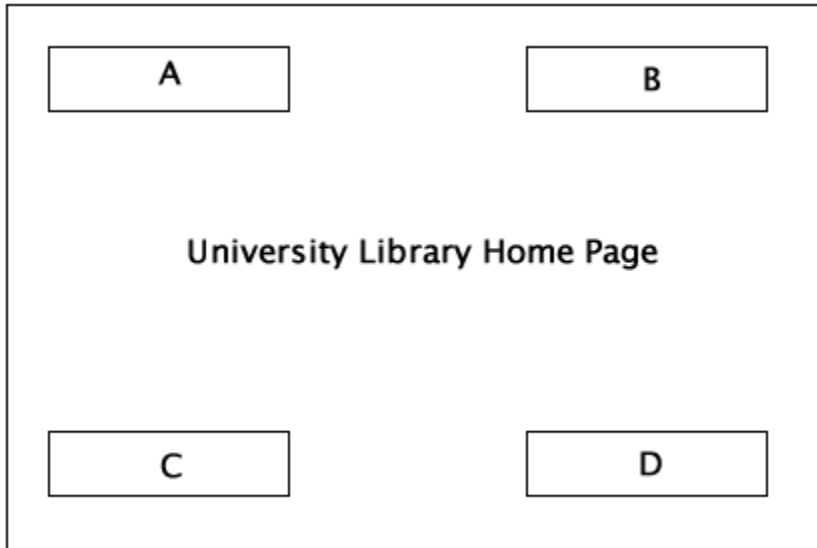
3. What can Amir do on level two?

- a) Use the computers
- b) Sign up for a library tour

- c) Find the electrical engineering books
- d) Meet Mark Taylor

4. Where on the library homepage is the link to the database of journals?

- A
- B
- C
- D



5. What time does the librarian recommend that Amir returns to meet the subject librarian?

- a) At around 12.15
- b) At around 12.30
- c) At around 1.00
- d) At around 2.00

Listening Practice Set 3

Accommodation Officer:

Sorry to keep you waiting. What can I do for you?

Student:

Erm, well, I need some help finding accommodation for this semester.

You've left it a bit late haven't you? You'll be lucky to find anything.

Yeah, well I had a room lined up with someone in town, but I rang her yesterday and it turns out she's given the room to someone else.

Didn't you pay a deposit?

No. I didn't think I needed to. We had a sort of... informal agreement.

Hm. Very informal by the sounds of it. Well, that'll teach you for next time won't it? Well, we don't have a lot available, I have to say. We definitely don't have any rooms available in the student dorms. I mean, there are always a few no-shows, but we won't know about that for another couple of weeks, and presumably you'll need a place to stay in the meantime?

Yeah. I mean, my parents are here now. We're staying in a motel just out of town, but they'll be leaving in a couple of days.

Well, you could always stay on there for a couple more weeks and then take up any free spaces in the dorms when we know about them.

That might be a problem. I mean, I don't have my own transport so it'll be hard for me to get on and off campus.

Well, that's likely to be an issue whatever you do. You won't find anywhere on campus now.

I suppose I could sleep on a friend's floor for a couple of weeks.

Now now, you know that's against college rules, don't you?

Yes, I guess.

Well, it seems to me you have two options. You can either find a motel or a guest house somewhere closer to the campus where you can stay a couple of weeks until we know about any students who don't show up this term. Mind you, they're going to be pretty full now, what with all the students arriving. And there are a lot of people on the waiting list, so we can't guarantee you a dorm. You may be better off looking for some private accommodation in town, you know renting a room in a private house, or sharing a flat with other students.

Yeah, that might be best. Do you have a list of places here?

Well, we've got a folder over there of people in town with rooms available. You can look through it and jot down some numbers. Bear in mind though that we've had about fifty students a day for the past week coming in and taking a look at it, and we can't keep track of what's available and what's taken. You'll have to do some ringing around.

Yeah, okay.

Of course, you can always look on the student body website. There's an accommodation page there too, isn't there?

Is there?

Yeah, but again, this time of year, things are getting snapped up all the time. It's hard to keep tabs on what's still out there.

Okay, well, thanks for your help. Can I put my name on that waiting list anyway, in case I don't find anywhere else?

Sure. Write your details on this form and we'll get in touch if anything comes up.

Thanks.



1.

Why is the student looking for accommodation now? ✗ Incorrect

- A. The accommodation she booked is no longer available.
- B. She forgot to book accommodation earlier.
- C. She signed up for the course at the last minute.
- D. She dislikes her present accommodation and wants to change.

2. What does the man imply when he says 'Well, that'll teach you for next time won't it?'

Student: No. I didn't think I needed to. We had a sort of... informal agreement.

Accommodation Officer: Hm. Very informal by the sounds of it. Well, that'll teach you for next time won't it?

- A. He thinks the student was foolish.
- B. He feels sorry for the student.
- C. He wants to give the student some advice.
- D. He expects the same thing to happen again.

3. Why doesn't the student want to remain where she is staying now?

- A. It is too far from the college campus.
- B. She doesn't want to stay with her parents.
- C. The rooms are too expensive.
- D. She is currently sleeping on the floor.

4. What sort of accommodation may the man be able to offer her in a couple of weeks?
- A. a room in a student dorm
 - B. a room in a motel
 - C. a room in a shared student flat
 - D. a room in a private house
5. What is the problem with the accommodation listed in the folder and on the website?
- A. It goes out of date very quickly.
 - B. There aren't many addresses listed there.
 - C. Most accommodation was booked up long ago.
 - D. There is a waiting list for the accommodation listed there.