

Listening Practice Set 6

Directions: Read the script. Give yourself 10 minutes to answer the questions in this practice set.

Update from Basketball Coach

Narrator Listen to a conversation between a student and her basketball coach and then answer the questions.

Male coach Hi, Elizabeth.

Female student Hey, Coach. I just thought I'd stop by to see what I missed while I was gone.

Male coach Well, we've been working real hard on our plan for the next game . . . I've

asked Susan to go over it with you before practice this afternoon, so you'll know what we're doing.

Female student Okay.

Male coach By the way, how did your brother's wedding go?

Female student Oh, it was beautiful. And the whole family was there. I saw aunts and uncles and cousins I hadn't seen in years.

Male coach So it was worth the trip.

Female student Oh definitely. I'm sorry I had to miss practice, though. I feel bad about that.

Male coach Family's very important.

Female student Yep. Okay, I guess I'll see you this afternoon at practice, then.

Male coach Just a minute. There are a couple of other things I need to tell you.

Female student Oh, okay.

Male coach Uh . . . First, everybody's getting a new team jacket.

Female student Wow. How did that happen?

Male coach A woman who played here about 20, 25 years ago came through town a few weeks ago and saw a game, and said she wanted to do

something for the team,
so . . .

Female student So she's buying us new jackets?

Male coach Yep.

Female student Wow, that's really nice of her.

Male coach Yes, it is. It's great that former players still care so much about our school and our basketball program . . . Anyway you need to fill out an order form. I'll give it to you now, and you can bring it back this afternoon. I've got the forms from the other players, so as soon as I get yours we can order. Maybe

we'll have the jackets by the next game.

Female student OK.

Male coach Great. And the next thing is, you know Mary's transferring to another college next week, so we'll need someone to take over her role as captain for the second half of the season. And the other players unanimously picked you to take over as captain when Mary leaves.

Female student Wow. I saw everybody this morning, and nobody said a word.

Male coach They wanted me to tell you.
So, do you accept?

Female student Of course! But Susan's a
much better player than I
am. I'm really surprised they
didn't pick her.

Male coach They think you're the right
one. You'll have to ask them
their thoughts.

Female student Okay . . . I guess one of the
first things I'll have to do
as captain is make sure we
get a thank-you card out to
the lady who's buying us the
jackets.

Male coach Good idea. I have her
address here somewhere.

Female student And I'll make sure the whole
team signs it.

Male coach Good. That's all the news
there is. I think that's it for
now. Oh, let me get you that
order form.

Directions: Answer the questions.

1. What are the speakers mainly discussing?

- A How the woman should prepare for the next game
- B The woman's responsibilities as team captain
- C Things that happened while the woman was away
- D The style of the new team uniforms

2. Who is buying new jackets for the team?

- A The coach
- B The captain of the team
- C A former player
- D A group of basketball fans

3. Why is the woman surprised to learn that she has been chosen as the new team captain? Choose 2 answers.

- A She is not the best player on the team.
- B Her teammates did not tell her about the decision.
- C She does not have many friends on the team.
- D She has missed a lot of practices.

4. Read part of the conversation again. Then answer the question.

Female student I'm sorry I had to miss practice, though. I feel bad about that.

Male coach Family's very important.

What does the coach mean when he says this:

Male coach Family's very important.

- A He hopes the woman's family is doing well.
- B He would like to meet the woman's family.
- C The woman should spend more time with her family.
- D The woman had a good reason for missing practice.

5. Why does the coach say this:

Male coach Good. That's all the news
 there is. I think that's it for
 now.

- A He wants to know if the woman understood his point.
- B He wants the woman to act immediately.
- C He is preparing to change the topic.
- D He is ready to end the conversation.