

Listening Scripts for First Year Students

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Text 1 (1 min)

Listen and correct the information in the sentences

1. The sun rises in the west. _____.
2. Cows eat meat. _____.
3. Mercedes- Benz cars are made in Canada. _____.
4. Neil Armstrong landed on the moon in 1989. _____.
5. John Lennon was performing on stage when he was assassinated.
_____.
6. The Pyramids were built by the Chinese. _____.
7. We've been in class for five hours. _____.
8. We're studying Italian. _____.

Text 2 (01:07 min)

Listen and complete the questions.

1. A. What _____ do last night?
B. I stayed at home and watched television.
2. A. What kind of books _____ like reading?
B. Horror stories and science fiction.
3. A. _____ ever been to the United States?
B. Yes, I have. I went there last year.
A. _____ like it?

B. Yes, I really enjoyed it.

4. A. What _____ the teacher _____?

B. He's helping Maria with this exercise.

5. A. _____ your mother do?

B. She works in a bank.

6. A. Why _____ do your homework last night?

B. Because I didn't feel well.

7. A. What _____ you doing next weekend?

B. I'm going to a party.

8. A. _____ you _____ a TV in your bedroom?

B. No, I haven't. Just a CD player.

Text 3 (min01:05)

Listen to the text about Sidney Fisk. Answer the questions.

1. What is Sidney Fisk's job?
2. Where does he live?
3. How many children does he have?
4. What does his wife do?
5. What does Sidney spend so much time away from his family?

Text 4 (04:20 min)

Listen to three people talking about a sport or activity they enjoy and take notes.

Names	Mary	Jenny	Thomas
Which sport/ activity are they talking about?			
How often do they do it?			
Where do they do it?			
What equipment and clothes do they need?			
Are they good at it?			

Text 5 (0:30 min)

Listen and complete the first part of Nancy's interview. Fill in the gaps with do, did or have.

Interviewer: Who _____ you work for now, Nancy?

Nancy: I work for Intertec Publishing. We publish international business magazines.

Interviewer: I see. And how long _____ you worked for them?

Nancy: I _____ worked there for nearly five years. No, exactly five years.

Interviewer: And how long _____ you been in charge of Eastern Europe Publications?

Nancy: For two years.

Interviewer: And what _____ you do before you were at Intertec?

Nancy: I worked for the BBC World Service.

Text 6 (0:43 min)

Interviewer: As you know, this job is based in Geneva. _____ you ever lived abroad before?

Nancy: Oh yes. Yes, I have.

Interviewer: And when did you live _____?

Nancy: Well, in fact, I was born in Argentina and I lived _____ until I was eleven. Also, I lived in Berlin for one year, when I was _____ for the BBC.

Interviewer: That's _____. Have you traveled a lot?

Nancy: Oh yes, yes, absolutely. I have _____ to most countries in South America and many _____ in Europe. I have also _____ to Japan a few times.

Interviewer: Oh yes? And why did you _____ to Japan?

Nancy: It was for Intertec. I went there to interview _____ Japanese business leaders.

Text 7 (01:08 min)

Listen and fill in the blanks to complete the sentences

1. I'm paid good money -\$60000 a year. And I often get a \$50 a week in _____.
2. I get up at 2.00 a.m. The first newspaper is _____ at 2.30 a.m.
3. I drive a red Chevy Blazer and the newspapers are _____ into the back.
4. I _____ the peace and quiet.
5. Occasionally, I _____ a jogger.
6. I usually get _____ home by 7.00 a.m.
7. My wife _____ at the University of Iowa.
8. Somedays I coach my kids' baseball team, other days I play _____.
9. I am also studying for my master's degree at the moment. I want to be a marriage
_____.
10. Some people think it's not much of a job, but, hey, when they are _____ in
an office, I am playing golf.

Text 8 (0:32 min)

Listen and fill in the blanks to complete the conversation.

- A. I'm going shopping. Do we _____ anything?
- B. I don't think so... Oh, hang on. We haven't got any _____.
- A. it's OK. It's on my list. I'm gonna _____ some.
- B. What _____ bread?
- A. Good idea! I will _____ a loaf.
- B. What _____ will you be back?

A. I don't know. I might _____ at Nick's. It depends on how _____ time I've got.

B. Don't forget we are _____ tennis with Dave and Donna this afternoon.

A. Don't worry. I won't _____. I will be back before then.

B. OK.

Text 9 (02:03 min)

Listen to Sarah and Lindsay, aged 14 and 15. What are some of the things they like and do not like about being a teenager?

Things they like	Things they don't like

Text 10 (01:23 min)

Listen to three short conversations. Say what is going to happen and what makes you think so.

Conversation 1.

Conversation 2.

Conversation 3.

Text 11 (01:52 min)

Listen and answer the following questions.

1. How much was Tony's phone bill?
2. How many text messages did he send in one month?
3. When did his father give him the phone?
4. Why did Tony send so many texts?
5. How is Tony going to pay back this money to his father?

Text 12 (04:28 min)

Listen to two people talking about their families. Complete the chart.

Name	Louisa	Rose
How many brothers or sisters has she got?		

Was she happy as a child? Why/ why not		
Is she happy now? Why/ why not?		

Text 13 (03:30 min)

Listen and answer the following questions.

1. For how long Andrea Levitt is living in New York?
2. What is her occupation?
3. What does she collect?
4. How many dolls does she have?
5. Which one is her favorite doll?
6. What does her son think of her collection?

Text 14 (0:48 min)

Listen to the introduction of a radio program called *What's Your Problem?* And answer the questions.

1. What problem are they talking about?
2. What do they think is causing it?

Text 15 (01:40 min)

Listen to Ellen, Josh and Fiona and take note.

Name	What did they forget?	What did they do?
Ellen		
Josh		
Fiona		

Text 16 (02:30 min)

Listen and answer the following questions.

1. What is Professor Alan Buchan's job?
2. What is it about some modern day working practices that causes forgetfulness?
3. Why did the woman think that she was going insane?
4. What was the woman's problem?
5. What helped the woman feel more relaxed?
6. What does Professor Buchan advice? Why?
7. How does the presenter try to be funny at the end of the interview?