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UNIT. 3

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For this question, choose the correct answer.  
You have ten seconds to read the task. You will hear the recording twice.

1 Two friends are planning to go shopping together. Where do they decide to meet?



▶ Play again

The man says meeting at the café might be better, as they can sit down there if necessary, and the woman agrees: 'That's a good idea.'

Listening ▼

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Instructions ▲

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Restart

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2 Two friends are about to go to the cinema. Why does the woman want to set off now?

She thinks it will be difficult to find a parking space.

She wants to have time to buy refreshments.

She is afraid the roads will be busy.

▶ Play again

The woman says traffic will be much heavier than usual because of the big football match.

For these questions, choose the correct answer.  
You have 45 seconds to read the questions. You will hear the recording twice.

#### Local radio interview: tour guide

3 Julie says she became a tour guide because

the tourist office offered her a job.

that had always been her dream.

someone recommended the work to her. **One of Julie's friends, who worked as a guide, convinced her it would really suit her, so she applied to do the training.**

she watched a TV programme about being a guide.

4 What did Julie find most difficult about training to be a guide?

studying while doing a full-time job

fitting in a social life **Julie hardly saw her friends while she was studying to be a guide, and that was the worst thing about doing the training.**

▶ Play again

For these questions, choose the correct answer.  
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5 Julie says that one enjoyable aspect of her work is

- making friends with a wide variety of people.
- designing tours to suit specific groups of people.
- learning about a wide range of subjects.
- giving visitors the opportunity to meet local residents.

Julie says she gets the greatest satisfaction from planning tailor-made tours for specific groups, such as people interested in antiques, or historians.

Play again

6 Julie mentions the elderly tourist to suggest that

- tour guides need to know what people in the group are doing.
- most people are helpful and co-operative.
- some people behave in unpredictable ways.

When the elderly tourist started talking, Julie abandoned what she was planning to say and changed what she said later in the tour. This shows that she was flexible. What the tourist said was

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7 The teenage boy's comment made Julie realise that

- her first impressions of people may be mistaken.
- she thought people knew more about the country than they did.
- the tour was more suitable for adults than for teenagers.
- she should try to speak in a way that everyone can understand.

During the tour, Julie thought the teenager wasn't interested or didn't understand English, but at the end of the tour he showed that wasn't the case. This taught her to accept that she might be wrong about people.

Play again

8 Julie's intention is to work

- on a cruise ship.
- in a different city.
- as a self-employed tour guide.

Julie says she's really keen to work for herself, that is, to be self-employed.

For this question, choose the correct answer.

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Babysitter wanted for two children

Every Tuesday evening, some Wednesday evenings.  
Experience essential and must have own transport.  
Ring Carol to find out what's involved.

- Carol can provide transport for the babysitter if necessary.
- Carol requires the babysitter on the same two evenings every week.
- Carol wants a babysitter who has looked after children before.

The notice says that experience is essential. In this context, it means experience of babysitting, which means looking after children.

For this question, choose the correct answer.

Particular attention should be **10** [✓] paid [✗] to correct spelling and punctuation.

'To pay attention' is a standard collocation (that is, the words are generally used together).

paid

taken

made

put

Click on each gap then choose the correct answer.

### Jermyn College, annual report

This has been a successful year for the college. The number of part-time students increased to a record high, **11** [✓] although [ ] there was a small fall in the number of full-time students, which was disappointing. A rise in fees for full-time courses was almost certainly the main **12** [✗] idea [ ] for this fall, which we are confident will be temporary. We are pleased, however, that the results our students **13** [✓] achieved [ ] in public examinations continued to improve.

Plans for the coming year **14** [✓] include [ ] starting new part-time courses in nursing and in Arabic. In addition, the college will work with local businesses on **15** [✓] designing [ ] more courses that will prepare students for jobs in the region.

**11 - although:** 'Although' shows a contrast between the increase in the number of part-time students and the fall in the number of full-time students. 'Although' is followed by a finite clause, part of a sentence that contains a verb that shows a tense - here 'was'.

**12 - reason:** 'Reason' as a noun is normally followed by 'for' and the result. The fall in student numbers was the result of the rise in fees.

**13 - achieved:** 'To achieve' something means to succeed in doing or getting it, usually by working hard.

**14 - include:** This means that starting the new courses is among the plans for the coming year, but is not the only one.

**15 - designing:** 'Designing a course' means planning all the details of the course.

For these questions, type the correct answer in each gap.

Type only one word in each gap.

To: Frank

From: Adrian

Subject: Our visit

Hi Frank

There are just a couple of things I need to tell you before we come to visit you. As you know, Johnnie's broken his leg, but he's been making good progress so **16** [✓] far [ ]. He wasn't sure **17** [✗] yet [ ] or not he could travel, but his doctor has said he can. I'd **18** [✗] liked [ ] warn you that he won't be able to come to the festival as it'll mean standing. Do you know anyone who could make use **19** [✓] of [ ] his ticket? And of course he can't **20** [✓] take [ ] part in the rugby match on Saturday.

See you on Thursday.

Cheers,  
Adrian

**16 - far:** 'So far' means in the period until now.

**17 - whether:** 'Whether or not' introduces two alternatives - either he can or he can't travel.

**18 - better:** 'I'd better' means 'I should', and implies the writer doesn't really want to do it.

**19 - of:** 'To make use' is normally followed by 'of'.

**20 - take:** 'To take part' in something is to be actively involved in doing something with other people - here it refers to playing rugby.

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- 21 According to the reviewer, people who saw Hans between 1891 and 1904 were
- mistaken about what he was really doing. **Feedback**
  - suspicious of von Osten's role in the performance.
  - eager for a scientific explanation of what was happening.
  - convinced that nothing similar had been seen before.
- 22 According to the second paragraph, what does Danbury show about von Osten in her novel?
- 23 What is said about von Osten in the third paragraph?
- 24 What does the reviewer say about *Von Osten's Horse* in relation to Danbury's previous novels?
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- He is deceived by a succession of other people.
  - He cares for his parents more than they care for him.
  - He hopes that a school environment might give him protection.
  - He feels he has good reason for his dishonesty towards other people. **Feedback**
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- He starts to feel jealous of his horse.
  - He becomes more and more determined to be famous.
  - He becomes increasingly angry at the way he is treated. **Feedback**
  - He starts to feel entitled to mix with the wealthy.
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- In some ways it is not as well written.
- It shows superior insight into human behaviour.
- It is different in subject matter. **Feedback**
- It includes some familiar scenes.
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- She doesn't understand why Danbury made him different from the real person.
- She doesn't share Danbury's attitude towards him. **Feedback**
- She doesn't feel much interest in him.
- She doesn't think his behaviour is true to life.
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- Satisfying a demand for fiction about historical people
- Fiction making history easier to understand
- The value of using historical people in fiction
- History as the starting point for fiction **Feedback**

# LETTER TO JAN

Dear, Jan

I just can't believe that 5 years have passed since we graduated, time flies by, it seems like yesterday when we organized the best parties, what good times we had.

I think you had the best idea of all time. We should organize a meeting with everyone, I miss them so much.

I know a beautiful and very quiet place to have a good time, it is near our old apartment, in the center of the city.

The restaurant has a magnificent view and the food there is delicious and quite accessible, we definitely have to go there.

How about I make a reservation for Friday of next week at 7:30 pm? I will start to organize everything.

By the way, do you have Stella's number? If so, mail me.

I can't wait!! This will be great, hope everyone can go.

Samara Robledo