



Exams Corner — Listening (pp.72-73)

Announcer : Listen to two dialogues and answer the questions. The dialogues will be played twice. There are eight questions in all. Do as much as you can the first time and complete all answers the second time. You have 40 seconds to read the questions below.

[Dialogue number 1.]

Cindy and John are talking at a fitness centre.

Cindy : Hi John. What a surprise to see you! I didn't know you joined this fitness centre.

John : Hi Cindy. ^① Great to see you! I've just finished exercising on the treadmill.

Cindy : I like using the treadmill too. It's more comfortable to run on the treadmill than outdoors.

John : Yes it is. So why are you here? Are you going to use the treadmill?

Cindy : No, I've just finished my fitness class.

John : The fitness class? Are you taking the dance step? I tried the cycling class for a while. It was OK.

Cindy : ^② I'm now taking yoga. I wanted to do something more relaxing.

John : Yoga? When is your class?

Cindy : ^③ Every Saturday, the one I go to is at 3:30. But they also have classes in the morning, at 8:30 and 10:30 and one at 5:30 really early. They have other classes on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, but Saturday at 3:30 is the best time for me because of the kids.

John : I'm thinking of joining the kickboxing classes.

Cindy : You should. The class is great and you'll get a free gift for joining.

John : Really? Like what?

Cindy : ^④ One is a facial treatment. That's the one I took. Or you can get a towel set, or sportswear. Oh, and there's one more... oh, a sports bag.

John : Well, I think I'm going to join it. I'll get the sportswear and start exercising right away. *

Announcer : Dialogue number 2.

Cindy and John are talking in a coffee shop.

John : Wow! That was a really good class. Kickboxing is great!

Cindy : I'm glad to hear that you're enjoying it.

John : But I wonder if one day a week is enough for me. But it's hard to do more as I'm busy with work and the kids.

Cindy : It's the same for me, so I do a bit of exercise during my lunch break every day. I often go to the fitness centre near my office.

John : ^⑤ Well, I don't want to exercise and go back to work all sweaty. You know, there's not enough time for me to take a shower before I go back to work.

Cindy : For me, I would run, or even ride a bike, because the fitness centre has a shower. But sometimes when it's hot or raining, I won't go to the fitness centre.

John : So what do you do if it's hot or raining?

Cindy : ^⑥ My office is connected to a shopping centre, so I walk there when it's hot or raining.



John : That's a good idea. There's a shopping centre right across the street from my office. Maybe I'll bring a pair of sneakers to the office and try that.

Cindy : Now if I could only get my son to do some exercise. Oh, he's really starting to get fat.

John : ^⑦ My son doesn't like to exercise either. I always worried that not having friends or having too much homework would be the problem. But instead it's the computer. It's awful. ^⑦ He's always stuck in front of the computer with a bag of chips and a can of Coke.

Cindy : So what did you do?

John : I told my son to choose a sport at school, basketball or football or something, or I would take away his computer.

Cindy : And did it work?

John : So far it has, but you know what he chose?

Cindy : Basketball or volleyball?

John : No, not even badminton. ^⑧ It's golf. Can you imagine a young boy playing golf?

Cindy : Well, it's a popular sport these days. It's a good start.]

Announcer : Now listen to the two dialogues again.

Repeat []

You now have 40 seconds to check your answers.