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Practice Test 1



Track 1 01:22

- W: Hi, Josh. How are you? Are you shopping alone?
 M: Actually, I'm here with my cousin Kimberly. Have you met her?
 W: No, where is she?
 M: She's standing over there next to the produce section.
 W: Is she the one with the long, red hair and the basket of fruit and vegetables?
 M: No, she's the one with the shopping cart.
 W: But there are two women with shopping carts. Is she the one with long, straight, black hair?
 M: No, she has short, brown hair.
 W: Oh, OK. I think I see her. She's wearing a white shirt and green jeans, right?
 M: Yeah, that's her. Come on, I'll introduce you to her.



Track 2 00:54

- W: Hurry, Mark. The line is getting longer.
 M: Wow, that line is too long. I'm not standing in it. Let's just go to the video arcade instead.
 W: I know it's always overcrowded here, but I really want to go again. Please?
 M: No, I'm already soaking wet.
 W: I know, isn't it great? The log ride is my favorite!
 M: I think we should eat lunch. I'm hungry.
 W: I guess we can eat lunch, but afterward, can we ride again?
 M: No, I want to ride something different. I don't care for the log ride.
 W: OK, what?
 M: Let's ride the roller coaster! I heard it's the fastest in the world. Then after that, I want to ride on the bumper cars.
 W: All right, that sounds like fun.



Track 3 00:45

- M: Hello, are you ready to order your dinner yet?
 W: Yes, but I am in such a hurry.
 M: OK, what would you like?
 W: A steak cooked medium rare. What does that come with on the side?
 M: The meal comes with mashed potatoes and a salad. Is that OK?
 W: No, I don't like potatoes. Can I have rice instead?
 M: Sure. Would you like something to drink with your meal?
 W: Yes, I would like to have lemonade, please.
 M: Anything else for you?
 W: No, thank you. Do you know how long it will take?
 M: Yes. Your meal will be served in about twenty minutes.



Track 4 00:51

- M: Have you seen *Phantom of the Opera*, Melissa?
 W: No, but I've always wanted to. Why?
 M: I was planning on seeing it this weekend. Would you like to join me?
 W: Sure, when is the performance?
 M: Well, there's one at 7 p.m. on Saturday and another on Sunday at 2 p.m.
 W: The Sunday performance would be best for me. How much are the tickets?
 M: Actually, I won tickets on the radio this morning. They are worth \$20 each.
 W: Wow, that's cool. Would you like to meet at the theater?
 M: Sure. Let's meet at half past one, and maybe we can have dinner after?
 W: Sounds great! I can't thank you enough for inviting me.
 M: It's my pleasure.



Track 5 01:02

- W: So, you're remodeling your kitchen?
 M: Yeah, I met with the builder this past Thursday.
 W: How exciting! You must be thrilled.
 M: I am. The work should begin on Monday.
 W: How long until the project is finished?
 M: The builder thought he would be finished by Wednesday, but since some of the materials won't arrive until later and there are many problems with the plumbing, the project won't be finished until Friday.
 W: I hope you don't mind my asking, but how much is it going to cost?
 M: I received a really great deal! It is only going to be \$2,000 plus materials.
 W: How much will the materials cost?
 M: Less than I expected! The materials are only going to cost \$500.
 W: Hey, spill the beans! How did you get such a great price?
 M: My brother-in-law is an architect. He asked his friend to give me a discount.



Track 6 01:00

- M: I'm glad that's over.
 W: I know. I've been stressed out about this test for two weeks.
 M: So, how did you do? You're always a diligent student. I'm sure you did fine.
 W: I did all right, but I'm exhausted. I haven't slept the past couple of nights because I was studying until dawn. What about you?
 M: I did well, actually, which was a surprise. I only studied for a couple of hours yesterday.

- W: What? You mean you got a better grade than me, and you only started to study yesterday?
- M: Like I said, I was pretty shocked. I guess I got lucky and studied the right information.
- W: Yeah, it was luck. You never have to work at anything. It's so annoying.
- M: I thought you'd be happy for me.
- W: Maybe I'm being selfish, but I'm tired of working so hard while you do whatever you want and get the same results.

7.  **Track 7**  00:53

- M: When I first arrived, the concert hall was empty, and I really enjoyed having time by myself in the auditorium. After the audience took their seats and I walked onto the stage, I got a little nervous. However, once the performance was underway, I became quite calm and really began to play well.
- W: I thought you played beautifully, and as I watched the performance, I was in awe of the skill and passion exhibited. It was evident that the orchestra practices and works very well together. The concert hall was sold out this evening, so I'm happy the newspaper provided my tickets. I can't wait to write about the performance.

8.  **Track 8**  00:49

- M: Good morning, New York. I'm Phil Fontaine with your weather forecast for the rest of the week. Today should be a beautiful day with plenty of sunshine, very little cloud cover, and highs in the mid-seventies. But don't get too excited. A cold front will be moving in overnight, leaving us with cold temperatures and a chance of rain tomorrow. I expect this front to stay around for quite a while, leaving us with a couple of days of rainy weather. By Sunday, the rain should be gone, but it will remain cloudy, so get out there, and enjoy today's sunshine! It may be the most we'll have for a few days.

9.  **Track 9**  00:55

- W: This fruit originated in China and was first named the Chinese gooseberry. In the mid-20th century, the fruit began to be widely marketed, which led it to be renamed the melonette. Now, most people know it by the name of New Zealand's national bird. This fruit has steadily grown in popularity over the years. Although eating the fuzzy, brown skin on the outside of the fruit is perfectly safe, most people throw it away after scooping out and eating the tart, green flesh and rows of black seeds. Other people prefer to simply peel off the brown skin and slice or chop the green flesh into smaller pieces for a fruit salsa.

10.  **Track 10**  00:56

- M: Every weekend is the same monotonous routine, where I wake up, get dressed, have breakfast, brush my teeth, and do my homework. After that, I'm usually just a couch potato and watch a movie on television. But this Saturday, everything is going to be different because I will be meeting the best band in the world. When I got the call telling me that I won dinner with my favorite band, I was so totally thrilled that I couldn't stop screaming and jumping up and down. I'm on the edge of my seat, and I still haven't really felt relaxed. I can't wait for the next three days to pass so I can see what the band members are really like. I'm very optimistic that this will be one of the best experiences of my life.

11.  **Track 11**  00:50

- W: **a** The most precipitation was in August.
b September had less precipitation than July.
c Precipitation decreased from June to July.
d June had the least amount of precipitation.
e Precipitation in July was higher than in September.

12.  **Track 12**  00:54

- M: I heard you are planning to book a flight to South America. When do you leave?
- W: I leave on the morning of Tuesday the nineteenth.
- M: Where are you going?
- W: I'll be in Costa Rica on a guided tour for the first three days.
- M: Then what? I've always wanted to go to Panama, are you going there?
- W: I leave for Belize on the twenty-second. I'm planning on lying on the beach for a while.
- M: How long are you staying there?
- W: Four days. Then, I'm going to Guatemala on the twenty-sixth and Mexico on the twenty-seventh.
- M: Wow, it sounds like you have a really exotic trip planned. When do you come home?
- W: The twenty-ninth. I can't wait!
- M: I strongly recommend you don't forget your sunscreen.

13.  **Track 13**  01:00

- W: Throughout history, humans have always needed energy. Energy is essential to support life on Earth, and over time, humans have discovered different ways to create and use it. The sun is the Earth's most powerful source of energy. Although this star is billions of miles away, humans can use its heat and light to power the things they need. This source of energy is actually losing power every day, but we don't notice. In fact, it's so powerful that in a single second it gives off more energy than

humans have ever been able to obtain from gas and coal. In conclusion, governments should be wise to spend more money on the development of solar energy.

14.  **Track 14**  01:02

W: Once, a young boy found a guitar and began to play it all the time. He was very good at playing it, but the instrument made a horrible noise because it was worn and out of tune. One day, the boy's family decided to buy him a new guitar and took the old guitar from his room while he was at school. However, the boy became furious when he saw that his guitar was missing and assumed his older brother took it because he didn't like the sound it made. Consequently, he broke one of his brother's CDs to get back at him. When the young boy learned the truth about the guitar, he felt ashamed about what he had done, but it was too late. His parents decided that he should not have the new guitar and returned it to the store.

15.  **Track 15**  00:56

- a) M: Are you coming to the school prom on Friday?
W: Yep, I'll be there at 8. But I haven't decided yet which dress I'm going to wear.
- b) M: Did you like the rock concert?
W: Honestly, I didn't. The seats were terrible, and it was too loud.
- c) M: Can you stir the pasta and heat it up in the microwave?
W: Sure, for how long?
- d) M: I heard you and your family have plans to move to Alaska.
W: Yeah, I've been trying to move it all week.
- e) M: How much is the red turtleneck sweater you have on display in your store window?
W: It's on sale this week for \$20.

16.  **Track 16**  00:50

M: Hey, Beth. Do you want to go to the school play later?

W: Sure, that sounds fun. I'd like to change my clothes, though.

M: OK. You're just going to the girls' locker room, right? I can wait for you.

W: That's very nice of you. Yeah, it should only take me a few minutes.

M: When you get back, we should get something to eat before going to the theater.

W: Sounds good. How long is the play?

M: About two hours, I think. Why don't we just meet at the pizzeria in about thirty minutes?

W: OK, let's do that. But first, can I use your phone? I want to call my mom and tell her I'm going to be late tonight.

M: Certainly. Here you go.

W: Thank you!

17.  **Track 17**  00:46

M: Hi, I'd like to order a sandwich and some chips, please.

W: OK. What kind of sandwich would you like?

M: Hmm...I think a ham sandwich sounds really good.

W: I'm sorry, we're out of ham at the moment. But we have a turkey sandwich that is delicious.

M: I guess I'll have that. It has cheese on it, right?

W: Yeah, and mayonnaise. What else would you like on it?

M: I don't like mayonnaise, but how about some olives?

W: All right. Do you want lettuce, too?

M: Yes, please, and pickles, but can you put them on the side?

W: OK, no problem. I'll get that for you right away.

18.  **Track 18**  00:50

W: Hey, Jeremy, are you coming to my birthday party next Saturday?

M: Yeah, have you decided on a place to have it?

W: It's going to be at the park since the weather forecast says it's going to be a sunny day.

M: OK, what time does it start?

W: It starts at 12 p.m., but can you come a little early?

M: Sure, do you need help decorating or cooking?

W: No, I need help unloading things from my car and taking them into the park.

M: OK, I'd be happy to help.

W: Great! Can you be there at 11:45?

M: Of course. Do you need me to bring anything?

W: Only my birthday present!

M: Ha ha, ha, OK. See you at a quarter to twelve.

19.  **Track 19**  00:55

M: Are you still trying to decide on a college major?

W: Yeah, I'm getting really worried. It's one of the most difficult decisions I've had to make.

M: Don't be. It's a difficult decision for everyone.

W: I guess so. I just can't decide on a specific area to study.

M: Oh, I understand. I was in the same situation.

W: Really? How did you choose?

M: I thought about what I liked doing the most. If you like what you are doing, then it won't feel like work.

W: But I like so many things. How did you decide on just one?

M: Actually, I didn't. I chose to have a double major. You could do that.
W: Hmm...maybe. I'll think about that.
M: OK, just remember that you can always change your mind.

20.  **Track 20**  00:57

W: Jeremy, what book are you writing your report on?
M: I don't know. I haven't decided yet.
W: Don't you have any ideas?
M: Nope. I'm planning on going to the library later this week.
W: The report is due really soon. Don't you think you should go to the library today?
M: Maybe, but I really wanted to go to the miniature golf course this afternoon.
W: May I make a suggestion? If I were in your shoes, I would start on the project today. Otherwise, you won't have enough time to finish it.
M: That's a good point. I'll make sure I don't choose a long book.
W: The book isn't the only thing. The paper isn't going to be very easy to write, either.
M: You're right. I got in trouble for not completing my project on time last semester. I'll go to the library after school.

21.  **Track 21**  00:56

M: Hello, my name is Jason Sanders, and I am calling on behalf of the Urban Teachers Credit Union. I want to inform you about a new rewards program we are using to give benefits to our most loyal customers. I think you'll find that just by using your credit card when making purchases, you can earn points that will give you discounts at restaurants, hotels, and entertainment venues such as bowling alleys, water parks, and the aquarium. All you have to do is sign up for the program, and your membership benefits start immediately. If you could please call me at 432-555-9456, I would greatly appreciate it. I can be reached Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Have a great day, and I look forward to hearing from you.

22.  **Track 22**  01:03

W: Good afternoon, everyone. I'm Georgia, your pilot this afternoon, and I would like to welcome you aboard flight NW107. We have departed a cloudy Los Angeles and are well on our way to Las Vegas, Nevada, where we will be making a short stop in order to pick up a few more passengers. Then, we'll be continuing on our way to New York City. We are expecting a smooth flight until we get closer to our

final destination where we expect to encounter some high winds above New York City. As a result of the weather, we will be arriving about forty minutes past our scheduled arrival time of 7:10. I will be back later to give you more information on the progress of our flight, but for now, sit back, relax, and enjoy the ride.

23.  **Track 23**  01:18

W: In today's society, diamonds are often regarded as symbols of true love to be treasured. But throughout history, diamonds have meant many different things. An example of this is how the Romans used to believe diamonds were tools to fight off evil spirits. Other cultures used them as charms that had magical powers to affect people's feelings and actions. The beauty of the stone combined with its strength and rarity has made diamonds cherished through the ages. However, the first record of giving a diamond ring was not until the 15th century, when the Archduke of Austria presented one to Mary of Burgundy. Then, diamonds became symbols of everlasting love when two people get married. They are also popular gifts for wedding anniversaries. Nowadays, this custom still remains common, especially in western cultures. So, the next time a case full of diamond rings, earrings, or bracelets comes into view, remember _____.

24.  **Track 24**  01:03

M: Hello, my name is Officer Brady, and I will be your driver's education teacher today. The topic we will discuss is the dangers of drunk driving. Each year, hundreds of people are arrested for driving while being under the influence of alcohol. Sometimes police officers are able to pull over a vehicle before the drunk driver can hurt himself or others. However, over 50 percent of all car accidents we see annually are caused by a person who had gotten behind the wheel after drinking. I personally lost a friend who was hit by a drunk driver. It also breaks my heart to see that so many of those who die in alcohol-related accidents are under the age of twenty-five. So, please don't end up as another body in the cemetery, and help us decrease the number of car accident fatalities by not drinking and driving.

25.  **Track 25**  01:01

M: Excuse me, I don't know my way around here. I'm looking for the nearest bus station, and I can't find it. Can you tell me where it is?

W: Yes, I can show you on that map you're holding.
 M: Oh, great! Thank you so much! I have the address, but I just can't figure out where the building is on this map.
 W: Let me show you. OK, so we are here. And see the bus station? It is right here.
 M: That seems close. Do you think I could walk there?
 W: Sure. Follow this street for three blocks, then turn left.
 M: Really? Then I'll be there?
 W: Almost. The bus station is about four blocks from there, on the right. The whole trip should take you about ten minutes by foot.
 M: Great! I think I can find it now. Thank you for your help.
 W: Don't mention it.

26.  **Track 26**  00:55

M: Museums around the world are often filled with art and artifacts spanning thousands of years. Unfortunately, these museums are sometimes regarded as boring or even uninteresting places to visit. But some museums choose to take a different approach to learning. There are many interesting museums like this throughout the world. In Washington, DC there is a potato museum that shows various books, toys, and foods related to potatoes. In Wisconsin, there is an entire museum dedicated to bathroom tissue, and in Tennessee, an entire museum showcases beverage containers. In brief, museums can be fun places to learn more about the history of just about anything.

27.  **Track 27**  01:01

W: There once was a little boy named George, who liked to collect butterflies and place them in jars he kept on his dresser. When George caught a new butterfly, he always put it in a small jar and then added it to the large jar full of other butterflies later. One day, the little boy had a great idea. He decided to take his large jar with him while he went on his search because he figured that he would be able to catch more if he had a bigger jar. While the boy was chasing a new butterfly, a big gust of wind suddenly came and knocked over his jar. The jar shattered into pieces, and all of the butterflies flew away. The boy was extremely disappointed and went home.

28.  **Track 28**  00:51

M: Hey, Sara, what's going on? You look like you're in a hurry.
 W: Oh, hi, Josh. I'm going home to bake a cake, but I have to go to the grocery store to buy the ingredients. Would you like to help me bake?

M: Cake sounds really good right now, but why are you making one?
 W: Because it's Catherine's birthday tomorrow. I want to surprise her.
 M: Oh, but I thought Catherine didn't like cake.
 W: Really? I didn't know that. She never told me.
 M: Yeah, she always gives me her cake at lunch if it is the dessert of the day in the cafeteria.
 W: I see. What should I make for her then?
 M: I know that the one kind of dessert she does like is cookies.
 W: _____

29.  **Track 29**  00:52

M: Excuse me, ma'am. Can I please take your plates?
 W: Yes, please. And would it be possible for you to bring me a container to take the rest of my meal home?
 M: Sure, I'll bring one right away. Did you enjoy everything?
 W: Yes, it was delicious. It's better than I expected.
 M: You saved room for dessert, right?
 W: Maybe I'm pretty full, though. What do you have to offer?
 M: Well, we have a fantastic triple chocolate cake. I could pack it so you could take it home.
 W: Oh, I don't really care for chocolate.
 M: We also have a great lemon cheesecake.
 W: That does sound good. I don't want to eat it now, but I'll take it home with me.
 M: _____

30.  **Track 30**  00:56

M: Jenny was a girl who liked things to look nice. She spent a lot of her time making sure that everything was clean and organized. Jenny liked to do this so much that she would even do the dishes, sweep the floor, and take out the trash without being asked by her mother. The only problem was that she and her little brother David did not see eye to eye. Whenever she cleaned something, she would become very upset because he would dirty it up again. One afternoon, Jenny was sweeping and mopping the floor in the kitchen while David played outside in the mud. Soon after she finished cleaning, David decided to come inside without removing his boots. When he was at the doorstep, about to enter the kitchen, Jenny tried to stop him from coming inside.

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Practice Test 2

1.

Track 31 00:52

- W: Oh, hi, Marcus. I'm going to get some lunch with Maria. Want to come?
- M: Sure! Actually, I've never met Maria. She just moved here from Spain, right?
- W: Yeah, she's really nice. She's just over there, in the park.
- M: There are a lot of girls over there. Which one is she?
- W: She is the one sitting next to the tree.
- M: Oh, is she the one with the short, curly, brown hair?
- W: No, she has long hair in a ponytail.
- M: OK, I think I see her. Is she wearing the white shirt and talking on her cell phone?
- W: No, actually, she's wearing the black and white floral dress.
- M: Hmm...OK, now I see her.

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Track 32 00:55

- W: Thank you for fitting me in on such short notice.
- M: No problem at all. The receptionist told me that you needed to get an appointment right away.
- W: Yeah, I was pretty frantic when I called because I know you have a busy schedule. It's hard to find a good pet groomer in this town.
- M: Anything for one of my best customers.
- W: When I looked at Benny this morning, I knew he needed help. I hope you can do something for him.
- M: Sure. First, though, I'm going to give him a bath.
- W: Good idea. I just really want Benny to look good since he's going to be in a family picture the day after tomorrow.
- M: That's nice. He really is a great dog, and it seems like he's an important family pet.
- W: He certainly is. And do you think you can give him a haircut, too?
- M: No problem.

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Track 33 00:54

- M: Hi, it's my mom's birthday this weekend, and I need to get her a present. Will you help me?
- W: Of course. I'd be happy to help.
- M: Thank you! I have no idea what to get her.
- W: Well, do you know her favorite color?
- M: Yeah. It's red.
- W: Well, there are lots of red candles on top of that shelf over there. Do you think she'd like that?
- M: Sure, but I think I need something else to go with it.
- W: How about a book? Currently, many of our titles are on clearance, so they're 25 percent off the regular price. I think that would be nice.

- M: She loves to read! That sounds perfect.
- W: Well, there are many books right here. Just let me know when you've decided, and I'll be happy to ring you up at the cash register.

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Track 34 00:56

- M: I would like two tickets for *A Night of Jokes*, please. How much are they?
- W: The tickets are fifty dollars each. What night would you like to attend?
- M: The Friday night performance, please.
- W: Would you like tickets for the 6:30 p.m. or the 9:00 p.m. show?
- M: The 6:30 show, please.
- W: Oh, I'm sorry sir, but it appears that I don't have any more seats for Friday's 6:30 show. Would you like tickets for the show at 9:00 p.m.?
- M: No. How about the 6:30 show on Saturday? Is that one sold out also?
- W: I'm afraid so. The only tickets left for 6:30 are for Sunday's show. Would you like those?
- M: I can't go on Sunday. My wife will be greatly disappointed if we miss the show. I guess I'll get tickets for the later show on Friday.
- W: Certainly, sir.

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Track 35 00:52

- W: I have double checked, and I can handle adding your house to my cleaning schedule.
- M: Good, I'm glad. What's your fee?
- W: For a house this size, I usually charge \$130.
- M: Really? I thought it would be a little cheaper than that.
- W: Well, since it seems like you are pretty neat most of the time, I can do it for \$100.
- M: That's a little better, I guess. Thanks. What day will you be coming by?
- W: It would be best for me if I could come on Friday or Saturday.
- M: Oh, those days I'm so busy with work. What about Sunday?
- W: No, I don't work on Sundays. Maybe Thursday?
- M: That would be fine. I'll see you then.

6.

Track 36 00:57

- M: What are your plans for lunch today, Martha?
- W: I was supposed to meet Linda for lunch today, but she's working out of her house today because her son is sick.
- M: Would you like to join me for lunch? Let's go eat out.
- W: No thanks.
- M: Why not? Did you bring a lunch from home today?
- W: No, I didn't.

- M: Then, did you have a big breakfast this morning?
Not hungry?
- W: That's not it, either.
- M: Oh. Then, why don't you want to go to lunch with me?
- W: Well, if you really want to know, it's because every time we go out to lunch, you never pay, and I always get stuck with the bill.
- M: Wow, I didn't realize that was happening. You should have said something. Let me buy you lunch today. I'll even let you choose the restaurant.
- W: OK, you've twisted my arm. Let's go.

7.  **Track 37**  01:00

- M: Today was like any other day at my job. My morning schedule was filled up with giving injections and administering medicine to patients who have the flu. I also put a new cast on a patient's broken arm. But in the afternoon, the day quickly became more exciting because I was able to assist with a surgery. It was an amazing feeling, and the surgeon told me that the procedure wouldn't have been so successful without my help.
- W: When I arrived at the hospital this morning, the first thing I did was check my schedule. Then, when I realized that I didn't have any patients until later that morning, I caught up on some paperwork. Once I finished with that, the paramedics brought in a car accident victim, and I had to perform two minor surgeries. It was an unusually quiet day for me.

8.  **Track 38**  00:50

- M: Good morning, Atlanta, on this cloudy and rainy Monday morning. This is Martin Martinez with your five-day Outlook. According to the weather satellite, it looks like our days of gloomy weather will be coming to an end. We will be seeing plenty of sunshine tomorrow and the next day with temperatures rising into the mid-sixties. However, a small cold front will work its way into our area on Thursday, bringing heavy rain and a slight chance of hail that will last through Friday and the rest of the weekend. But don't worry, because that weather system will be gone by the start of next week, and the sunshine will return.

9.  **Track 39**  01:03

- W: The history behind this everyday household item can be traced back to sticks used by primitive humans millions of years ago. However, the earliest version that resembles the ones we use today was created in China during the 15th century. In fact, the only major difference between modern designs and those invented by the Chinese is that the bristles

used to be made out of animal hair. It wasn't until the 20th century that nylon bristles were introduced. Today, there are many different types of these not so expensive dental tools. They also come in many colors, and every family member has one. With toothpaste, they help to maintain a clean and healthy smile. Dentists say that it is best to use them three times a day after meals.

10.  **Track 40**  00:52

- M: Today has not been a very good day for me. First, I woke up late and missed the neighborhood bus, so I had to ask my mom for a ride to school. She was already in a grumpy mood, so she gave me a long lecture about responsibility and being considerate of others' time. In my history class, I had a pop quiz that I really wasn't prepared for, and then I had an algebra test that I think I may have failed. And just now, I found out that my friends are all going to see the new fantasy movie I really want to see on the same night as my little brother's birthday party, so I won't be able to go. I'm exhausted and ready for this day to be over. Hopefully, tomorrow will be better.

11.  **Track 41**  00:49

- M: a Visitors increased the most between June and July.
 b More people visited the museum in August than in October.
 c June had the least number of visitors to the museum.
 d July had more visitors to the museum than October.
 e The greatest number of visitors came in September.

12.  **Track 42**  00:59

- M: Sarah, how do you like your new job?
W: Oh, which one?
M: What do you mean? I thought you only worked at the ticket booth at the amusement park.
W: Actually, I just started working at the nail salon across the street, painting nails two days a week. I really want to make some money so that I can travel this summer.
M: Cool. You're still working at the amusement park, though, right?
W: Yeah. This week, I'm scheduled to work there from the ninth through the twelfth.
M: Oh. Then, I guess you will work at the nail salon on Monday?
W: No, my neighbor offered me \$100 to clean his yard that day. I'll work at the salon on the fifteenth and sixteenth and then work the rest of the week at the amusement park ticket booth.
M: Wow, you're going to have plenty of money to travel.
W: That's the plan.

13.  **Track 43**  01:05

M: The Olympic Games are one of the most watched sporting events in the world. The fastest, strongest, and most skilled athletes from many different countries gather to compete against one another in various events with the hopes of bringing home the gold medal. However, not as many people are familiar with the less acclaimed World Eskimo Indian Olympic Games. The WEI Olympics focus on demonstrating the different types of skills that are needed to survive in the Alaskan wilderness. Some of the most unique games played in the WEI Olympics are the knuckle hop, the ear pull, and the one-hand reach. The festival is also a chance for Eskimo elders to pass on their ancestral knowledge to the youth in the tribe. It is an important way to preserve their culture and traditions.

14.  **Track 44**  01:02

W: Once, a little girl desperately wanted a puppy, but her parents were strongly opposed to the idea because they felt that she wasn't responsible enough to care for a puppy. But the little girl was not discouraged, and one afternoon, she brought her friend's dog home with her for the weekend. She told her parents that she was going to show them that she could take care of a puppy. For two days, the little girl fed, played with, and walked the dog to prove to her parents that she was responsible enough to care for a puppy of her very own. So, her parents decided to buy the girl a dog. But when they told her the good news, she said that she didn't want a puppy after all since they were just too much work; she wanted a kitten instead.

15.  **Track 45**  00:56

- Ⓐ M: Excuse me, sir. How much are the bubble gum lollipops?
W: They are a quarter each, or five for a dollar.
- Ⓑ W: Sir, the plane is about to take off. Will you please take your seat?
M: I'm trying, but it's really heavy.
- Ⓒ M: Can you give me a ride to the airport?
W: Sure, no problem. What time do you need to be there?
- Ⓓ M: Did you happen to get those business cards made like I asked?
W: Yes, I did. I will pick them up from the print shop this afternoon.
- Ⓔ W: Good afternoon, Mrs. Stevenson. Can I please speak to Jenny?
M: May I ask who's calling?

16.  **Track 46**  00:56

W: Hi, Roger. Are you and Amy going to the dance on Saturday?
M: Yeah, we'll be there. We're both really excited.
W: So am I, only Saturday is going to be a pretty busy day for me.
M: Really? Why?
W: Well, I have a soccer game at the sports stadium across town in the morning. Then, I've got to get some homework done before I start getting ready for the dance.
M: Me, too. It looks like we are in the same situation.
W: Yeah, but I have to do a lot more to get ready than you. I have appointments in the afternoon to get my hair and nails done. Then, I have to get my dress fitted.
M: What do you think about trying to do some homework during your appointments?
W: Hey, that's not a bad idea.
M: Good luck! See you Saturday night.

17.  **Track 47**  00:52

W: Welcome to Sal's Ice Cream Shop. Can I help you?
M: Yes, can I please have an ice cream cone?
W: Would you like a plain cone or a waffle cone?
M: Plain cone. Do you have rocky road ice cream?
W: Unfortunately, no. I do have old-fashioned chocolate, though.
M: Hmm...well, it's not as good as rocky road, but I guess that would work. And can you pour some caramel over the scoops?
W: Certainly. Would you like anything else?
M: Can you sprinkle some chocolate chips on it?
W: Sure. Would you like almonds or peanuts?
M: Neither, thank you. And lastly, can you add some whipped cream on top of it for me?
W: Yeah, I'll have that ready for you in a moment.

18.  **Track 48**  00:57

W: Seth, are you working on Saturday?
M: Yeah, I'm scheduled to come in at 4:00 p.m.
W: What are your plans for Saturday morning?
M: Nothing special yet. Why do you ask?
W: Well, I really need to leave early that day. My family is taking a road trip, and I'm having a hard time finding someone to cover my shift.
M: I see. Did you ask Jim or Sarah?
W: Yes. I already asked them, and they are too busy. Would it be possible for you to come in at two instead of four?
M: Well, it would make my paycheck a little bigger. Sure, I'll do it.
W: You are a lifesaver, Seth! I really don't know how to thank you for helping me out. Next time you need time off, please let me know.

M: Don't mention it. I know you would do the same for me.

19.  **Track 49**  00:58

W: David, have you seen my binder?
 M: No, did you lose it? You really should pay more attention to where you leave things.
 W: You're right. But can you help me find it? That binder has all of my notes from class. I really need it!
 M: You know, one solution is to keep all of your books in a backpack.
 W: I don't like wearing them because the straps always hurt my shoulders. Are you sure you haven't seen it?
 M: Yes, I'm sure. You know there are other types of bags that you might like wearing better. Maybe you should get one of those.
 W: Maybe. Do you think it might be in the living room?
 M: No, I was just in there. I didn't see it. Maybe it's in your bedroom.
 W: I already checked up there. I guess I can check again.
 M: OK, I'll let you know if I see it.

20.  **Track 50**  00:51

W: Hey, Bryan. Are you excited about performing in the play on Friday night?
 M: Yeah, but I'm more nervous than excited, though.
 W: Really? I thought you really liked to perform in plays.
 M: I do, but this is my first play in front of the whole school.
 W: I know. That means the auditorium will be full! Isn't that a good thing?
 M: Usually. But what if everyone thinks that the play is bad, or they criticize my acting?
 W: I'm sure no one will think you did a bad job. Besides, you're a great actor.
 M: Maybe you're right. There's nothing to be frightened of.
 W: Well, just remember all that matters is that you are happy with your performance.
 M: You're right. Thanks for cheering me up.

21.  **Track 51**  00:57

W: Hello, my name is Shannon Gilbert, and I'm the new school nurse at High Ridge Elementary. I'm calling about your son, Jimmy. Our records show that he has not received the required shots that all students must have before they enter the first grade. If this is a mistake and Jimmy has in fact had all of his shots, could you please send a copy of his medical records to us as soon as possible? However, if he has not received all of his shots, we ask that you make an appointment with your family doctor to take care of this matter before he starts school

this fall. If you have any questions, or if I may be of any further help, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your time, and have a great afternoon.

22.  **Track 52**  00:51

M: Hello, ladies and gentlemen, this is your captain speaking. We have just made our way over San Diego and are about to begin our final descent into the Los Angeles airport. However, the stormy weather we encountered earlier seems to have followed us and will be making the next few minutes quite bumpy. In addition, there are several planes in front of us that are also waiting for final approval to land, so we may have to circle around the airport a few times until it is our turn to land. I expect our new arrival time to be about thirty minutes later than our scheduled landing time of 5:10 p.m.

23.  **Track 53**  00:58

M: People often use the expression "It's so hot outside you could fry an egg on the sidewalk." But can someone actually fry an egg on a sidewalk? The answer is complicated. While in theory it may be possible to fry an egg on the sidewalk, the temperature of the sidewalk never gets hot enough to actually cook the egg thoroughly. This is due to the fact that concrete and pavement do not hold heat very well. In addition, the egg slightly cools the sidewalk when it is cracked open. However, these facts have not stopped people in Arizona from trying to cook eggs on the sidewalk during the annual Solar Egg Frying Contest. So, in actuality, cooking on the sidewalk _____.

24.  **Track 54**  00:59

W: Many of the world's most treasured children's books originated in the mind of one author, Theodor Seuss Geisel. Mr. Geisel actually wrote most of his books under the name Dr. Seuss, although he was not a medical doctor. Another interesting fact that few people know is that one of the most famous of all of Dr. Seuss's works, *Green Eggs and Ham*, was actually written because of a bet he made with a publisher. The publisher contended that no book could be written using only fifty different words, but Dr. Seuss proved him wrong and wrote *Green Eggs and Ham*. In the end, Dr. Seuss won the bet, yet the publisher never paid him.

25.  **Track 55**  00:59

M: Marcy, can you please hand me the bottle of vanilla?
 W: Sure, Tom. I didn't realize the recipe called for vanilla.

- M: It doesn't. I thought I'd change it a little. I think adding some vanilla will make the cookies taste even better.
- W: Hmm...but what if they turn out not as tasty as you hope? Have you made changes to this recipe before?
- M: No, but I've seen my mom do it all the time, so I should be fine.
- W: Well, I disagree. Your mom has a lot of practice cooking. I think we should just make the cookies the way the recipe says to.
- M: I have an idea. What if you make one batch of cookies the normal way, and I'll make one my way.
- W: OK. Then we can compare the two and see which one tastes better.
- M: Yeah, mine's going to be better.
- W: Don't be so sure.

26.  **Track 56**  01:08

W: Chocolate has a long history that dates back 2,000 years when it was discovered in the tropical rainforests of Mexico. The Spanish Conquistadors first learned about it from the Mayan and Aztec cultures they encountered when exploring the new world. These ancient tribes used ground cacao seeds, water, and varieties of spices to make a delightful drink. Sugar was also added to make it more delicious. This is because raw chocolate is not as sweet as the processed chocolate bars and candies that are sold in stores. Upon returning to Europe, the Spanish Conquistadors brought cacao back with them. New recipes were invented, and it quickly became a favorite treat for the richest families. These days, it is enjoyed by all. But always remember that eating too much can hurt one's teeth and cause a stomachache.

27.  **Track 57**  00:59

W: There once was a little girl named Carla, who loved to jump rope, but she was never very good at doing tricks like other kids. Whenever someone would ask her if she would like to do tricks with them, Carla would immediately say "no" in a shy voice and go home. Then, one afternoon, Carla was jumping rope behind her house and tried to do a trick. She didn't do the trick perfectly, but at least she had gotten it right. That was when Carla decided that no matter what, she would be brave and make herself learn how to do a trick. So, for several weeks, Carla practiced her trick over and over until finally she could do it without trying very hard at all.

28.  **Track 58**  00:56

- W: Hi, Chris, you look stressed. What seems to be the problem?
- M: Oh, hi, Donna. Nothing's wrong. I just have a math test the week after next, and I think I'm going to do poorly on it.
- W: Really? Why is that?
- M: Basically, I have a hard time understanding the complex problems.
- W: Have you thought about getting a tutor?
- M: I thought about that, but my family can't afford to pay for one.
- W: Well, I'm pretty good at math. I can tutor you for free.
- M: Really? My test is in geometry. Do you know that very well?
- W: Yeah. I really like it, actually. I can help you study if you'd like.
- M: Wow, cool. I would really appreciate it!
- W: I usually go to the library after school to do my homework. Would you like to meet me there?
- M: _____

29.  **Track 59**  00:55

- M: Ugh! I hate doing the laundry!
- W: Please stop complaining and hand me the laundry detergent. Nobody likes to do laundry.
- M: Yeah, well, I really hate it. If I pay you five dollars, will you do mine for me?
- W: No way! I hate doing laundry just as much as you do. Besides, it will keep you from being lazy all day watching TV.
- M: Oh, come on. I said I'll pay you.
- W: Well, what if I pay you? Will you do my laundry?
- M: No. I just told you that I hate doing it!
- W: Well, then I guess we'll both just have to do our own.
- M: I have an idea. What if I vacuum your living room for you and take out the trash? Would you like to switch with me and do my laundry then?
- W: _____

30.  **Track 60**  00:53

M: Once, two very good friends named Theresa and Elizabeth went shopping together. The two girls spent the entire day shopping and found many things they wanted to buy. They took advantage of clearance specials and hunted for the best sale prices. After hours of walking, Theresa became tired and decided that she wanted to go home. So, she and Elizabeth made their way to the bus stop with all of their bags and sat down while they waited for the bus to come. While sitting at the bus

stop, Elizabeth saw another store she wanted to go into. She checked her watch and noticed that the bus was not scheduled to arrive for another twenty minutes.

30:13



Practice Test 3



1. Track 61 00:58

- W: Before we leave, make sure I introduce you to my boss.
- M: OK. I'd love to meet her! Do you really think she'd hire me?
- W: I can't say for sure, but I know that Melinda needed to have some time off, so she quit. There's a chance that the company may still have an opening.
- M: And it never hurts to get to know someone new.
- W: Right! Do you see her over there?
- M: Is she the older woman with the short, gray hair?
- W: That's not her. She is not as old as you would expect for a boss.
- M: Ah, is she the one wearing glasses with her hair in a bun sitting next to the man?
- W: She is wearing glasses, but that's not her. She is sitting next to the woman with long, blond hair.
- M: Oh, I see! I can't wait to meet her.



2. Track 62 00:57

- M: Hey, these are great seats! Thank you for inviting me.
- W: I was actually shocked you wanted to come. I didn't think you liked dramas.
- M: They are not as good as action and adventure films, but they can be entertaining.
- W: Personally, I don't like action and adventure movies. They are so unrealistic.
- M: What do you mean?
- W: Well, the hero always does something impossible like jumping from the top of a skyscraper without a parachute. And when they get hurt, they never have to go to the hospital.
- M: Right, but that's what makes them exciting.
- W: Still, it's not my cup of tea.
- M: Hey, by the way, are you still trying to sell your car? You should make a visit to my father's car dealership.
- W: Not anymore. It's a long story. Oh, the movie is about to start. I'll tell you later.



3. Track 63 00:53

- M: Gina, could you stay after class, please? I'd like to talk to you about your test.
- W: Oh, no. Was it that bad?

- M: No, actually, it was very good. Here's your score.
- W: An A? Wow, I can't believe it!
- M: It's a huge improvement over the last assignment. I can tell you've been studying.
- W: My tutor, Marcy, has been coming over every day to work with me.
- M: Well, I must say, she is very good at teaching chemistry, then. You deserve the credit for your hard work.
- W: I really appreciate it, Mr. Jenkins! I can't wait to tell my parents.
- M: Tell your tutor, too. In fact, I wonder if she's available to help other students.
- W: I'll ask her this afternoon.





4. Track 64 00:51



- W: Hi, Max. Would you like to get together and study tomorrow?
- M: Sure, but I have to be home to wait for the plumber. Can we meet at my house?
- W: That's fine. Where do you live?
- M: I live in Manhattan, across from the big Laundromat on Forty-fourth Street.
- W: OK. I'll just take the train, then. What time should I come over?
- M: The afternoon works best. How about three or four?
- W: All right. I think there's a 2:30 train I can take that should get me there around 3:00.
- M: Perfect. I'll be waiting for you.
- W: Oh, by the way, do you know how much the train costs?
- M: I think it's \$3. But tomorrow is Wednesday, so it's half price.





5. Track 65 01:00



- W: Good afternoon, sir. Can I help you find anything?
- M: Yes, I'm looking to buy a frame. But I don't know where to begin to look.
- W: Well, you've come to the right place. What would you like to frame?
- M: I want to frame this portrait of my wife and me.
- W: Oh, what a beautiful picture. It would look great in this black frame with a cream-colored mat behind it. What do you think?
- M: That does look nice. How much is it?
- W: OK. Let's see. The frame is \$100, but we are having a clearance sale right now, so it's 25 percent off.
- M: Great! OK. I can afford that.
- W: Wonderful. We'll have it ready for you on Thursday.
- M: Oh, I have to work all day Thursday. Can I pick it up the following day?
- W: That's no problem. We'll see you then.



6.  **Track 66**  01:00
- M: Hey, Tina! How are the birthday party preparations coming?
- W: Great! It's going to be so much fun. Everything is in place.
- M: Well, Katie is really excited. She can hardly wait for Friday.
- W: What do you mean? You talked to Katie?
- M: Yeah, I saw her at the dry cleaner's the day before yesterday and asked if she was going to dress up for the party.
- W: But she didn't even know about the party! It was supposed to be a surprise!
- M: A surprise? Oh...no wonder she looked confused at first.
- W: I can't believe you told her. This ruins everything!
- M: Oh, I'm sorry. I didn't realize! But Katie seemed thrilled anyway.
- W: I guess. Well, maybe I can figure out a different way to surprise her.
- M: Gosh, I really do feel terrible. Can I help you with anything?

7.  **Track 67**  01:02
- M: Well, I have covered a lot of basketball tournaments in my career, and this was absolutely one of the most exciting games ever. The energy in the sports stadium was exhilarating, and those girls certainly have the support of their fans! In fact, this may go down as one of the best women's basketball games in history. I'll interview one of the star players later to see what she has to say about that, but first, here's the woman who led them to victory.
- W: I'm so proud of my team. They played great defense and made their shots beautifully. I know this week has been difficult on them with all the extra practices, but they are tough cookies, and their hard work definitely paid off. However, we can't count our chickens before they hatch. We still have to win tomorrow night's game in order to go on to the championship.



8.  **Track 68**  00:54
- M: Good morning, Tulsa! I'm Frankie Forester with your local weather forecast. Well, it's a little warmer today than the past several days—the temperature might even hit 65. But if you look out your window, you'll see that we're experiencing more of the same dreary weather we've been dealing with all week. That's right! The forecast is heavy rain all day with chances of lightning in the evening hours. But if you're going crazy from being stuck inside the past few days, don't worry because when you wake up tomorrow, expect a sunny morning. However, the

clouds are expected to roll in again on Friday with the possibility of thunderstorms this weekend.

9.  **Track 69**  01:00
- W: Among the many amazing creatures of the ocean, this fish is unique for two reasons. First, it is one of only two animal species in which the male becomes "pregnant," holding the female's eggs until they are ready to hatch. Another interesting characteristic of this creature is that its head is shaped like a common mammal. That's where it gets its name. But, unlike the large animals they resemble, you can't ride these sea creatures! In fact, these tiny animals range in size from less than one centimeter to thirty-five centimeters from head to tail. Also, their tails curl up in front of them. These animals do not survive long in captivity. However, they are used as cures in Chinese herbal medicine.

10.  **Track 70**  01:04
- W: I was babysitting my little brother, Tyler, one night while my parents went to an exhibition at an art gallery. After I got him tucked into bed, I decided to sit down to watch television in the living room. Suddenly, our dog, Trixie, started barking hysterically and ran to the window. It appeared as though she sensed something outside. Initially, I paid no attention, but after a few minutes, I heard a scratching sound on the window, and Trixie began to bark again. I hesitated for a moment—what should I do in this situation? I probably needed to investigate, but I'm not that brave of a person! I checked on Tyler, and he was comfortably asleep. Then once again, I heard the scratching, and I became so frightened that I felt a shiver run down my spine.

11.  **Track 71**  00:49
- W: a More sales were made in October than in January.
 b Sales increased from November to December.
 c The most sales were made in February.
 d Sales went down from October to November.
 e September was the month with the least amount of sales.

12.  **Track 72**  01:02
- W: So, I heard that your band is going on tour. That's so cool!
- M: Thanks. I've always dreamed of taking a road trip with the band, but I'm not looking forward to riding in the cramped tour bus.
- W: That's understandable. So, where do you play first?
- M: Well, we start the tour in Washington, DC on Friday the eleventh.

- W: Wow. I've never been there! Will you be able to do any sightseeing? As you know, there are many famous landmarks there.
- M: No, because we get in around midday and have to set up for the concert. Then, we play in Baltimore on the twelfth and Philadelphia on the thirteenth.
- W: Gosh, you will be busy!
- M: Yeah, and then the following week, we drive toward the Midwest.
- W: What cities will you go to?
- M: We play in Louisville on the eighteenth, Cincinnati the next day, and end the tour in Chicago.

13.  **Track 73**  01:14

W: Mariachi music is a lively type of music from northern Mexico. The bands consist of a singer, violins, trumpets, guitars, and a harp. The band members, called mariachis, play at wedding receptions and parties. They are famous for performing songs outside a loved one's window. Mariachi music is usually played by men, although sometimes there will be a woman singer. All-female mariachi groups, however, are becoming more common due to the fact that more women are mastering instruments like the trumpet that used to be played mostly by men. Still, female mariachi groups must overcome several challenges. They often face discrimination from male bands. An example of this is how women often receive lower pay for their performances. In addition, it can be hard to keep a group together when women get married and face family pressures. Nevertheless, mariachi women are making progress.

14.  **Track 74**  00:59

M: Tommy was the goal keeper of his neighborhood soccer team. He was also the team captain, not because he was an amazing player but because he had a friendly and optimistic attitude. Tommy always knew how to cheer up the other players during a difficult match and helped them focus on the game. One year, at the beginning of the season, the players noticed that Tommy didn't show up for the first day of practice. He had told a friend that his parents didn't have enough money to buy him a new uniform and shoes. The players started thinking and decided that they would all give money and buy Tommy the sports equipment he needed. Their soccer team just wasn't the same without him! Tommy was excited to hear the news, and he was back on the team the next day.

15.  **Track 75**  00:58

- Ⓐ M: What time do you think I should start to make dinner?

W: Actually, I'm feeling like pizza tonight. Let's eat out instead.

- Ⓑ M: Hi, it's John. I'm returning your phone call.
W: Thank you so much! I couldn't find it anywhere.
- Ⓒ W: Now, Bradley, don't forget to mow the lawn today.
M: Oh, Mom! I'm watching TV right now. Can't it wait until tomorrow?
- Ⓓ M: Can I bring my friend with me to your Halloween party?
W: Sure, no problem. But make sure she dresses up in a costume.
- Ⓔ M: Hey, Sarah, what do you think about this paisley t-shirt?
W: I think it would look really good on you.

16.  **Track 76**  01:00

W: Guess what, Tim? I've decided to move to Seattle next month.

M: Sounds exciting! Why did you choose Seattle?

W: Well, Chris and I are planning to get married soon, so I'm going to move into his apartment.

M: Ah, I see. Are you nervous? Sounds like a big change.

W: A little bit, but I'm worried most of all because I have so much to do to get ready.

M: Yeah, right. Moving is not easy.

W: Exactly. I've got to start packing all my things. Then, I need to find a moving company, pay my last month's bills, and clean my apartment.

M: Sounds like you will be busy.

W: Yeah, I certainly will be. And before I do anything at all, I need to tell my boss I'm quitting. He has been so good to me, so I should give him as much notice as possible.

M: That's very thoughtful of you. I'm sure he will appreciate it.

17.  **Track 77**  00:55

W: Hi, there. Can I help you find something?

M: Yeah. I need to get a nice suit for a job interview.

W: I can help you with that. What size are you?

M: I wear a medium shirt. But I'm very picky. I like my cuffs to be tight and the neck to be a little loose.

W: No problem. I'll find the right size and fit for you. Can I help you find a tie to match?



M: Yes, I'm terrible at picking out ties. Oh, and a pair of dress pants, size 36. But cotton only, please. I'm allergic to wool.



W: OK. And will you need anything else?



M: Well, I have a belt already, and I don't think I can afford a new watch right now.

W: That's fine. And what about shoes?

M: Oh, yeah. I probably should go ahead and get a new pair.



18.  **Track 78**  00:57
- M: Hi, Lisa. I'm calling about my computer again. I need to ask you a big favor.
- W: Normally, you send me an email. Is everything all right?
- M: Well, the problem is with my computer. Can you come over and help me fix it?
- W: Are you having problems with the Internet again?
- M: No. When I turn it on, it makes a funny noise, and then the screen goes blank.
- W: That doesn't sound good. But I can take a look at it. Is next week OK?
- M: Actually, I was hoping you could fix it today or tomorrow. I need to use it for school.
- W: I'm sorry, John. I'm so busy with work this week. But maybe my brother Harry could help you.
- M: I'll call him. I have to finish a report by Friday, and I really need to type it on the computer.
- W: I'm sure Harry will help you.



19.  **Track 79**  00:58
- W: Hi, Jim. You look sad. What's going on?
- M: I'm feeling a little down. My mom and I had a fight today.
- W: Oh, what happened?
- M: Well, I really want to get a pet snake, but my mom won't let me.
- W: Well, some people are frightened of snakes. She might just need to learn more about them.
- M: Yeah, that makes sense.
- W: What do you think about getting some books out of the library about owning a pet snake?
- M: Oh, yeah. I didn't think of that.
- W: And you could get the names of other snake owners from the pet store.
- M: Yeah, and those people could talk to my mom and tell her how great it is to have a snake!
- W: It is a pretty big change, though, so you should give your mom some time to make up her mind.
- M: You're right, Nancy! Thank you for the advice and cheering me up.

20.  **Track 80**  00:51
- M: Look at this! That salesperson gave me back ten dollars extra by mistake!
- W: Really? What are you going to do?
- M: Spend it, of course! This must be my lucky day.
- W: Don't you think we should go back and return it? Imagine if you were in his shoes.
- M: It's not that much. Besides, if I were in his shoes, I would have done a better job counting the money!
- W: Well, he was probably distracted by all of the impatient people waiting in line.

- M: That's true, but...
- W: And, he'll probably have to pay that money back out of his own paycheck.
- M: I know you're right, but still...\$10!
- W: Oh, come on. You'll feel good about yourself.

21.  **Track 81**  00:57
- W: Hello, I'm calling about the Nexo wristwatch that I purchased approximately a week ago. And, I have to say, I am extremely frustrated and disappointed with your product. Immediately after I purchased it, the numbers started blinking, and I could only read it if I tilted it in a particular direction. I thought the problem was related to the batteries, so I replaced them, but it didn't make any difference. The watch was still barely readable. Then, this morning, it completely stopped working! I already returned it to the store and exchanged it for a different watch. I'm calling because I just thought you might want to know that it's not a very good product. Perhaps you should consider taking it off the market.

22.  **Track 82**  01:09
- M: Attention, Shop Right shoppers, this is your favorite manager, Fernando, speaking. We are offering some fabulous specials this afternoon. Everything in our seafood section is 25 percent off today. You heard correctly—our wonderful selection includes mackerel, salmon, catfish, shrimp, and even lobster. In the produce section, melons are only 99 cents a pound and mangoes are 89 cents each. Over in dairy, three-ounce containers of yogurt are marked down with sale prices at two for a dollar. Make sure to try our free mozzarella cheese samples. And shoppers, don't forget, we are also having a clearance sale on all cleaning products! The biggest deal is 30 percent off Sunshine dishwasher soap at \$1.25 a bottle. Lastly, remember to always come to customer service if you need assistance with anything, and thank you for shopping at Shop Right!

23.  **Track 83**  01:08
- W: The California legal system addressed an interesting situation last month. Judge Perkins listened to some of the best environmental lawyers in the state argue a case that centered on cutting down several tall redwood trees. The issue was that one family wanted to use solar panels on their roof to get electricity. Their neighbor's trees, however, shaded the area, taking up some of the potential energy. The other family wanted to keep the trees, especially the biggest one of all, because they helped cool their house, thereby saving them electricity. So the

question became, which is the more earth-friendly choice—saving trees or using solar power? Both families had a good argument for either keeping or removing the trees, based on environmental reasons. But eventually, the trees had to be cut down. This case just goes to show that _____.

24.  **Track 84**  01:15

W: There are many ways of determining which countries are the best places to live. Most measures rate a country's wealth. But the United Nations Human Development Index, or HDI, is better than other methods because it compares other aspects of life as well. It rates categories such as the quality of a country's education system, the average life span of its citizens, and the average standard of living. Standard of living refers to poverty levels and people's access to goods and services. In the most recent survey, Iceland was rated as the best country to live in due to its combined scores in all categories. Seven of the top ten countries are also in Europe. The other three countries in the top ten list are Australia, Canada, and Japan. In brief, governments must work to improve health care and education if they want to score higher on the Human Development Index.

25.  **Track 85**  00:55

W: Hello, Mr. Marshall? I'd like to hire you to give my son, Gary, piano lessons.
 M: All right. I must tell you that I require a high level of commitment.
 W: My son is very diligent. He is already good at playing and wants to improve.
 M: OK. Well, I will need to work with him at least three times a week.
 W: What do you think about Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays?
 M: I don't work on Fridays, but I could give a Saturday lesson.
 W: Perfect! Gary will be so pleased.
 M: Oh, and I charge twenty dollars per hour.
 W: Gosh, that's kind of expensive.
 M: Well, when it comes to jazz piano, there is no one better than me in town. I did play with the best jazz band in the country.

26.  **Track 86**  00:56

M: Animals have many ways to protect themselves. For instance, they may be able to run fast, fight back, or emit a stinky odor. Many animals also possess the ability to hide by blending in with their surroundings. This phenomenon is called camouflage. One of the

amazing traits of animals that use camouflage is that they can often change colors. Arctic rabbits are an example of this because their fur turns white in the winter. This allows them to easily blend in with the snow. Cuttlefish are able to make dramatic transitions between environments by creating many colors and unique patterns on their skin. From mammals to fish, camouflage is another of nature's wonders.

27.  **Track 87**  01:09

W: Francesca had such a huge amount of homework that she hardly knew where to begin. One afternoon, she was so preoccupied that she completely forgot to do her chores. She asked her brother George for help. "George, would it be possible for you to help me do the dishes?" she pleaded. However, her brother refused and continued playing video games. Francesca completed her chores eventually but had to stay up late to finish her school assignments. A week later, George returned from school looking worried. "Francesca, I really need your assistance," he begged his sister. "I totally forgot about a history project that I have to turn in tomorrow. Can you help me?" She replied that she had more important things to do and turned on the television. Maybe in the future, her brother will be more considerate and think twice when she requests something from him.

28.  **Track 88**  00:57

W: Hey, Mark!
 M: Hi, Allison. I'm glad I ran into you. I was wondering if I could borrow your car the day after tomorrow.
 W: I think that would be fine. What do you need it for?
 M: Actually, my car's in the shop, and I have to take Mandy to the vet.
 W: Mandy? Your German shepherd?
 M: Yeah. But don't worry, she's a good pet. She won't make a mess.
 W: Well, the only thing is that I'm allergic to dogs. Their fur makes me cough and sneeze.
 M: Oh, I see. That's too bad because you were my last resort.
 W: I'm really sorry, Mark. If there were some way that none of her hair would get in the car...
 M: Well, what if I get the car cleaned inside and out afterward? I know a car wash that does a great job.
 W: _____

29.  **Track 89**  01:01

W: Welcome to the Sugar Shack Ice Cream Shop. Can I take your order, sir?

M: Yes, ma'am! I'd like two scoops of ice cream.
 W: Right away! Would you like that in a cone or a cup?
 M: In a cup, please.
 W: OK. Which flavors would you like?
 M: Let's see. I'll have a scoop of chocolate and a scoop of mint chocolate chip.
 W: I'm so sorry, but we just ran out of chocolate.
 M: Oh, no! There's nothing better than chocolate. It's my favorite flavor. Well, I guess I should take a look at the menu.
 W: May I make a suggestion? I strongly recommend chocolate fudge swirl. Here, try a sample.
 M: Oh, that's delicious. It's not as tasty as the regular chocolate, but I'll take it!
 W: I'm glad you like it. So, do you want that and the mint chocolate chip?
 M: _____

30.  **Track 90**  01:09

W: Everyone in Duncan's family was good at playing sports—everyone, that is, except for Duncan. Unfortunately, his parents didn't seem to realize that Duncan didn't enjoy playing sports. Every year for his birthday, he received a new piece of sporting equipment. One year, he got a soccer ball and running shoes, and last year, he received a tennis racket and balls. He had attempted practically every sport there was, but he just wasn't any good. What Duncan really liked to do was paint and draw pictures. He preferred sitting outside sketching landscapes and still-life nature scenes than running down the football field. This year on his birthday, Duncan noticed a small package. He figured that it was most likely a baseball glove. But when he opened the gift, Duncan was shocked to find a set of paints and brushes.

31:21



Practice Test 4

1.  **Track 91**  00:57

W: Hey, Kevin! Thank you for coming with me to the playground.
 M: No problem. I haven't been to a playground in a long time!
 W: Well, I just have to pick up my little brother, Todd, and then we can leave.
 M: Which one is Todd? Is he the little boy over there who is squatting and wearing the baseball cap?
 W: No, he's with that group of kids near the jungle gym.
 M: OK. Then, is he the boy in the green shirt who is kneeling with the swing?

W: No. He's sitting on the swing, wearing the blue striped shirt.
 M: Oh, I think I see him! Does he have brown hair, and is he wearing denim shorts?
 W: Yes, that's Todd all right. Why don't we go get him so we can leave?
 M: Sounds like a good idea to me.

2.  **Track 92**  00:57

W: Hi, Max. Thank you for picking me up.
 M: I'm happy to do it. So, did you have a good time?
 W: Yes. The wedding was beautiful, and I got to see a lot of old friends.
 M: Sounds like fun. I still can't believe Joe and Sarah actually tied the knot. So, are you ready to go?
 W: Actually, I'm still waiting for my bags. Some of the luggage hasn't arrived yet.
 M: Uh-oh. I hope it didn't get lost.
 W: I know. A woman next to me on the flight said her bags were stuck in Minneapolis once.
 M: That's no fun. Well, do you want to go sit in the café while we wait?
 W: First, I think I'll go ask the airline representative how long it will be before the bags get here. You go ahead to the café, and I'll be right there.
 M: OK, I'll see you in a minute.

3.  **Track 93**  01:04

M: Hey, Misty, hurry up! You know money doesn't grow on trees. What's taking you so long?
 W: OK, Clarence. My hair and makeup are finished, so I'm ready now.
 M: You look great! OK, so remember that this is a high fashion magazine, and we really want to show off this new clothing line.
 W: No problem. I've done some dramatic shoots before, so I'll try my best.
 M: OK. Let's get started.
 W: Should I look directly at the camera or away from it?
 M: Let's try several different types of poses. You just keep moving, and I'll take the pictures.
 W: OK, sounds good. How's this pose?
 M: That looks great. Now, turn your head slightly to the left, and bend your knees slightly. Beautiful!
 W: This is so much fun. I can't believe this is my job!
 M: Well, you're doing great. And I think the editor will be really pleased.

4.  **Track 94**  01:03

W: Hi. I'd like to register for the quilting workshop on April seventh.
 M: All right. Would you like to take the morning, afternoon, or evening session?

W: At what times are those classes?
 M: The sessions are from 8 to 11 a.m., 12 to 3 p.m., and 5 to 8 p.m.
 W: OK. I think that the evening class will fit best with my schedule.
 M: Great! And the cost of the workshop is fifty dollars. You also have to pay a materials fee of ten dollars or bring your own supplies.
 W: What materials are needed?
 M: Several yards of different color cotton fabrics with matching thread, sewing scissors, needles, and a quilting hoop.
 W: I don't have any of those things, so I've got to pay the materials fee.
 M: OK. I've confirmed your spot in the class. We'll see you on the seventh.

5.  **Track 95**  01:07

W: Hello. My name is Marcy, and I'm calling from our neighborhood Girls' Club.
 M: Hi, Marcy. What can I do for you?
 W: Our club is selling boxes of cookies to help raise money for local children in need. Would you like to help out and buy some cookies?
 M: I guess I could buy a few. What kinds of cookies do you have?
 W: We have shortbread, chocolate chunk, and coconut twist. They're three dollars a box.
 M: OK. Let me have two boxes of the shortbread cookies, and one box of the coconut twist.
 W: All right. When would be a good day to deliver them?
 M: Friday would be great. And actually, please add one more box of coconut twist. I think my brother really likes those.
 W: Got it. And unfortunately, I can't drop them off on Friday, but would the next day work?
 M: That should be fine. We'll see you then!

6.  **Track 96**  00:58

W: Here's your bill, sir. Have a great day!
 M: Thank you, but excuse me, miss? The receipt says I was charged for a steak sandwich, which I didn't order.
 W: Oh, sorry about that. I'll bring you the sandwich right away.
 M: No, I don't want the sandwich. Could you just take it off the bill, please?
 W: If you're in a hurry, I could wrap it up to go.
 M: That's not the problem. I don't want the sandwich.
 W: OK, would you like to have a gift card for a free sandwich next time you visit?

M: Actually, I'm on a diet, so I don't eat breads or other carbohydrates. So, I don't want to pay for a sandwich.
 W: I'm sorry. The problem is you paid by credit card, and it's already been entered into the cash register.
 M: Well, this is ridiculous. I'd like to speak to the manager.

7.  **Track 97**  01:10

M: I believe this was our most successful event yet. We served 150 plates of baked salmon with a light dill-mayonnaise sauce, accompanied by red potatoes and asparagus. For dessert, I made a three-level wedding cake that featured sugar-coated flowers pressed into the sides, and it was just beautiful. Everything was delicious and as sweet as could be. I believe the bride and groom were really pleased.
 W: Well, we survived our first big wedding ceremony. My staff was up all night preparing the various floral arrangements. The bride wanted everything to match her custom-made dress. In addition to the bouquets for the bride and her bridesmaids, we also had to make decorations for the seats in the church. It was stressful because we had to specially order flowers from South America, and they didn't arrive until last night. It was a little overwhelming, but it all turned out OK.

8.  **Track 98**  00:56

M: Good morning, Atlanta listeners! This is Lee Smith coming at you with your morning weather forecast. Well, if you've looked out your window this morning, you might have been a bit shocked. Yes, folks, even though it's April, spring has apparently decided to hold off a little longer. Those warm afternoons of the last few days were just a tease, and that white stuff falling from the cloudy sky is indeed snow, believe it or not. That's not the kind of precipitation that we're accustomed to this time of year, but what can you do? Don't let the chilly weather get you too depressed, though, because by tomorrow, things should be getting warmer. We can even expect a few clouds on Thursday but a clear sunny day on Friday.

9.  **Track 99**  01:06

M: This color has almost as many meanings around the world as it does different shades. In the West, there sometimes is a connection with this color and jealousy or envy because it is associated with some types of money. Meanwhile, in Indonesia, this color has a very bad reputation, and people believe you

could die if you wear it. On the other hand, this color is considered good luck in the Middle East. Furthermore, it is often associated with nature, new growth, and fertility. There are many shades of this color, ranging from the lighter side with Cheerful Kelly to the dark Elegant Emerald. Many of this color's hues are named for things in the plant world, like mint, olive, moss, pine, lime, and forest. This color is not a primary color, like red, but it is made up of two colors. Have you guessed the correct color yet?

10.  **Track 100**  01:11

W: I cannot believe what happened at school today! Mrs. McGrew approached me after class and remarked that she was extremely ashamed of me. I looked at her with a shocked expression because I didn't know what she was talking about. Then, she showed me the science examination I had taken that morning compared with Melanie's exam. Surprisingly, the two tests were identical, even sharing the same spelling mistakes. Mrs. McGrew was actually accusing us of cheating! I objected to her accusations and attempted to explain. I spent many hours studying last night, and I had no reason to cheat. Furthermore, I would never allow another student to copy off my work because I believe that's unethical. But Mrs. McGrew didn't listen to me and put me and Melanie both in detention. I am absolutely furious about her decision—she is so unreasonable! As for Melanie, unfortunately, our friendship is over.

11.  **Track 101**  00:57

- W: Ⓐ According to the chart, Friday is the busiest day of the week at the cinema.
- Ⓑ More people went to the movies on Sunday than on Wednesday.
- Ⓒ Not very many people went to the cinema on Monday compared to other days.
- Ⓓ Thursday is a more popular day at the movies than Sunday or Monday.
- Ⓔ There were more movie patrons on Friday than on Wednesday and Thursday combined.

12.  **Track 102**  01:00

W: Guess what? My class is taking a guided tour of Europe in June. We just got the itinerary from the travel agency.

M: Cool! I've always wanted to visit Europe. What countries are you going to?

W: We'll spend most of the trip in Western Europe.

M: Really? My brother's going to be in Lisbon around that time, too. When will you be there?

W: Let's see. We'll arrive in London on the sixth. We'll spend four days there.

M: That will be a good amount of time to see London.

W: Yeah. And then we go to Paris on Tuesday and leave on Thursday.

M: It's too bad that you only have a few days to visit Paris.

W: Then, we get to Barcelona on the thirteenth and head to Lisbon the next day.

M: I think my brother will be there at the beginning of the month. So, I guess you won't see each other.

13.  **Track 103**  01:00

M: Rosemary is an herb that thrives in arid climates and is native to the Mediterranean. This plant is a member of the evergreen family, and its needle-like leaves are sharply fragrant. Most people are familiar with rosemary as a cooking herb that is used often with roasted meats or potatoes. But it has many other uses as well. A rinse made from rosemary can be added to shampoo to make hair shiny and healthy. Smelling the herb is said to improve memory and increase alertness. Furthermore, it can possibly help heal headaches and can be rubbed on sore muscles for relief. However, rosemary can also be dangerous in large doses, so it's best to use only the amount one would use for cooking or ask an herbalist to recommend a proper dosage.

14.  **Track 104**  01:08

M: When Janet started middle school, she wanted to be friends with the popular girls. They all wore expensive designer clothes. Unfortunately, Janet's parents' couldn't afford to buy fancy clothes. At first, Janet was disappointed, but then one day, as she looked through a magazine, she had an inspiration. She realized that she could make cool clothing with items she already had. First, she took an old pair of jeans, cut off the legs, added a few stitches, and then she had a new jean skirt! Soon, Janet was transforming old clothing into unique and interesting pieces. She would sew on embroidered flowers or unusual buttons and make something completely new. Soon, her friends were asking her to make clothes for them, too. It wasn't long before Janet had enough money to buy designer clothes, but she had already decided that it was more fun and fashionable to make her own.

15.  **Track 105**  00:57

Ⓐ M: Welcome! Make yourself at home.

W: Thank you for the offer, but I already have a house of my own.

- ⓑ M: I really didn't care for that movie at all.
W: Me neither. I was so bored. I kept falling asleep!
- ⓒ M: Hey, Chris, do you know that your brother called?
W: Yeah, I heard the message on the machine.
- ⓓ M: I'm so hungry. What would you like to eat for dinner?
W: How about those delicious grilled steaks that are in the freezer?
- ⓔ M: Excuse me. Can you tell me where the closest bank is?
W: Go down two blocks, and take a left at the four-way intersection.

16.  **Track 106**  00:58

- M: Hi, Jen! What are your plans for tonight? Today, I want to show you how to make pizza.
- W: Awesome! That's one of my favorite foods. Can we put different types of toppings on it?
- M: Sure, we can add any toppings you like.
- W: Cool! So, what do we do first?
- M: First, we'll make the dough by mixing together flour, water, and salt.
- W: Then, do we toss it in the air like the Italian chefs?
- M: Yes, that's the next step. Then, we put it on the cooking sheet and spread it with tomato sauce.
- W: Then, we sprinkle it with cheese and toppings before we put it in the oven, right?
- M: That's correct. Oh, but I forgot a step! Before we make the dough, we've got to heat the oven to 400 degrees.
- W: I'll do that while you measure the flour. Mmm, this is going to be good!

17.  **Track 107**  00:57

- M: Thank you for coming with me to buy school supplies, Elena.
- W: Sure, Rob. Any type of shopping is fun for me! So, where should we start?
- M: Let's see. I've got to get some new notebooks, pens, and pencils.
- W: OK. Those are over there. What else?
- M: I need to get a calculator and a ruler for math class.
- W: All right. Do you need anything extra for science class?
- M: Well, my teacher said it will be helpful to have our own microscope, but I think they are too expensive.
- W: What about a backpack? It looks like they are having a clearance sale. All backpacks are discounted at 30 percent off.
- M: Ooh, that's a great deal. But my backpack from last year is still in decent shape.
- W: Sounds good. Let's head over to the notebook section then.

18.  **Track 108**  01:03

- W: Jerome, do you want to come to the mall with me today? I need to buy you some new jeans.
- M: The mall? Ugh, I really don't want to go. Besides, I'm busy today.
- W: What do you have going on today that's so important?
- M: Well, I have plans to hang out with my friends today. And I'm meeting Bennie and Greg to play baseball this afternoon.
- W: Well, that's nice, dear, but you can meet your friends any day.
- M: Not true! Bennie usually works on Saturdays. This is the first weekend he's had off in months.
- W: I see. Well, maybe there will be time for you to see him after we go shopping.
- M: But you always take forever at the mall! Can't it wait until tomorrow?
- W: No, because today is the one-day only sale. We can save a lot of money.
- M: All right, fine. But I won't stay for more than an hour!

19.  **Track 109**  00:57

- M: Hi, Jamie. You seem sad. Are you all right?
- W: Not really. My sister won't speak to me. I accidentally broke her phone.
- M: Gosh, it sounds like she's really mad. Maybe you should buy her a new one.
- W: I offered, and she refused. She said they don't make that kind any more. And it can't be fixed.
- M: Well, what about giving her the money to pick out any new phone she wants?
- W: I could try, but I'm not sure she'd accept it.
- M: Or you could offer to do all of her chores for a month to make up for it.
- W: Maybe. But she's so furious—it seems like she'll never forgive me!
- M: Sometimes, you just have to give people time to cool off.
- W: I guess. She can't stay angry forever, right?

20.  **Track 110**  01:01

- M: So, Hilda, are you going to Michelle's huge party next weekend?
- W: No, I think I already have plans that night.
- M: But you don't even know when it is! She just set the date. It's in two weeks.
- W: Oh, well these days, I'm so busy with work all the time, so...
- M: But it's going to be so much fun. She's having it at that luxurious restaurant on the other side of town, so we can wear fancy clothes.

- W: I don't really have anything to wear to an event like that.
- M: But you have plenty of time to get something, and you love to shop!
- W: I didn't want to talk about it, but the truth is that Michelle and I don't really get along.
- M: Oh, I'm sorry. Were you not invited? I'd be glad to ask her for an invitation.
- W: No, James. We're not friends anymore, but it's not a big deal.

21.  **Track 111**  01:09

W: Good afternoon, this is Madeline Peterson speaking, and I'm calling to leave a message for Dr. McCormick. Dr. McCormick installed some fillings in my teeth six months ago, but I haven't returned to him since. Unfortunately, I've been experiencing recurring pain and tenderness in one of my molars. At first, it was just a little bothersome, but now the pain has gotten worse and is really terrible. I understand that I probably needed to make an appointment ages ago for a regular check-up, but my schedule's been very busy. Anyway, I was hoping that I could get in to see Dr. McCormick in the upcoming week if she's available. If not, I'd be satisfied to see one of your other dental specialists. Please return my call at your earliest convenience. I can be reached on my cell phone at 415-555-5434. Thank you for your time.

22.  **Track 112**  01:04

M: Welcome, soccer fans, to the First Annual All-City Children's Soccer League Tournament. Because we wanted this to be fun for the whole family, there are concession stands as well as entertainment booths that are open throughout the day. At the end of today's matches, there is a potluck with delicious food and an awards ceremony. So, without further ado, I will announce this afternoon's lineup. On Field A at 1:30, the Lions will face off against the Hurricanes, while at the same time on Field B, it is the Earthquakes versus the Lightning Bolts. At 3:30, the Grasshoppers will be battling the Hornets on Field A, while the Piranhas challenge the Mighty Magicians on Field B. Finally, the All-Star game will be on Field C at 5:00 sharp, so don't be late. Good luck, players, and please play safe.

23.  **Track 113**  01:02

M: Recently, several friends were fishing when they reeled in a huge catch. It was a yellow croaker, or bahaba, that measured over five feet long and weighed nearly 200 pounds. The friends knew it was an important fish, and they were absolutely

thrilled when they sold it to another fisherman for \$2,500, feeling like they had hit the lottery jackpot. Although little did they know that this man would go on to resell the fish to a seafood market for over \$74,000. If you think that's incredible, wait until you here what happened next. The manager of the market resold the big fish for a whopping \$126,000. So, just remember that the next time someone offers you money for a valuable item, _____.

24.  **Track 114**  01:01

W: Kangaroos are one of the many interesting creatures living on the Australian continent. They are marsupials, or animals that have a pouch. Their babies, called joeys, are born extremely prematurely. They crawl into their mother's pouch and live there for about nine months until they are developed enough to venture outside of it. Although they are big enough to move around on their own, the baby kangaroos continue to drink their mother's milk for about eighteen months. Kangaroos are famous for being able to jump on their large feet, and they can move at surprisingly fast speeds. However, this ability is not to escape predators, but rather to move long distances to look for food.

25.  **Track 115**  01:03

M: Good afternoon. Marty's Mechanics. This is Marty.

W: Oh, I'm so glad you answered! You are the first mechanic I've found open on Sunday.

M: During the summer, we stay open extra days. So, what can I do for you?

W: My car won't start. I just replaced the battery, so I know it's not that. And I drove around the day before yesterday with my sister, and it was fine.

M: All right. Well, I'll get a tow truck over to your house, and we'll take a look at it.

W: Great. I live at 321 Palmer. My car is the gray Volkswagen.

M: Oh, we don't work on a lot of German cars, so it might take a while to get parts.

W: But I really need my car for work this week.

M: Well, I can recommend a mechanic that works only on Volkswagens.

W: Thanks. I need to get it fixed as soon as possible.

26.  **Track 116**  01:13

W: With steadily rising gasoline prices and increasingly congested city streets, many people are turning to bicycles as their main form of transportation. This is not a new phenomenon. Bike messengers have always been common in large cities, and famous bike races are drawing more riders each year. What is new, however, is a generation of cyclists called

“fixies.” These riders disassemble regular bikes into ones that have no brakes or gears. They feel that it gets down to the essential part of the bicycle. Riding with no brakes also brings a huge adrenaline rush, but there’s no question that it’s dangerous. Officials in the bicycling world have mixed feelings about fixies. On one hand, they are in favor of the movement as it brings attention to making streets and highways safer for bikers. On the other hand, they dislike the fact that fixies are using dangerously altered bikes.

27.  **Track 117**  01:07

M: Every Sunday, Toby and Marcus received an allowance of five dollars from their parents to spend as they pleased. And every Sunday, Marcus immediately went to the shopping center to buy baseball cards or candy. However, Toby always deposited three dollars into his piggy bank each week to save it. One day, Toby and Marcus’s mother told the boys that the whole family would be going to the amusement park. When they arrived, the boys found a junk dealer who sold interesting collectible items. Marcus saw a baseball card that he absolutely loved. But it cost twenty dollars, and of course, he didn’t have the money. Toby found an old camera that still worked and cost fifty dollars. His mother lent him the money, since he assured her that he could repay her with the savings in his piggy bank. He spent all day merrily photographing the amusement park.

28.  **Track 118**  00:54

W: I’m in the mood to go to the movies. What do you think about going to the theater tonight?
 M: Sure, I’d love to go! What’s playing?
 W: Well, there’s a romance that my friend Mindy told me is excellent.
 M: A romance? That sounds kind of boring to me.
 W: OK. Then, what do you want to watch?
 M: What about the new horror movie?
 W: No, that will probably give me nightmares.
 M: Well, there’s an action film about a guy who kidnaps a senator’s daughter.
 W: You always pick action and adventure movies. I’m tired of seeing those.
 M: OK, then, how about the new comedy with Will Ferrell?
 W: We always enjoy movies with him—he’s so funny.
 M: _____.

29.  **Track 119**  01:05

W: I’m so glad you invited me to come to the zoo today.
 M: My pleasure. Hey, look at those lions. They’re so majestic!

W: I know. The elephants and giraffes are amazing, too. I love the African exhibit!
 M: Yeah, it’s definitely one of the most interesting parts of the zoo.
 W: But I also love the monkeys and orangutans. Can we go see them next?
 M: Well, I do want to see the monkeys, but it looks overcrowded at the moment. Why don’t we stop at the reptile house first?
 W: To see snakes and lizards? Are you kidding? I’m absolutely terrified of them!
 M: I didn’t know that! That’s too bad because reptiles are my favorite animals.
 W: Oh, I can’t even look at them in their tanks. I start to panic and have trouble breathing.
 M: Gosh, I’m sorry. I was really hoping to check them out. That’s why I came to the zoo!
 W: _____.

30.  **Track 120**  01:04

W: Since she was born, Courtney had always lived a metropolitan life in the big city. However, one day, her parents informed her that they would be moving to the country. Courtney felt devastated because everything would be different! That afternoon, they drove as a family to see the new house. On the way, Courtney noticed how beautiful the countryside was and saw lots of horses. When they reached the rural town, Courtney saw that the streets were wide and there was very little traffic. This meant that she could ride her bicycle wherever she wanted, which she wasn’t allowed to do in the big city. Finally, at the new house, Courtney made the best discovery of all. She had her own bedroom and wouldn’t have to share with her little sister anymore.

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Practice Test 5

1.  **Track 121**  00:51

W: Hey, haven’t you heard? There is a new girl in school.
 M: I didn’t know there was a new student. What’s her name?
 W: Her name is Cheryl, and she just moved here with her family last week.
 M: Cool. Let’s invite her to sit with us. Where is she?
 W: She’s over there on the other side of the cafeteria.
 M: Is she the girl sitting at the table with the male teacher?
 W: No, she’s standing at the head of the lunch line.
 M: Is she the one with straight, blond hair?
 W: No, she has long, brown hair.
 M: Oh, is she the girl with her hair in pigtails?

W: Yes, that's her. Let's go over and ask her to join us.

2.  **Track 122**  00:55

W: Hi. I was wondering if you could help me pick out something for my father's retirement party next week.

M: Of course. As you can see, we have quite a large selection.

W: Yes. That one there looks nice.

M: It's adorned with sugar-coated roses, a common choice for wedding receptions.

W: Oh. Do you have anything that would be more appropriate for a man?

M: Well, this one looks like a suit. It's got white and dark chocolate.

W: Oh, that's cute. It even has a black tie.

M: We also have chocolate donut rings, an assortment of cookies, and other desserts.

W: Hmm. No, thank you. I think the suit cake will be just fine. I'd like to order one, please.

M: Perfect. What day will you need it?

3.  **Track 123**  01:01

M: Well, Jenny, we've reached our cruising altitude of 30,000 feet. It will be smooth sailing from here.

W: OK. I'll go ahead and serve drinks to the passengers.

M: When you have a minute, I'd like a cup of coffee please.

W: Yes, sir. Can I help you with anything else?

M: Actually, I overheard there is an elderly woman in coach class who needs assistance. She can't seem to find her ticket and is causing a small disturbance.

W: All right. I'll check on her first. By the way, how long is this flight?

M: It should be about four hours until we touch down in Philadelphia.

W: That's not too bad. So, are you and the copilot heading back to Phoenix tonight?

M: No. We'll spend the night in Philadelphia and then have a quick trip to New York in the morning.

W: That's nice. The rest of the crew and I have to turn around and fly back tonight.

4.  **Track 124**  01:01

W: Hi, Wes. Do you want to go with me to see the new IMAX movie?

M: I've never heard of IMAX. What's that?

W: You know it's the theater at the Science Museum. It has a huge screen and surround-sound.

M: Oh, wait a minute! I have heard of it. The screen is curved too, right? So it makes you feel like you're really there.

W: Exactly. So, do you want to go? They have a new war movie on about the history of fighter planes.

M: Sure. What time is it playing?

W: Well, there are 1:00, 3:00, and 5:00 showings, and it costs seven dollars per ticket.

M: Let's go to the first one. Do you want to stay and visit the museum afterward?

W: Sure, why not? I think admission to the museum is ten dollars.

M: OK, sounds good. I'll come pick you up, and we can go. See you soon!

5.  **Track 125**  00:57

W: Welcome to Ed's Electronics. Can I help you find anything in particular?

M: Yes, I'd like to buy a new television.

W: You've come to the right place. We have many models to choose from. Let me show you where they are.

M: I like this widescreen. It would look really good in my living room.

W: Great. That one is \$500. Would you like to get some custom speakers to go with that?

M: Maybe. How much are they?

W: Let's see. . . they cost \$350. But since today is Sunday, they're on sale for \$50 off.

M: Awesome! Yeah, I'll get those, too. And can you deliver this stuff to my house?

W: Absolutely. We deliver every day of the week.

M: Tomorrow would be great. I can't wait!

6.  **Track 126**  01:02

M: Wow, Theresa, those cupcakes were delicious! You're the best baker around!

W: Michael! You ate the cupcakes? Those weren't for you—they were for my book club!

M: Oops, I guess I forgot. Sorry.

W: That's it? "Sorry?" Oh, I am so frustrated with you!

M: Hey, I said I was sorry. I'll buy you some new cupcakes at the store.

W: I don't want new cupcakes. Besides, homemade ones taste so much better.

M: Well, then, I'll make you some myself. What about that?

W: There's no time. My book club meeting starts in an hour. And besides, that's not the point. I told you this morning that those weren't for you to eat, but you never listen to me!

M: OK, I'm really sorry. I'll try to do a better job of listening next time.

W: Thank you.

7.  **Track 127**  01:03

M: Wow, tonight was an amazing night at the restaurant. I earned a ton of money in tips! Initially, I was worried

that the customers would be annoyed listening to music while they dined, but they seemed to enjoy it. All of our practices really paid off, and I felt like my voice really sounded great with the guitar. At the end of the evening, we got a standing ovation!

W: My feet are absolutely killing me—tonight was incredibly busy at the restaurant. I was responsible for so many tables that I could hardly keep track of what food went where. At one point, we were so overcrowded that one of the bus boys knocked into me, and I spilled lemonade on a customer! It was horrible, and I was certain that she would complain to the manager; however, she was very understanding and didn't make a big deal out of it.

8.  **Track 128**  00:54

W: Hello, Miami residents, this is Rachel Davidson with your afternoon weather forecast update. Well, I hope you put on your sunscreen on today. As you've probably noticed, we have another hot, sunny day here in the Miami area. Once again, the temperature has topped 90 degrees, and with no clouds in the sky, that's a recipe for getting sunburned if you're not protected. This is the second day in a row that we've experienced this type of weather, and tomorrow should be more of the same. But Thursday should finally bring relief with some lightning and thunderstorms. The rain will hopefully continue into Friday but clear up by the weekend.

9.  **Track 129**  01:01

W: This is the biggest organ in the body, which means that it is a fairly independent body part that has a special purpose. One might immediately think of organs like the heart, lungs, or kidneys. This organ does not have a round compact shape like those, but rather is spread out over the entire body. Nevertheless, its job is just as important because this organ protects our insides, regulates our body temperature, and allows us to have the sense of touch. The top layer of this organ is called the epidermis, and it is actually composed of many dead cells. Some people might be disgusted by the thought of that. However, humans lose over 40,000 of this organ's cells per day without even realizing it!

10.  **Track 130**  01:00

W: As we stepped off the bus, the sound of chirping insects and twittering birds enveloped me. The heat was thick around us, and I actually felt my hair curling from the humidity. As I looked around at my

surroundings, I couldn't believe I was really there in this paradise. The green rain forest loomed behind me, while the crystal blue Caribbean Sea stretched out in the distance as far as the eye could see. I was on an exotic island, and it was one of the most beautiful sights I had ever seen in my life. I couldn't wait to start exploring the incredible plants and animals that I had always dreamed about. I ran to the bungalow I was staying in, threw my bags down on the hammock in the corner, and then started on my adventure.

11.  **Track 131**  00:52

W: **(a)** Coffee was the most preferred beverage of survey respondents.
(b) Fruit juice was the least popular drink according to the survey.
(c) Fewer people liked water than tea in the survey.
(d) The same number of people liked soda pop as tea.
(e) More people liked coffee than water and juice combined.

12.  **Track 132**  00:59

M: It really is too bad that we won't be able to see the Olympic torch this year.
W: Haven't you heard? It is going to pass by next week!
M: Here in London? No way! We will witness history in the making! What day will it be here?
W: Let's see. Today is the third, and the torch is in Istanbul.
M: So, when will it get here? I can't wait to cheer on the torch runner.
W: Well, it goes to St. Petersburg on Monday, and it will be here on Tuesday.
M: Awesome. And where does the torch go after that?
W: It will go to Paris on the seventh and then over to the States.
M: Wow, that's a long trip.
W: Yeah. It goes to San Francisco on the ninth and Buenos Aires, Argentina on the eleventh.
M: Then, after that, I heard it travels to the Middle East and Asia. What a trek!

13.  **Track 133**  01:08

W: If you want a neat place to visit, why not try Istanbul, Turkey? This city is one of the most populated in all of Europe and boasts many cultural and historical landmarks. It was the capital of several kingdoms, such as the Roman, Latin, and Ottoman Empires. This history can be seen in the city's architecture, especially in its churches and mosques. While in Istanbul, you can also check out art, culture, and history museums. Of course, no trip to Istanbul

would be complete without a visit to one of the great bazaars. These large outdoor shopping areas have tons of items to choose from. If you enjoy nature, you can spend a day swimming in the Bosphorus River or visit the nearby Princes' Islands. Whether you prefer history, art, culture, or the outdoors, you will surely enjoy a trip to Istanbul.

14.  **Track 134**  01:10

W: Cody loved all kinds of extreme sports. He was wonderful at mountain biking, skateboarding, rock climbing, and snowboarding. When he visited friends in California, he attempted surfing and became very good at it, too. But not everything was easy for Cody. In fact, he found school to be very challenging, especially because it was hard for him to concentrate and sit still long enough to study. But at the end of his last year of high school, Cody knew that he would have to pass his final examinations in order to graduate. He decided to apply the same level of dedication that he had for sports to his schoolwork. Cody asked for help from his friend, and the two studied almost every day for weeks. Finally, the day of his final exams arrived, but Cody was no longer nervous. He passed the tests and attended graduation with his classmates.

15.  **Track 135**  00:57

- Ⓐ M: Hey, Jessica! What are your plans for tonight? Let's hang out.
W: I would love to, but I'm so busy with homework.
- Ⓑ M: Which outfit do you like the best? I can't decide.
W: I think the blue suit and the black tie would look really good on you.
- Ⓒ W: Hello, Mr. Sanders. Can I please speak to Stephanie?
M: She is not here at the moment. Who's calling please?
- Ⓓ M: Thank you for coming over. Have a seat and make yourself comfortable.
W: That's OK. I don't really care for swimming.
- Ⓔ M: Excuse me, miss, are you in line?
W: No. Actually, I'm waiting for someone. You go ahead.

16.  **Track 136**  00:54

W: Patrick, can you give me a ride to the department store? I'm supposed to meet my friends.
M: I guess, but I have to do a few errands first.
W: What do you have to do?
M: Well, first I have to pick up some files for Dad at the copy center and drop them off at his office.
W: Well, that's only two places. That won't take long.
M: I also promised Mom that I'd go to the dry cleaners for her and get some groceries at the store.

W: You have to go grocery shopping? That will take forever! Can't you drop me off first?
M: Well, I guess I could leave you at the mall before I go to the grocery store. But I need to do the other errands first!
W: Thanks, Patrick. I really appreciate it.
M: No problem. Just don't forget who your favorite brother is!

17.  **Track 137**  00:48

W: Hey, Jordan. Do you want to go to the beach this afternoon?
M: Maybe after I run some errands. I have to get party supplies.
W: Oh, that's right! Brenda's birthday is tomorrow. What are you going to get?
M: Well, I've got to go to Party World to get some balloons and a few streamers.
W: They have really cute matching paper plates, plastic cups, forks, and napkins, too.
M: Yeah, but I think we already have enough of those.
W: Oh, OK. What else do you need to get?
M: Well, I have to go to the shopping mall to get a polo shirt for Brenda's gift.
W: That sounds fun!
M: And then, I have to stop at the bakery to pick up the cake.

18.  **Track 138**  00:57

M: Hey! I heard you're going on a trip to Hawaii. That's so cool!
W: I guess. I have to go for my sister's wedding, so I don't have a choice.
M: You don't sound very excited. I would be thrilled to visit Hawaii.
W: Well, it will be my first time on a plane. I'm frightened of flying.
M: But flying is far safer than riding in a car, bus, or train.
W: I know. But I saw a movie about an airplane crash when I was little, and I've had nightmares about it ever since.
M: That's too bad. Well, I guess you could always take a boat to Hawaii.
W: No, that would take too long. I'll just have to face my fear.
M: Who knows? Maybe you'll actually enjoy the trip and see that flying isn't so dangerous after all.
W: Let's hope so!

19.  **Track 139**  00:53

M: My mom's birthday is coming up, and I haven't decided yet what to get her.

W: What about some nice perfume or a pretty necklace?
 M: Well, I'm pretty short on cash right now.
 W: OK. What about cooking her dinner? Moms love that kind of thing.
 M: Oh, no one wants to eat my cooking—believe me!
 W: Why don't you take a picture of the family and put it in a nice frame?
 M: We did that last month for my parents' wedding anniversary. I need a new idea.
 W: All right. Here's a thought. Why don't you write your mom a poem!
 M: No way! But I could make her something in my pottery class.
 W: There you go! I bet she'll love that.

20.  **Track 140**  00:52

M: Hey, Michaela, what time do you have?
 W: Um...5:25. Why, what's up?
 M: My little sister has a softball game tonight. But it started at 5 o'clock.
 W: Well, why don't we go?
 M: By the time we get there, it will be more than half-way over.
 W: But that won't matter to your sister. I'm sure she'd love to see you.
 M: I know. She keeps bugging me to go to one of her games. But I'm always so bored watching them!
 W: That's too bad! It will make her feel good to see her big brother in the stands behind her dugout.
 M: You're right. But it's still so hot out there. I really don't feel like going.
 W: Oh, come on. I'll go with you. We can even take her to the ice cream store afterward.

21.  **Track 141**  01:00

M: Hi, this is Coach Peterson calling, and this message is for Tony Rossini. Last year, our team, the Fighting Hurricanes, worked with Sports Warehouse, and you all did a wonderful job providing our equipment. None of our parents or players complained, and that's why I'd like to give you our business this year, too. We're going to need nine soccer jerseys in size small, five in size medium, and six in size large. Please make them in the same shades of gray and black you used last time with our team name embroidered on the front. We also need to get new goalie equipment and two regulation-issued soccer balls. We usually pay by credit card once the order has been filled, but let me know if we need to do it differently this year. Please contact me if you need any further information.

22.  **Track 142**  01:07

W: Hi, everyone, this is Trainer Jenny speaking, and I have a brief announcement. As you are aware,

certain sections of the fitness center are under construction, so some of the morning classes will not be in their usual spots. The yoga class that is held at 8:00 will be held in the dance studio instead of the activities room, and the 9:30 weightlifting will be held in the large gymnasium. The Tai Chi and kickboxing classes have also been moved from 8:30 to 10:00 and will be held outside in the courtyard. The 10:00 indoor cross-country treadmill class has been canceled for today, unfortunately. Aerobic workout class at 11:00 will be held in the dance studio. All of the swimming classes will be postponed until further notice while the pool is being renovated. Thank you for understanding, and we hope that you are not too inconvenienced.

23.  **Track 143**  00:54

W: The rise of the Internet has meant changes for people and industries all over the world. One area that has been really hard-hit is print media, especially magazines and newspapers. Many consumers don't want to purchase these items from stores or newsstands when they can get the latest news for free from a website. On the other hand, others feel that reading the news online is not the same as reading an actual newspaper or their favorite magazine. And many people don't have a laptop computer they can take with them while they ride the public transportation to work. So even though the Internet is changing our world dramatically

24.  **Track 144**  01:03

M: Vinegar is a strong-tasting liquid made from a chemical called ethanol. The ethanol can be found in a variety of sources, including wine, beer, fruits, and grains. Common types of vinegar include white, apple cider, balsamic, and rice vinegar. Vinegars are often used in cooking, especially for making pickled products, marinades, and salad dressings. The liquid has numerous other uses as well. Vinegar can be used to clean glass, remove mineral deposits and rust, disinfect surfaces, and neutralize odors. Vinegar can even be added when doing laundry to act as a fabric softener. Moreover, vinegar can be used as a safe and effective weed killer. Who knew that such a simple liquid could have so many purposes?

25.  **Track 145**  01:03

M: Come on in, Melissa. So, why do you want to join the school paper?
 W: Well, I've always loved writing, and I just got a camera, so I could take pictures, too.
 M: Very good. And do you have any experience with this kind of work?

W: Yes, I was a reporter at my last school before my family moved here.

M: Great. What section are you interested in? We have open positions in sports and student life.

W: Well, I'm not much of a sports fan, but I could do that if I had to. I really enjoy interviewing students and teachers, though.

M: So, it sounds like you're a people person.

W: Yes, I'm pretty outgoing and talkative. I think the newspaper will help me meet new people, also.

M: Well, Melissa, it sounds like you're a perfect fit for the job. We'll see you Monday.

W: Thanks, Mr. Graham. I can't wait!

26.  **Track 146**  01:03

M: Many people enjoy going to a restaurant or café to drink coffee and chat with friends. There are even Internet cafés where customers can bring their computers and work or go online in a nice environment. But the newest coffee shop trend, at least in Japan, has a different specialization—cats. That's right! For about \$10 an hour, customers can drink coffee and play with real live cats. The friendly felines have the run of the place and are supposed to help bring on relaxation for stressed clients. These coffee shops have become a hit in Tokyo, where housing rules and long working hours stop many people from having their own pets. So, don't be shocked if the next time you hit your local coffee shop, you're asked, "Would you like a cat with that cappuccino?"

27.  **Track 147**  01:07

W: Caitlin and Jonathan were cousins that lived in the same neighborhood for years. They saw each other often, but despite being cousins, Caitlin never had much fun. She complained to her mother that Jonathan always teased her and played tricks on her. Then one day, Caitlin's mother informed her that Jonathan's family was moving to another state, and they wouldn't get to see each other as much. Caitlin practically jumped for joy! But after a few weeks, she discovered that she actually missed her cousin. She decided to write Jonathan a letter and was overjoyed when she received one from him. Soon, the two cousins became pen pals, writing to each other every month. When Caitlin learned that Jonathan would be visiting her family during summer vacation, she could hardly wait. Who would have expected that the two would grow to be such close friends living so far apart?

28.  **Track 148**  01:02

W: Good evening, this is Peter's Pizzeria. Can I take your order?

M: Hi, I'd like to place an order for delivery.

W: Sure, what can we get for you?

M: We'd like a large pepperoni pizza and an order of breadsticks.

W: All right. And to what address will that be delivered?

M: 133 Maple Avenue. It's near the intersection of Shelbyville Road and Second Street.

W: OK. Your total is \$17.50, and your pizza should be there in about an hour and a half.

M: An hour and a half? But my family is starving! We don't want to wait that long.

W: I'm really sorry, sir, but we're short a few drivers tonight. I hate to say it, but you could always order from somewhere else.

M: But we love your pizza. It's our favorite.

W: Well, the other option would be for you to pick up the pizza. It would be ready in twenty minutes.

M: _____.

29.  **Track 149**  00:59

W: Good afternoon, Jeff. May I come in?

M: Sure, have a seat, Monica. I haven't seen you in a while.

W: I know. I've been so busy with school. But I'm really in need of a new hairstyle, and you are still my favorite hairdresser.

M: You are too kind. What did you have in mind today?

W: I'd like to do something dramatic, like cut my hair in a short bob and dye it blond.

M: Well, I think a short haircut would look really good on you, but as for the blond part...

W: Oh, no! You don't like the idea?

M: It's just that I think blond doesn't really match your skin tone.

W: That's too bad. I wanted to make a change, but I always trust your judgment.

M: Well, here's an idea. We could do some blond highlights. That would be a lot softer.

W: _____.

30.  **Track 150**  00:57

M: Thomas was a shy boy who didn't feel comfortable in front of large groups of people. However, he did have a passion for singing, and when he was at home, he liked to sing as loudly as possible. One day, he decided to audition for the school talent show, and his act was accepted. On the evening of the performance, Thomas looked around the huge auditorium and was worried that he couldn't go through with it. His mother waved to him and gave him an encouraging smile, which was enough to get Thomas to go on stage. Initially, his voice wavered; but gradually, it got louder, and he sang with all his heart. Although Thomas missed some

of the notes and forgot a few of the lyrics, the audience clapped with approval.

29:16



Practice Test 6

1. Track 151 00:58

W: I invited the new girl, Jennifer, to the skating party to meet people. See if you can guess which one she is. She's over there.

M: That's not very fair. I'm still kind of new to this school. Is she the girl who has long, blond hair with pigtails?

W: No. Jennifer has darker hair.

M: So, she's the red-haired girl wearing the blue hat?

W: No. But she is standing very close to her.

M: OK. So, she's the one with her hair in braids.

W: No. Her hair is not black, and she doesn't have braids.

M: How about the girl with the pigtails lying on her stomach?

W: Yes, that's her. She must have fallen down.

M: I'm excited to meet her. Let's go help her up.

2. Track 152 00:55

M: That's Kimberly, from our study group.

W: I think you're right. I don't know much about her, but she seems really smart.

M: I was on student council with her last year, and she's very friendly and outgoing.

W: I wonder if she's invited to Matt's party.

M: He said he invited lots of people from our class. What're you going to get him?

W: I found a greatest hits CD from a 70s band that he loves at that new music store here.

M: I'm going to get him a pair of roller blades. He competes in roller races at the skating rink.

W: I didn't know that. Why don't we go watch him sometime?

M: That would be fun. Let's go to the sporting goods store over there so I can get his gift.

W: Then, we're headed to the park for his party. I don't want to be late!

3. Track 153 00:57

W: As a kid, did you imagine you'd do this for a living?

M: Not at all. I was like every kid in that I always dreamed of competing, but never thought it would come true.

W: I bet. What does your family say?

M: They're all really proud, my grandmother especially.

W: I've heard she comes to every game.

M: Absolutely. She wouldn't miss one. She raised me, so I feel I owe her big time. I wouldn't be who I am today without her.

W: Do you see yourself as a role model for kids?

M: Yes. I take that very seriously. I want kids to look up to me not only because I'm a good athlete, but also because I'm a good person.

W: That's great. Can we get a picture of you in front of the school where you first played as part of our story?

M: Sure. It would be my pleasure.

4. Track 154 00:56

M: I hope we can get there in time.

W: We will. It doesn't start for another thirty minutes.

M: It's 5:00 now.

W: I know. It only takes ten minutes to get to the theater.

M: Did you pick up the \$20 Dad left on top of the counter?

W: You worry too much. Yes. And I've got an extra \$20 so that we can get ice cream afterward.

M: For everyone? I want to pay for Leah. It's our first date.

W: I'm your big sister. Haven't I always taken care of you? Of course.

M: So, \$20 is enough to cover the tickets? I want to make sure Dad gave us enough for the movie.

W: Will you stop being so nervous? I've got it covered. We'll split the \$20 four ways to pay for the tickets.

5. Track 155 00:59

W: We're traveling to Missouri to help rebuild houses in a town that was hit by a tornado last year. Would you like to help us raise money?

M: I love to give to a good cause.

W: Well, we're selling potted flowers for \$5 a pot or \$18 for a 5-pack.

M: Even better! I can get something for my wife and give you a donation at the same time. I'll take four 5-packs.

W: OK. They'll be delivered next Monday.

M: I'm going out of town and won't be back until Wednesday. Is that a problem?

W: No. If you'll call my teacher when you get in, we can deliver them.

M: That sounds good. Thank you for working with me.

W: No problem. Thank you for helping us out.

M: My pleasure. Have a good trip!

6. Track 156 00:52

M: If you don't mind, I'd like to carry that for you.

W: It really isn't that heavy. I only bought some fruit, bread, and cheese.

M: I know, but I firmly believe in being a gentleman.

W: Well, there aren't too many young men like you these days. I guess you can carry the bags if you want to.

M: My father taught me that a man should carry groceries and open the door for ladies.
 W: Well, what a treat! My apartment is across from the grocery store.
 M: That's fine.
 W: So, are you in school?
 M: I'm studying to be a doctor, ma'am. I'm in my first year.
 W: Well, you'll make a fine doctor. You're gentle and kind, which are both good qualities to have.

7.  **Track 157**  01:00

M: I really wasn't sure that everything was going to turn out as well as it did this year. During the spring, when we were planting, we went without rain for many weeks, and I thought the crops were going to die for sure. But then the rain came not a moment too soon, and within a few days, we had bean sprouts and potato plant sprouts all over the field.
 W: These beans and potatoes are some of the best I've seen on the market this year. I'd heard rumors about the hard year that farmers around here had trying to raise crops without much rainfall. But from the looks of your supply, they did very well, and I'm thrilled to buy as many as they can sell me because I guarantee people in the city will buy these off my store shelves in a matter of a few days.

8.  **Track 158**  00:54

M: Well, hello, New England! A good day to you, and this is Roger Sanchez with your weekly weather report. I don't know about you, but I have been thoroughly enjoying the sunshine. Unfortunately, if you thought the warm days of summer were going to last forever, you'll be quite disappointed when you look out your window this morning. It is cloudy, and a cold front has hit our region, sending the warm weather out the door. Expect to see rain showers tomorrow and through the weekend. So, it looks like we all will be exchanging our shorts and flip-flops for trench coats and rain boots as the weather forecast after today looks to be a wet one for at least the next two days.

9.  **Track 159**  00:57

M: This interesting ritual is one that is recognized in most cultures around the world. It is used most often as a greeting, especially when meeting someone for the first time and when saying goodbye. It is commonly used to congratulate someone on a job well done. It can be seen in the business world when

finalizing an agreement between two parties. Rejecting this when it's offered is usually considered inappropriate. The pressure used when completing this act can send different types of messages. Too much pressure may mean that you are trying to dominate the situation. Too weak a gesture is considered a sign of weakness. In some religions, this act is prohibited between members of the opposite sex because they are not allowed any sort of physical contact.

10.  **Track 160**  00:59

M: I was in the best shape of my life after working out at the gym all summer. When I didn't make the team last year, I vowed that I would work my hardest so that it didn't happen again. A trainer at the gym gave me a workout routine that helped me to get stronger and faster. I exercised four days a week, every week, and I also grew three inches at that time, so I knew I was in amazing shape to make the football team. Tryouts were held the week before we started school in the fall, and as that week drew near, I became more and more excited. At the tryouts, the coach was impressed with me because I outran everyone in the 100-meter dash. I was thrilled to see my name on the team roster, and I even got a position in the starting lineup!

11.  **Track 161**  00:59

W: a Teens value the fashion advice they get from peers above everything else.
 b The Internet is the fourth most popular place to seek fashion advice for teens.
 c Teens look to TV/movie stars more than to their parents for fashion advice.
 d Teens would rather get their fashion advice from magazines than from anywhere else.
 e Teens trust their parents the least for fashion advice.

12.  **Track 162**  01:02

W: My parents asked for help to plan our vacation this summer. We're traveling all over the US.
 M: That sounds like fun.
 W: I know! We're going to start in San Francisco, California on Monday the nineteenth, and we'll spend three days there.
 M: That's cool. Will you see the Golden Gate Bridge?
 W: Yes. Then, we'll spend five days at the Grand Canyon in Arizona.
 M: Awesome! I've always wanted to go there.
 W: Then, we'll spend two days in Chicago, and we'll go to a professional baseball game.

M: I'm jealous!
 W: Then, we'll spend the last four days in New York. I can't wait to see the Statue of Liberty. We'll also get to see a Broadway show on the weekend that we're there. Then, we will end our trip in Miami for three days.
 M: I bet you guys will have a great time.

13.  **Track 163**  01:11

M: Some believe the spare change in the couch cushions or in the floorboard of your car doesn't really amount to much, but I would beg to differ. Did you know that if someone saved four quarters every day for one year, he would have accumulated \$365? A college student in Canada recently proved that nickels, dimes, and quarters amount to quite a bit when he paid his tuition bill, a total of \$1,037, in change. Some banks offer to open savings accounts for their customers with their "spare change." An example of this is if someone pays \$52.45 for something, the bank deducts \$53.00 from their account and places the 55 cents in a savings account. If this change is saved every day for a year, that person could have over \$200 at the end of the year. This proves that all those coins really can add up to big returns.

14.  **Track 164**  01:00

W: Brian was the type of guy who enjoyed helping others out, regardless of what they needed. He could always be seen carrying someone else's books or sitting next to the person who usually sat alone at lunch. He loved the chance to be able to help someone improve their situation. Brian even volunteered at the youth center's Big Brother program, and he met with an elementary school-aged boy every week to work on homework and do fun things together. It seems Brian was always giving his time, energy, and money to others. When Brian got really sick, he was surprised at how many people came to see him at the hospital and offered to help him catch up on his homework. He never dreamed he'd touched so many people just by doing simple things for them.

15.  **Track 165**  01:00

- Ⓐ M: I have some bad news. My computer quit working this morning.
 W: No problem. I know someone who could look at it for you.
- Ⓑ M: I had to stand in line all day, but I got two tickets to that new western movie.
 W: That's good. Who will you take with you?
- Ⓒ M: I didn't think we were going to win that game.
 W: Yeah, I can't wait to play this afternoon.

- Ⓓ M: I'm doing my report on the country of Scotland.
 W: My grandmother grew up there. You should ask her for help.
- Ⓔ M: I've been playing that new video game nonstop.
 W: Yeah, I noticed. So, that's why you haven't answered your phone all day.

16.  **Track 166**  00:57

M: Thank you for helping me make cinnamon rolls for my mom.
 W: No problem. I'll give you the instructions, but you have to do all the work.
 M: That's fine with me.
 W: Since you've gathered all your ingredients already, turn the oven on to 375 degrees.
 M: OK. I did it. Now what?
 W: Now, take the dough that's been rising for two hours, and knead it into a ball.
 M: I hope I made it right. I made the dough before you got here.
 W: As long as you followed the directions, you'll be fine.
 M: I definitely did. I can't wait to taste these!
 W: We have a few things to do before we get to that step. Next, separate the dough into six smaller balls. Then, after they are cooked, we should spread the icing on top of the cakes.

17.  **Track 167**  00:53

W: So, what's on the list your mom sent?
 M: I need to get a few things for the party tonight. Let me look.
 W: Do you need disposable plates and napkins? Here, they have many different kinds.
 M: Yes, forty of each. But it is OK if they do not match. We'll also need plastic silverware and paper cups.
 W: What about some paper party hats? They're very festive and only five dollars each.
 M: No, I better just stick to the list. She told me she only needed the things she'd written down.
 W: OK. What else?
 M: We need candles for the cake and matches.
 W: They are a few aisles over, I think.
 M: Let's go get them, and then we're finished.

18.  **Track 168**  00:50

W: Would you like to go to the theater with me?
 M: I don't know. It's so nice and warm outside, I was thinking of riding my bike.
 W: Surely you can do that later. The movie starts at 1:30 and is only two hours long.
 M: What about going tonight? Can we see a late-night showing?

W: No. This is the only showing of the first movie. It's special since the sequel starts on Friday.
 M: But we've already seen it.
 W: Not on the big screen! We were too young to go when it first came out.
 M: It sounds like you're really set on going.
 W: I am. It will be good fun, I promise.
 M: All right, but we're riding bikes as soon as it's over.

19.  **Track 169**  00:56

M: I don't know what I'm going to tell Mr. Morris about my paper.
 W: What happened?
 M: I wrote it last week but waited to print it out until this morning. And now I'm having a problem with my parents' computer. It won't even turn on.
 W: Oh, no. Did you have one of your parents look at it?
 M: Yes, but my dad couldn't figure it out.
 W: What about taking it to a repair center?
 M: I would, but there's not enough time to do that and turn the paper in.
 W: Could you ask Mr. Morris for an extension?
 M: I overheard him telling someone that he expected all the papers by noon today, no exceptions.
 W: Maybe he'd understand. I'll go with you to talk to him if you'd like.
 M: That is very kind of you. Thank you for being such a good friend.

20.  **Track 170**  00:48

W: Have you asked anyone to the spring dance yet?
 M: There's a girl I've wanted to ask, but I'm nervous.
 W: You should ask her! Who is she? Do I know her?
 M: Oh, you know her pretty well. She's tall and has brown hair.
 W: That describes half the girls in our class.
 M: Well, she and I have biology, English, and history together.
 W: I'm in all those classes. I'm just dying to know who she is.
 M: Like I said, you know her pretty well. You spend quite a bit of time together.
 W: Wait a minute. Is the girl, by any chance, talking to you right now?
 M: As a matter of fact, she is.

21.  **Track 171**  00:58

W: I wanted to let you know that I was so impressed with the help I received when I called customer service the other day. The employee who handled my call was very friendly and professional. I'd originally called to speak to the manager to complain because the last

order I placed with your company was incorrect when it was delivered. But I really appreciated the way your representative answered my questions. She corrected the problem so that I didn't need to talk to you anymore. I have already told many of my friends and family members about the great customer service you offer. I've recommended that they use your company for ordering the things they need. You must certainly be very proud to work for such a great company. I applaud you for the job your employees are doing.

22.  **Track 172**  01:07

M: If I could have everyone's attention, I would like to share with you the updated departure times for our trains today. We apologize for the delay, but we are pleased to announce that the large herd of cattle that had wandered onto the tracks outside of the city has safely been moved to another area. Now, here is the new schedule for the afternoon. The northbound train will depart from Platform A at 2:45, which is only 30 minutes away. The eastbound train leaving for Florida is scheduled for departure at 3:30 from Platform B. The southbound train will make its run for Texas from Platform E at 3:00. Then, at 5:30, the westbound train bound for the sunny coast of California will leave Platform D. And finally, our express train will depart from Platform C at 4:00 for the short trip to Oklahoma City.

23.  **Track 173**  00:51

W: There are those who say that honesty is the best policy, and an example of this is a recent friendly act of kindness in Norway. In the small city of Leknes in Norway, some men had volunteered to help clean up the ditches along the highway. One of the men found a leather folder that had thousands of dollars in it. He didn't think twice about keeping the money, and instead, he decided to turn it over to the man who'd lost it several months earlier. While it would've been easy for the man to pocket the money, he knew that wasn't the right thing to do. So, without a second thought, he _____.

24.  **Track 174**  01:02

M: When visiting the ocean on your summer vacation, you might want to remember to stay away from box jellyfish. These invertebrates can grow up to three meters long, which is longer than the average man's height, and can travel through the water very quickly. The most frightening thing about the jellyfish is their toxic venom. It's their protection against prey and their method of catching food. Their venom attacks the heart and the nervous

system of the body and can be fatal, even for humans. Jellyfish have many tiny tentacles that grow out from their body. Each tentacle contains 5,000 stinging cells. So, if you are playing in the ocean and spot a jellyfish nearby, it would be best to get to shore as soon as possible.

25.  **Track 175**  01:00

M: Excuse me, are you the head baker? I have a question.
 W: I sure am. What can I do for you?
 M: Well, your sign next to the window advertises that you grind all of the flour for the bread you bake.
 W: Yes, sir, we do.
 M: Then, why do you have bags of flour sitting around?
 W: Well, sir, the window display is too narrow to hold bags of flour. But, but I can assure you the flour was milled here before we bagged them.
 M: I see. So, are individual bags of flour for sale or do you just sell bread made from the flour?
 W: We sell both. Would you like to buy a bag of flour?
 M: Thank you, but I think I'll just take a loaf of honey wheat bread for today.
 W: OK, I'll go get a fresh loaf from the oven and meet you at the cash register.

26.  **Track 176**  01:04

W: We are told to exercise our brains so that we will be able to use them when we are old. A unique medical condition has caused a woman's brain to work on overdrive. She literally remembers every event, big or small, that has happened to her since she was fourteen. Now at the age of forty-two, you can ask her any date in the past twenty-eight years, and she'll tell you exactly what happened to her on that day and what was even on TV at the time. Doctors have tested her and found that she is able to remember events farther back than the average person. They suggest it is due to some parts of her brain being three times bigger in size than other women her age. Interestingly, even though she can remember events that happened to her, she is horrible at memorizing poems or phone numbers.

27.  **Track 177**  00:59

M: In junior high, it seemed my friends were always nominating me for leadership positions, whether it was the president of the student council or the captain of the debate team. I never asked to be nominated because I didn't see myself as a leader and thought I wouldn't do a very good job. I was especially worried since some teachers had complained about how I handled leadership roles in

the past. However, one day, a business person gave an inspiring speech at my school. I realized that I can do anything if I put my mind to it and that maybe I was being too pessimistic. So, when I started high school, I decided to run for class president and won! It was a great opportunity for me to help a lot of people through the various groups and volunteer projects I led.

28.  **Track 178**  00:57

W: With the weather getting warmer, I think it would be fun if several of us went camping.
 M: That does sound fun. Where would we go?
 W: I don't know. There are many cool spots at the state park.
 M: Isn't it expensive to camp out there?
 W: I've never gone there, so I don't know.
 M: Let's go out to my grandparents' property instead. They have a lot of land in the valley. There are some perfect spots out there.
 W: What is there to do on your grandparents' property?
 M: Tons of things! We can explore the walking trails, ride in a canoe, and even sleep outside in a tent.
 W: All right, that's a great idea!
 M: I'm sure they'd be fine with it, but I'll call them this week just in case.
 W: If they say it's OK, we should try to do it this weekend.
 M: _____

29.  **Track 179**  00:56

W: Hey, Jeff, what's the plan for tonight?
 M: Let's go watch a movie at the drive-in theater.
 W: I don't think that would be very much fun. The idea of being outside during a movie is weird to me.
 M: Not at all! In fact, it's a lot more fun than being in the theater.
 W: How do you hear what's happening on screen?
 M: You tune the car radio to a specific station where they broadcast the sound from the movie.
 W: I didn't know that.
 M: We like to take lawn chairs and sit in the back of my pickup truck. We can still hear the movie, and it's cool to watch it underneath the stars.
 W: That sounds pretty good. But, what about popcorn and drinks?
 M: There's a concession stand at the drive-in that serves everything you'd find at a regular theater.
 W: _____

30.  **Track 180**  01:05

M: Joshua knew that it was a stretch to expect such a big gift for Christmas, but he wanted it so badly. He first played the games on his friend's new video game

console and had wanted one ever since. However, Joshua knew they were expensive, and his parents struggled for money since his mother lost her job. On Christmas morning, Joshua braced himself before going downstairs to open presents. He kept telling himself not to expect too much, but as he came to the bottom of the stairs, he couldn't believe his eyes. There was the new video-game system he had requested! He found out that his grandparents pitched in to make sure his parents could get him just what he wanted. Joshua couldn't wait for his grandparents to arrive for their Christmas dinner later that day so he could thank them for being so generous.

29:06



Practice Test 7

1. Track 181 01:12

- M: Wow, look at their selection of bathtubs. We shouldn't have any trouble finding a new one.
- W: I know. Hey, look at this one. It's rectangular and covered with fancy tiles.
- M: But it looks like it's too big. I also think it's too fancy. We should get something simpler.
- W: What about this one? I love the black color.
- M: Yeah, but it looks a little too small doesn't it? It also seems like we'd have to install the faucet in the wall.
- W: I like the ones that have the pipes at the head of the tub.
- M: You're right. What do you think about this plain, white, rectangular one?
- W: It's OK.
- M: You are never going to pick one!
- W: No, wait a minute. I like this white one here. The shape is a little different than the rest. It looks like it's more triangular than rectangular. I think I really like this one.
- M: That's pretty nice. All right, let's buy that one.

2. Track 182 00:50

- M: Look at that! There's a gas station at the next exit.
- W: That's the first one I've seen in miles. Please tell me you're going to stop.
- M: I wasn't really planning to stop just yet.
- W: Come on, why don't we? I'm starving over here.
- M: I was hoping we could make it to Freer before making another stop, though.
- W: It won't take too long.
- M: I guess I could use the rest. Plus, I really need to stretch out my legs.
- W: Great, it's settled then. Let's just get something to eat

really quickly, and then we can get back on the road.

- M: Sounds good to me. Just don't forget to make it quick.
- W: Thanks, I appreciate it! I promise I'll be in and out.

3. Track 183 00:56

- M: Good afternoon, ma'am. Can you show me where your laundry room is?
- W: Sure. It's over here next to the kitchen.
- M: So, this is the machine that you want us to replace?
- W: Yes, please. We've been having a problem with it leaking soapy water everywhere.
- M: That is common with these older models. I've brought you a more modern one.
- W: Great! But wait a minute. Will I be charged for the new model?
- M: No, ma'am. It is all a part of your five-year warranty.
- W: Oh, that's good. And do they use the same wiring and hosing?
- M: They sure do. All of our washing machines use the same wiring and hosing. And if there is a problem, we'll get someone else down here to fix it right away.
- W: Thank you so much for your help.

4. Track 184 01:03

- M: Hi, I need to buy a plane ticket from San Francisco to San Diego, please. I'd like to leave the day after tomorrow.
- W: OK, did you need a direct flight, or is one with stops at other airports OK?
- M: It really doesn't make a difference to me. What flights are available?
- W: The earliest flight leaves at 6:30 a.m. That one has one stop in Los Angeles and arrives in San Diego at 8:45.
- M: That's a little too early for me. What other flights are there?
- W: The next flight leaves at 9:00 a.m. That's a direct flight, but it's a little more expensive than our flights with stops.
- M: What time does it arrive in San Diego?
- W: That one arrives at 10:10 a.m.
- M: That sounds good. I'd like to buy a seat on that flight, then.
- W: No problem. I'll reserve your ticket right now.

5. Track 185 00:59

- M: OK, Ms. Marsh. I took a look at Fluffy, and he seems to be in perfect health. The only real issue is that we have to update his shots.
- W: Oh, I thought it might be about time for that. Which one will he need?

M: We need to give him a rabies shot.
 W: How much does that cost?
 M: It usually costs \$50, but since you're a regular customer, you get a discount of 50 percent off.
 W: That sounds good to me. When can we schedule it?
 M: Usually, I'd be able to do it during your visit, but I'm running kind of late on my appointments. Would it be possible for you to come back on Thursday?

W: I have to teach a class on Thursday, so that day's out. How about the next day?
 M: I think that works. Just schedule it with Lucinda up front.
 W: Will do. Thanks so much!

6.  **Track 186**  00:53

M: Janie, aren't you ready for your trip yet?
 W: I don't really have that much to prepare.
 M: That's not really the point. Aren't you looking forward to your trip?
 W: Yes, I'm so excited. I've never been to San Antonio before.
 M: I just don't understand why you haven't gotten your stuff together by now.
 W: Well, like I said, I don't have too much to pack. I was just going to do it in the morning.
 M: Didn't I tell you to prepare for this trip ahead of time? That means having your things packed before it's time to leave.
 W: I don't understand what the big deal is. It will only take a few minutes.
 M: You'll forget something if you do it at the last minute. I want you to do it now.
 W: OK, fine. Give me a minute, please.

7.  **Track 187**  01:02

W: I'm downtown at Miller Park for the grand opening of the new flower garden. The garden has been under construction for the past year and a half, so lots of curious people have come down to find out exactly what it is. To give our TV viewers an idea of the turnout, the police are here to guide traffic and keep the peace. Now, let's talk to the man in charge of this project to get some more information about the garden.
 M: Basically, we have been working hard here to get the garden ready. It will feature over 300 different types of flowers from all over the world. We worked very hard here to try to get species from various environments. We're really thrilled about all of our exhibits, but I think that the red rhododendrons from the Pacific Northwest will be one of the most popular.

8.  **Track 188**  00:52

M: Good morning, Glenview. This is Tim Brown from the Channel 5 weather team. Today, we expect all those rain showers from yesterday to clear up, so we'll get to enjoy at least one day of warm, sunny weather. Our highs for today will be a pleasant eighty degrees, which will probably change somewhat throughout the week. Make sure to enjoy the sun today because the weather forecast predicts that there will be a mild disturbance coming in from the west that will probably give us partially cloudy skies. Then, by Friday, the week will end the same way it began, and expect the rainy weather to last for the rest of the weekend.

9.  **Track 189**  01:08

W: Doctors suggest that exercising regularly is one of the most important things a person can do to stay healthy. It can especially help prevent many diseases and improve mental health as well. One way to get exercise is by doing this activity, which has many benefits like helping to strengthen leg muscles. It is also a full body workout, so it also tones the rest of the body. But before beginning this exercise, make sure to properly stretch your muscles. Most people know how to warm up the leg muscles by doing stretches for the calves and ankles. But this exercise uses all the muscles in the legs, so you should make sure to stretch your hamstrings and thighs as well. Some people don't enjoy this exercise because they think that it is boring. But whether it's performed on a treadmill or outdoors, this exercise can be a lot of fun.

10.  **Track 190**  00:54

W: Every summer, my grandmother used to invite my brother and me to stay with her in the country. We would spend the days on her farm riding horses and helping out around the house. But last summer, I decided to go to music camp instead because I wanted to be like my friend Bobby, who is very good at playing guitar. I figured there would be many other times that I could visit the farm. Music camp was fun, but the entire time, I wished that I had gone to my grandmother's house instead. And then in October, my grandmother sold her farm and moved to the city, so now I feel horrible because I will never get the chance to visit there again.

11.  **Track 191**  00:48

W: a The same number of people like pizza and fish.
 b The most popular food is tacos.
 c Pasta is more popular than sandwiches.
 d More people prefer pasta to pizza.
 e Fewer people prefer fish to tacos.

12. **Track 192** 01:01
- M: Hi, Marcy. I heard your band did really well at the contest in Scottsdale.
- W: Yes, we got first place, which means we made it to the next level of the competition.
- M: That's great! So, you'll be playing at the competition in Tempe?
- W: Yep, we have a performance in Tempe on the ninth. We also have a smaller performance paid for by organizers of the contest the night before the Tempe competition.
- M: Where's that going to be?
- W: Over in Avondale.
- M: Really? That's in the middle of nowhere.
- W: I know. But if we win the Tempe competition, we'll play for a bigger audience for sure. First place there is a trip to the state competition.
- M: That's cool. When is the state competition?
- W: It's scheduled for the sixteenth at the Phoenix Sports Stadium.
- M: I wish you the best of luck with that.

13. **Track 193** 01:03
- W: Ever wonder what surfers look for in a wave? Although they seem dangerous, most surfers prefer tall waves that they can ride. The very best waves for surfers are determined by three different factors. The first factor is wind speed in the ocean. Fast winds can make waves grow as tall as a building, and those surfers who are brave enough to ride these huge waves say that they have never experienced anything more exciting in their lives. Another thing that surfers look for are winds that blow for a long time because the longer the wind blows, the larger the wave can swell up. Finally, surfers examine the fetch, which describes the entire area that has been affected by the wind. Combined, these three factors create waves that are perfect for surfing.

14. **Track 194** 00:54
- M: From the time he was a little boy, Mark believed he was special because he could run faster than any of the other kids in his class. Whenever they raced, he was always past the finish line before most of the kids had even finished half the race. When he was in high school, he competed at track meets and easily won them all. Mark was such a good athlete that he won a track scholarship to one of the most prestigious universities in the state. But when he went to track meets in college, there were other competitors who were much faster than him, so the races weren't as easy as they had been before. In the end, he found out that he had to train a lot harder to achieve his goals.

15. **Track 195** 00:57
- Ⓐ M: Would you like me to add some ice to your beverage?
W: No, thanks. I prefer to drink it without ice.
- Ⓑ M: Did you arrive to your dental appointment on time last week?
W: Yeah, I'm having a bad hair day again.
- Ⓒ M: Excuse me. Can you tell me where the men's locker room is?
W: Sure can. It's just across from the west entrance to the gym.
- Ⓓ M: What do you think is the fastest way to get there?
W: Public transportation, of course. Traffic is terrible at this hour of the day.
- Ⓔ M: Are there any scratches on the table you're selling?
W: No, I've completely refinished the surface.

16. **Track 196** 00:54
- M: Are you on your way to the cafeteria?
W: No, not yet. I'm headed to English class. I have to submit my paper by noon.
- M: Oh, I see. Do you want to meet me in the lunch room afterward?
W: I would, but after that, I have to get back to the laundry room in the dorm to check my clothes.
- M: You sound like you have a pretty busy day. Are you going to eat lunch later?
W: Hopefully. I'll probably head down there right after I check my email.
- M: Well, if you see me around, you should join me.
W: I also have to stop by the bookstore before I eat so I can go to class immediately after. It might take a while. How about tomorrow? I'll be much less busy.
- M: That sounds good. See you later.
W: Thank you for understanding. Bye.

17. **Track 197** 00:57
- W: Thank you for calling Dusty Dave's Pizza. Can I take your order?
M: Yes, I'd like to place an order for carry-out. It will be under the name Jack.
- W: Great. Can I interest you in our current special? It's a large, one-topping pizza for only ten dollars.
M: Actually, I think I'd rather have a medium pizza with pepperoni and mushrooms.
- W: OK, and do you want that with a thin crust or regular thick crust?
M: I'll take the thick crust. I also wanted to see if you could put a little extra sauce on the pizza.
- W: Certainly. Is there anything else you'd like to add? How about some breadsticks?
M: Sounds delicious! But I don't have enough money.
W: OK, that's going to be \$9.50.

M: Thank you. And when will it be ready to be picked up?

W: It will be ready in about twenty minutes.

18.  **Track 198**  00:59

M: Ellie, are you still up for dinner tonight? I made reservations at Volare's.

W: Oh, gosh. I completely forgot that was today. What time are the reservations?

M: At 7:00. Can you make it?

W: Yes, my last class ends at 6:10.

M: Do you want me to just pick you up from school? I can come by when it's done.

W: Well, it depends. I've never been to Volare's. Do I need to dress up?

M: It's a nice restaurant, but I'm sure what you are wearing is fine.

W: No, I'd better put on something a little more appropriate. This outfit is too old and worn.

M: OK, how about I pick you up in your parking garage at 6:45. We should still be able to get there in time.

W: Thanks a lot, Tom. I'm really excited about it.

M: It's my pleasure. See you then.

19.  **Track 199**  01:02

M: This is your last year in high school, right?

W: Yeah. And now I'm so busy with university applications.

M: Well, don't get too stressed. I wish somebody would have told me that I could do a much better job by just relaxing and taking my time with each application.

W: It just seems so serious. I can't even decide which schools to apply to.

M: Just don't try to apply to too many. It's a waste of time.

W: I'm also having a hard time with my personal statements.

M: I suggest you write about something that shows how unique you are so the university can see your amazing potential.

W: Really? I was thinking of talking about my achievements in high school.

M: If you want to impress the admissions officer, you must be different from other students, and the personal statement is your opportunity to stand out.

W: That makes sense. Thank you for the advice.

20.  **Track 200**  00:53

M: Hey, Sal! What's wrong? You seem upset.

W: I'm so ashamed about how my presentation turned out today.

M: What happened?

W: For one thing, I thought I'd be able to impress my classmates. But they didn't seem impressed at all. I feel so embarrassed and humiliated.

M: What do you think went wrong?

W: I don't know. I mean, I guess I could have included more charts and numbers.

M: It is always more convincing if you have some facts to back up your claims.

W: You're right. And I really should have practiced my speech more.

M: So, now you have certain points to improve for the next time, right? It wasn't a complete disaster, was it?

W: You're right. I did learn a lot about what not to do.

21.  **Track 201**  01:05

W: If arriving by plane, take Interstate 25 North toward Denver. Upon approaching Denver, exit the highway and take the I-470 road, but be ready to pay the two-dollar toll fee. There are attendants available to give you change if you need it. After passing the third pay booth, take the exit for Interstate 85. It costs 75 cents to exit, and drivers must have exact change. Continue driving along 85 for approximately thirty-five miles until the junction with Farm Road 24. Turn left at the farm road, and continue until reaching the Central Avenue and Main Street intersection. Then, turn right onto Central, and then take another right at the first light, which is Cascade Street. The lecture hall will be visible on the left side of the street directly across from the library.

22.  **Track 202**  00:59

W: I'd like to go on a fishing tour this week. Do you have anything available?

M: Well, most of our seats are booked up. But there is still a spot available on the morning boat that leaves on Friday at 6 a.m.

W: Sounds good. I'd like to reserve a seat. My name is Nikki Reyes.

M: OK, great. Did you need to rent any supplies?

W: No, that's OK. I have my own fishing rod and gear.

M: Great. Did you want to sign up for our boat lunch as well?

W: I think I'll be bringing my own lunch, thank you.

M: All right, we are almost finished here. I just need you to fill out the rest of this form. Also, we require a 50 percent deposit to hold the reservation.

W: OK, can I pay by credit card?

M: Sure can. I'll go swipe your card and be back in a minute with your receipt.

23.  **Track 203**  00:58

W: Anyone who has ever taken a dip in the ocean knows that seawater is salty. Scientists estimate that if all the salt in the Earth's oceans were taken out and put on the land, it would be about 500 feet thick. But if the rivers that empty into the ocean are fresh, then why is the ocean itself salty? One theory is that since the world's oceans are much older than river systems, they have had time to build up salt from various sources. On the other hand, experts support the idea that most of the salt in the ocean actually comes from cooled rocks that escaped from deep beneath the Earth's surface. Now I hope all of you understand _____.

24.  **Track 204**  00:59

M: Many people consider their pets a part of the family. That's why a lot of pet owners decide to bring their pets along when they go on vacation. However, in order to bring a pet with you on an airplane, it must travel in a certain type of carrier that is able to fit under the seat in front of you. Some veterinarians recommend helping your pet relax by giving them medicine to make them sleepy. That way, they won't get too scared by the ride or bother the other passengers. For larger animals, it is not possible to bring them in the cabin of the airplane. But they can be put in the cargo area and flown to your destination. Most airlines require owners to provide a secure cage that is large enough for the animal to stand up and move around a bit.

25.  **Track 205**  01:01

W: Good day, sir! How can I help you?
M: Hi, I want to ship this package, but I'm not sure what my options are. Can you tell me about your services?
W: Sure. The price depends on how big your package is and how much it weighs.
M: And how long will it take to arrive?
W: It depends on where you are sending it. The price will also increase depending on how fast you want it to get to the destination.
M: Does it matter what I'm sending? I'm sending a box full of books, which is going to be heavy.
W: Actually, it does. For items like books, CDs, or documents, you can use media mail, which gives you a discounted rate.
M: That's good. Is there a maximum weight for that?
W: Yes. Each media-mail box cannot weigh more than fifty pounds.
M: OK, thank you for the information.

26.  **Track 206**  01:03



W: Most fish can't live outside of the water for long. But this is not true of the African lungfish. The lungfish lives in the rivers and creeks in Africa, which often swell up and dry out in short periods of time. Because of this, the lungfish has adapted to be able to breathe outside of the water. They even have special fins that look more like legs to help them walk along the muddy banks until they find their next suitable aquatic destination. Another defense mechanism is that the African lungfish creates a burrow in the mud, and excretes a slime that acts like a protective cocoon until the drought is over. As a result, their eyes have also adapted to living in the mud so they are only able to see large shapes rather than detailed images.



27.  **Track 207**  00:51

M: Carrie woke up feeling pretty grumpy. Her mood was not improved when she realized that she had locked her keys in her house and just missed her bus to work. By the time she got on the next bus, she knew she would be extremely late, and her boss would be disappointed. She grumpily stared out the window when she noticed an old man sitting next to her. He tried to start up a conversation by asking her if she was having a bad day, and although she wasn't in the mood to talk, Carrie responded politely. They chatted for a few minutes, and by the time Carrie got off the bus, she felt much better thanks to the kindness that the old man showed her.

28.  **Track 208**  00:54



W: Welcome back from your business trip, Mr. Russel.
M: Thank you, Gloria. How have things been at the office while I was gone?
W: Busy as usual. Oh, and Mr. Russell, I think you should look over these documents.
M: Meta Health Insurance? Could you tell me what this is about?
W: Apparently, your health insurance policy has expired.
M: Oh, no! I've been so busy in the past few weeks. I totally forgot to renew it.
W: Well, it looks like they've extended your policy for three months since you're a long-term policy holder.
M: What a relief. But I really need to buy a new policy. How do I do that?
W: I think you have to call the company directly to speak with an agent.
M: OK. Can you get them on the phone for me right away?
W: _____

29.  **Track 209**  00:57
- W: Hi, is Karen available?
 M: I'm sorry. She's not in at the moment. May I ask who's calling please?
 W: Yes, my name is Holly, and I'm calling about her advertisement in the paper. She's selling a recliner that I'm interested in buying.
 M: Oh, I can actually help you with that. Do you have any questions?
 W: Yes, um, are there any scratches or tears in the fabric?
 M: No, not at all. We haven't had it for very long. It's just that we're moving, so we need to get rid of it.
 W: And have you had a problem with the recliner itself?
 M: Nope, not at all. You just press the lever on the side, and it extends. It's very comfortable.
 W: Well, that sounds good. What color is it, by the way?
 M: It's cream-colored.
 W: That would look great in my living room. Could I drop by and see it this afternoon?
 M: _____



30.  **Track 210**  00:49
- W: This year, Heidi decided to visit her hometown during summer vacation before she started school in the fall. For the few weeks she was there, she stayed at home with her parents most of the time because all of her friends had moved out of town, and she had lost touch with them while she had been away. On her last evening there, she decided to eat out at her favorite Italian restaurant. Suddenly, Heidi felt a finger tap on her shoulder, and when she turned around, she saw a man who looked vaguely familiar. After a minute, she recognized him as her former neighbor and childhood friend, Greg.



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**Practice Test 8**

1.  **Track 211**  00:59
- M: Hi, can I help you find anything?
 W: Yes, I'm looking for a new pair of shoes.
 M: What about these boots? They're very popular this year.
 W: They're nice, but it's not exactly what I'm looking for.
 M: How about these flip-flops? They're very comfortable.
 W: No, thanks. I just need some shoes to wear at the office.
 M: We have this new line of sneakers. Is that something you'd be interested in?

- W: I think those are too casual. I like these heels with the straps, but I'm not sure this color would match the type of suits I have to wear to work.
 M: We also have something similar in black. They might be a little bit better.
 W: Those are perfect. I'll take them!

2.  **Track 212**  00:55
- M: Karen, I noticed that we're almost out of ink for the copier.
 W: Oh, really? I thought we still had another box in the back next to the paper shredder.
 M: No, I just checked.
 W: I'll have to put it on my list of supplies.
 M: Why don't we go buy office supplies this afternoon? I don't want to run out of anything.
 W: That sounds fine with me. Is there anything else we need?
 M: We should probably buy some more thumbtacks for the board in the break room. And I could use a new hole puncher.
 W: Good idea. I'll add those to the list. And we can never have enough file folders.
 M: Very true. Let's not forget to pick up some.
 W: OK, I think that's it. I'll go grab the company credit card before we go so we can use it to pay.

3.  **Track 213**  00:59
- M: Hi, we're here to get my dog vaccinated.
 W: OK, that won't take long at all. When's the last time it was done?
 M: Actually, it's been a while. Here's his shot record. I didn't know if you'd need it.
 W: It is helpful you brought it along. Let me just see here. Yes, it's good you brought little Sparky in today. It looks like he is not up to date with his shots.
 M: Is that a problem?
 W: Generally, we strongly recommend that you keep all of their shots updated. Then you don't have to worry about them catching something.
 M: I understand. About how much will that cost?
 W: It will be about \$50.
 M: That's better than I expected. Can you administer them today?
 W: Sure can. Why don't you bring Sparky into the examination room, and I'll be right there with the injections.

4.  **Track 214**  01:09
- M: Hi, I'd like to register for classes please.
 W: OK, I see here you want to take the 4:00 p.m. section of Chemistry. Unfortunately, that class is actually filled up. Is there another class you were interested in taking?

M: Um, what about Ancient Literature?
 W: That class still has an opening. It only meets on Wednesdays from 3:00 to 5:20 since it's a seminar.
 M: How about History of Mathematics?
 W: That's a seminar, too. It meets on Monday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:20.
 M: Wow. They both sound interesting. But I think I have another class I'm taking on Wednesday afternoons. That one ends at 3:30.
 W: That's a problem. So, I guess I'll put you down for the History of Mathematics class, then?
 M: Yes, I guess that's the only one that will work. Thanks!
 W: Don't mention it. That's what I'm here for.

5.  **Track 215**  00:57

M: Ms. Alaniz? I think I found the cause of your plumbing problem.
 W: Uh oh. What is it?
 M: It looks like there's a clog under your kitchen sink.
 W: That must have happened last Friday when my son was doing the dishes. Is that easy to fix?
 M: Unfortunately, since the pipes are much older than I expected, I'm going to have to replace all of them.
 W: How much is that going to cost me?
 M: Well, this appointment costs \$20. Then the cost of the materials and labor for the replacement is going to add another \$120 dollars.
 W: Oh. And how long do you think it will take to fix?
 M: We'll start working on it Monday and get it done by the next day.
 W: OK, I guess that works. Thanks.

6.  **Track 216**  00:57

M: Harriet, I'm kind of surprised to see you here.
 W: Why is that? I always work on Wednesdays.
 M: I know, but I thought you were going to have some time off to study for your exam.
 W: Oh, that test was postponed, so I figured I might as well come in to work.
 M: That's fine. I just wish you had let me know before.
 W: I did! Didn't you get the email I sent this morning?
 M: Email? I haven't even checked it.
 W: I sent it to you this morning after I found out. I thought you checked it often.
 M: I do, usually. I've just been so busy with organizing the receipts from last week's sales that I haven't had time to check.
 W: If my schedule changes next time, I'll just give you a call instead. That way there is no confusion.
 M: Sounds good to me.

7.  **Track 217**  01:07

W: This is Rebecca Swanson with a special report. There has been a serious car accident at the intersection of Miller Street and Pacific Street that happened around 1:30, and I am told that both roads are closed. The only information offered so far by the police officers and rescuers at the scene is that no one was seriously injured. Here's our correspondent, James Aftan, with an update.
 M: Thank you Rebecca. I'm reporting live from the scene of the car accident. It seems that the driver leaned over to answer his mobile phone and lost control of his vehicle, which caused him to hit a car in the next lane. Paramedics arrived shortly afterward and treated both drivers for some minor scrapes and bruises, but luckily, nobody was seriously hurt. A road crew is working right now to clear up the site so that traffic can start moving again.

8.  **Track 218**  00:52

M: Good evening, Brownsville. This is Marshall Brenner bringing you your nightly weather forecast. Unlike the scorching sunshine we had yesterday, we didn't break any temperature records today. However, what really made big news were the strong winds that blew all over Northern Texas. Winds reached up to 45 miles per hour in some areas, which caused meteorologists to issue tornado and forest fire warnings. You won't need to be worried for too much longer, though, because the windy weather is only predicted to continue through tomorrow. But by the weekend, expect scattered storms and partially cloudy skies with the sun poking through just before Monday.

9.  **Track 219**  00:58

W: This is a popular pastime with people of all ages. Some people begin doing it when they are very young, but some people do not start until they are older. Often people take lessons to help them increase their skill because the best way to get better is by simply taking the time to practice. It can be done alone or with others, so sometimes people get together and create new songs by playing this as well as singing along. Many people who have gotten good at this have made popular records and become very famous as a result of their skills at playing. Other than the instrument itself, it doesn't require a lot of equipment, except for maybe a pick to use on the strings.

10.  **Track 220**  00:51

M: It's not often that I get caught off guard by anything, but yesterday was an exception. That is because it was my birthday, but all day long, no one seemed to remember. My family didn't say a word about it when I came downstairs in the morning to have breakfast. Then while at school, not even my best friend said happy birthday to me. Honestly, I started becoming pretty depressed about it by the time school was out, and I felt like crying on my walk home. But when I opened my front door, the lights switched on, and everybody I knew screamed, "Happy Birthday!" All of my friends and family were there, and I was so happy to celebrate my birthday with them.

11.  **Track 221**  00:49

- W: **(a)** More people like rabbits than fish.
(b) Over fifty percent of the voters like dogs best.
(c) Hamsters got the least number of votes.
(d) More people like hamsters than cats.
(e) Rabbits are the second most popular pet.

12.  **Track 222**  00:58

M: What are your plans this week, Kelly?
W: I'm a little busy. Why do you ask?
M: I was hoping to come by and take a look at that camera you're going to sell.
W: Sure. When were you thinking of dropping by?
M: Let me look at my calendar. What about the twelfth?
W: I'm actually meeting with my group at the library that afternoon. But I'll be at home a good part of the evening the next day finishing my history essay. Does that work for you?
M: No, I've got a baseball game then. How about this weekend? Maybe I can swing by on Saturday?
W: I can't. I have piano lessons on the sixteenth of every month.
M: Can I come by your house Friday afternoon?
W: OK, that works for me. But don't be late. I'm going to the movie theater with some friends that night.

13.  **Track 223**  01:01

W: Customers are used to being asked whether they want their items put into paper or plastic bags at most grocery stores. But in some places, customers are no longer given a choice. Instead of offering free bags, many stores sell reusable bags. This is part of the effort to encourage people to do their part to save the planet by reducing any unnecessary waste. The reusable bags are large enough to carry many items and are made of cloth or some other sturdy material. Customers are expected to bring their

reusable bags with them to the store. If a customer chooses not to use the reusable bags, they often pay the price. That's because stores are starting to charge a fee for every plastic bag that the customer requests.

14.  **Track 224**  00:54

M: When Clara moved to Sunnywood, she had a hard time making friends right away. The kids at her new school seemed so different than her friends at her old school. They dressed differently, they acted differently, and they even spoke differently. For the first month, she sat completely alone in the cafeteria and didn't even try to talk to anybody in her class. But one day, a girl named Sally invited Clara to sit with her and her friends. Clara was nervous, but she agreed. After lunch was over, she realized that the people in her new school were very nice and wished she hadn't wasted so much time thinking about the differences between them as opposed to focusing on the things they had in common.

15.  **Track 225**  00:58

- (a)** M: It's not that long until the next train comes, is it?
W: I know. It's so overcrowded and extremely uncomfortable.
(b) M: Do you have a stapler I could borrow for a minute?
W: I don't, actually. But I'm sure Frank has one you can use.
(c) M: Did you hear the last thing the professor said during the lecture?
W: No, I didn't. He was speaking too softly.
(d) M: Excuse me. Can you please tell me where the bathroom is?
W: Sure can. It's just around the corner to your left.
(e) M: Have you visited the Grand Canyon before?
W: No, But my family and I are planning on going next summer.

16.  **Track 226**  01:02

M: Harriet, haven't you heard? Professor Cooper cancelled class today.
W: Oh, that's great. Maybe I can actually get my homework done this week.
M: Sounds like you're pretty busy. What do you have going on?
W: I never finished writing my essay for Professor Newall. So, I have to do that.
M: That shouldn't take you too long, though.
W: I know, but before I do that, I have to go to volleyball practice.
M: What time does that finish?

W: Usually around 6 p.m. But I promised I'd have dinner with the team afterward. Then, I have to work in the ice cream shop until 10.

M: That really is a busy schedule. Good thing we have tomorrow off.

W: Oh, and I just remembered I need to borrow a book from the library, too, for my essay.

M: You better get that now. You know it closes before 10.

W: You're right. I'll do that first. See you later, Tom!

17.  **Track 227**  00:58

W: Welcome to Jared's Electronics. How can I help you?

M: I'm looking to buy a new personal computer.

W: No problem. Are you looking for just the tower or the whole desktop computer?

M: Actually, I'll need more than just the tower. Do you sell monitors as well?

W: We sure do. Can I interest you in a flat screen?

M: I've seen those on TV. They look great. I'll take one of those.

W: Now, how about a mouse or a keyboard? We have new or old models in all different price ranges.

M: Actually, I can use my old keyboard, but I'll need a new mouse.

W: And how about a digital web camera? They are great for keeping in touch with family and hanging out with friends online.

M: I've never tried one before. Yeah, let's add that to my shopping cart as well.

18.  **Track 228**  00:52

M: Jessica, guess what! I just won two tickets to the basketball game from the radio station. Would you like to come with me?

W: Really? That would be awesome. What time does the game start?

M: 6:30 p.m.

W: That's perfect. How about I treat you to dinner before we go in return for the tickets?

M: That's very nice of you. I'll pick you up at 5:30. We can go to Joe's Burgers.

W: You know, they have dollar burgers from 3 to 5. If you pick me up a little earlier, we can do that.

M: Great idea. Save some money, right?

W: That's right. Money doesn't grow on trees, you know.

M: Well, I guess I'll see you later.

W: Yeah, see you later.

19.  **Track 229**  01:00

M: Mary, you've traveled to South America before, right?

W: Yeah, I've taken several trips down there. Why?

M: I was thinking about taking a vacation to Peru. Do you have any advice for me?

W: Sure. Before you buy your tickets, I suggest figuring out exactly what places you want to visit.

M: That's a good idea. Do you know of a good travel agency?

W: Honestly, you don't really need one. If you visit travel websites, you can find airfares that are much cheaper than anything a travel agent will quote you.

M: OK, and what about my passport and stuff?

W: That's easy. Just visit the consulate downtown. They can give you the information you need.

M: Any other tips you can give me?

W: Oh, yeah. Make sure you buy travel insurance. Then, if your trip is cancelled, you can get a refund.

20.  **Track 230**  00:54

W: Hey, Harry, what do you think about this dress? Is it too fancy for the college fair?

M: It looks good on you, but I don't know if it's really appropriate. Who else is going to be there?

W: My classmates and teachers. But most of all, I want to impress the college admissions counselors.

M: How do they usually dress at these types of events?

W: I guess it's pretty casual. People often just wear slacks and nice shirts.

M: See? They're going to be more interested in your grades than how your dress looks.

W: I guess you're right. I've worked really hard to get ready for college.













M: I know, and what you wear doesn't really matter that much.



W: No, I guess it doesn't. Thanks, Harry.



M: Don't mention it. Always glad to offer you fashion advice.



21.  **Track 231**  00:57

W: I've been a member of the student council for two years, and I've always tried to do the best I could to represent the opinions of our student body. I figured that if the students are unhappy, then we the leaders must do everything in our power to make the situation right. That's why I'm so honored to have been voted Student Body President in the last election. I value what my teachers and principal think of me, but above all, I value the people I serve. Because I am also a student, I know what kinds of problems my peers deal with on a daily basis, and that helps us to find solutions that are fast and effective. Ultimately, the school's success rests completely on the students.

22.  **Track 232**  01:11
- M: All right, ma'am, your total will be \$20. Would you like to enroll in our frequent buyer program? You can receive an additional 10 percent off your purchase today. Plus, enrollment is free.
- W: I don't see why not. What information do you need?
- M: Let's start out with the date.
- W: OK. What day is it today? I'm on vacation, so I've been having a hard time keeping track. Every day feels the same.
- M: It's Monday, April fifteenth. Now, I'll need your first and last name.
- W: OK, it's Rosie Murphy.
- M: And what about a home phone number where you can be contacted?
- W: Sure. It's 956-555-0912.
- M: Got it. And, how about an email address?
- W: Rosie23@underworks.com.
- M: OK, and did you want us to send you some pamphlets about our store credit card?
- W: No, I just want the frequent buyer membership. Thanks.
23.  **Track 233**  01:04
- W: Though spaghetti is most often associated with Italy, the origin of the dish is actually in countries far from Europe. First, the noodles used in spaghetti were not invented by the Italians. Historians think that they were first created by Arabs who lived in southern Italy. The noodles were made from little dumplings that were stretched out and cut into thin strips. Before long, people all over Italy were making their own noodles. And what about the history of spaghetti sauce? The main ingredient, tomatoes, didn't even exist in Europe before Spanish explorers traveled to the Americas and brought back this strange fruit. It wasn't until the 1540s that they became very popular in Europe. Now I hope all of you understand _____.
24.  **Track 234**  00:58
- W: People usually assume that most of the music played in movies is created by an orchestra. But in fact, many of the songs in movies are written for an ancient instrument called the duduk. The duduk originally comes from Armenia, where it is celebrated as a symbol of Armenian music. It is carved out of wood from the apricot tree. That is also the origin of the instrument's name because duduk actually means "apricot horn." Like the flute, the duduk is a woodwind instrument that has a more unusual sound than most people are used to. In addition to being used in movies, it is often used in computer game soundtracks as well.
25.  **Track 235**  01:05
- M: Good morning. I'm here for the orientation session.
- W: I'm assuming you're here for the graduate student orientation?
- M: Actually, I am a freshman. This is my first semester here.
- W: Oh. Well, you're a little early for the new student orientation. Yours doesn't start until 8:30.
- M: Oh, no! I must have misunderstood the notice. I didn't even have breakfast this morning because I was worried about being late.
- W: Well, there's a coffee and bagel shop right next door. You definitely have time to pick something up.
- M: So, the orientation is going to be held here?
- W: Actually, it's going to be across the street in the music building in Practice Room A. Just enter through the double doors on the side of the building, not through the front entrance. You'll see it right away.
- M: Thanks a lot. I guess I'll be back at 8:30 then.
- W: No problem. See you then.
26.  **Track 236**  01:03
- W: The Himalayan mountain range is famous for its high peaks and old age. But few people know that there is another huge mountain range that rivals the Himalayas in many ways. The Andes Mountains in South America are the longest mountain range in the world, spanning from the southern point of Chile all the way up the continent to Venezuela. The highest peak in the Andes is in Argentina and is over 24,000 feet above sea level. More impressive still is that the range is relatively young compared to the Himalayas. Scientists estimate that the Andes are still growing, while the ancient Himalayas have already grown as high as they'll ever be. This means that in several hundred years, the Andean peaks will surpass the Himalayan peaks in height.
27.  **Track 237**  00:57
- M: All Anthony wanted in the world was his own skateboard. It was all he thought about, and he spent most of his energy trying to convince his parents to support the idea of buying him one. But they always said no because they said they wouldn't buy him anything until he improved his grades. However, he was not discouraged, and he continued to find new ways of asking for the skateboard. One day, he wrote a note to his father and put it in his lunchbox. Nonetheless, his father said no, so Anthony finally got tired of trying to convince them and began focusing on his school work. He started to receive better grades, and his teacher even sent home a letter saying how proud she was of his improvement. The very next day, his parents bought him a skateboard.

28.  **Track 238**  00:53
- W: Alex, have you figured out who is going to pick up Mr. Ybarra from the airport?
- M: I was thinking of paying a taxi driver to go get him.
- W: That's not very considerate.
- M: You're right. What about having one of the students go get him?
- W: That's a better idea. Either way, you should try to get it worked out soon.
- M: I know. I wouldn't let our guest speaker wait at the airport for too long.
- W: How are you going to choose a student to go? I'm sure they'll all want to do it.
- M: I don't know. I guess I'll ask whoever did best on the final test.
- W: I think that's fair. Just please get it worked out soon.
- M: I will. I'll take care of it today. I'm trying to figure out if there's anything else I have to do.
- W: _____

29.  **Track 239**  00:57
- W: Good morning. I'm calling from Kelly's Burgers. May I please speak to Nestor Turney?
- M: This is he. How can I help you?
- W: Nestor, I'm calling to inform you that we received your application for employment, but we never got your references.
- M: I didn't realize you required professional references. Can I still send them in?
- W: You certainly can.
- M: OK, so should I just send them to the address that I sent the application to?
- W: Actually, why don't you fax them to us? It will be the fastest way.
- M: That would be great. What's the fax number?
- W: It's 415-892-1231.
- M: And who should they be addressed to?
- W: To me, Marcia Nary. And make sure to put your name on there as well, please.
- M: _____





30.  **Track 240**  00:56
- W: Jerry was very frustrated because he agreed to meet his friend Liana at the cinema at 7 p.m., but she never showed up. It was forty-five minutes after they agreed to meet, and she was nowhere to be found. The movie he was there to watch had already started, and every time he tried calling Liana's house, nobody answered the phone. Liana was always late for everything, especially when



they had made plans together, but this time, she had gone too far. Jerry had never had to wait for so long for her before, so he finally decided he wouldn't wait any longer. However, when he began to walk toward the bus station, he saw Liana jump off the bus.



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Practice Test 9



1.  **Track 241**  01:06
- M: That was a tasty dinner. Do you feel like eating dessert? The raspberry tart looks good to me.
- W: I've never been a big fan of raspberries. What else do they have?
- M: They have chocolate cupcakes with sprinkles on top.
- W: You know. I'm not really in the mood for chocolate tonight.
- M: So, I guess the cookie is out. It has chocolate chips in it.
- W: Yeah, I'd rather not have a cookie. I'm not sure what I feel like eating. I think something sweet and creamy would really hit the spot.
- M: What about a slice of cheesecake? You don't get any food creamier than or as sweet as that.
- W: Actually, I don't know if that's the best way to go. It's pretty hot outside, so I could use something refreshing.
- M: Then, I know just the thing. I'll get you an ice cream cone.
- W: Good suggestion! That's just what I want.
2.  **Track 242**  00:49
- M: Christie, how long should I set this timer for?
- W: I'll check the instructions again. Let's see . . . it says thirty-five minutes.
- M: No problem. All right, it's all set now. Can I help you with something else?
- W: Actually, can you take the onions out of the fridge, please?
- M: OK. Should I chop them up or something?
- W: No, they actually need to be sliced into thin rings.
- M: You got it. Yum, that cake smells great.
- W: It does, doesn't it? I'm so excited for our dinner party tonight.
- M: Here are the sliced up onions for you. Anything else I can do?
- W: Nope, that's it. We just have to wait for the cake to bake now.



3.  **Track 243**  00:56
- M: Hi, Yasmine. Thank you for coming.
 W: I wouldn't miss it. Where's your mom?
 M: She's in the kitchen preparing some food. Can I get you anything?
 W: I'm all right. Should I take my boots off?
 M: Yes, please do. You can place them in that box next to the door.
 W: It seems like many people have arrived already. Are they friends of yours?
 M: Yeah, a lot of them are friends from work. But I have some family here, too. Do you see that man over there by the television? That's my brother.
 W: I should have known. You two look exactly alike.
 M: That's what everyone says. Well, listen, I've got to check on the barbeque. I'll introduce you to some of the other guests.
 W: OK, it already looks like a lot of fun.
 M: I hope you have a good time. I'll catch up with you later.

4.  **Track 244**  00:59
- M: Good morning. Do you have any routes to San Antonio from here?
 W: Yes, we have several, actually.
 M: Which one leaves the soonest?
 W: There's one that leaves at 10:45 a.m. But it stops quite a bit and doesn't actually get to San Antonio until 5:00 p.m.
 M: That's a long ride. Do you have anything shorter?
 W: The next bus leaves at noon. That one has fewer stops and gets there at 4:30 p.m.
 M: That's still a long time. I just can't sit in a bus for that many hours. Aren't there any routes that are direct?
 W: The one that leaves at 2:00 is direct. It arrives in San Antonio at 3:30.
 M: I think that's the one for me. Can I have one ticket, please?
 W: Certainly. I'll have your ticket ready in one second.

5.  **Track 245**  01:05
- M: Mandy, I noticed that you haven't taken your AAS test.
 W: What is that, exactly?
 M: It stands for the Assessment of Academic Skills. Universities use it to compare the levels of the knowledge of the students' that are applying for college.
 W: How do I go about taking that?
 M: You have to sign up for it. We're actually hosting several different sessions this week. We still have some openings this afternoon if you want. It costs \$10.

- W: \$10? I don't have any money with me right now, and I'm late to meet with my math tutor.
 M: Actually, since you're about to graduate, you qualify for a 25 percent discount. Do you want to sign up for tomorrow's test? It'll be before school.
 W: I can't. I have swim practice on Wednesdays. What about the next day?
 M: There is one that day in the afternoon. Does that work for you?
 W: It does. Thanks, Mr. Garza.

6.  **Track 246**  00:56
- M: Audrey, I saw that you didn't turn in your homework in class the day before yesterday.
 W: I know. I'm sorry I didn't get to finish it.
 M: That isn't like you at all. What happened?
 W: When I got to the third question, I couldn't find the solution to the problem. I tried using the book, but I still couldn't figure it out.
 M: So, you just gave up? I thought you'd at least skip the one you were having problems with and try the others.
 W: I just got so frustrated. I thought it would be best to wait until class so I could ask you about it.
 M: But you didn't say a word in class. I expected more from you.
 W: I'm really sorry, Mr. O'Brien. I promise to try harder next time.
 M: From now on, please ask me for help if you can't do the homework.
 W: OK, I promise I will.

7.  **Track 247**  01:03
- W: So, let me get this straight for my report, sir. I want to confirm that the children began to play with fireworks at about 7:30 this evening, and then at around 8:00 p.m., you noticed the house fire. You called the fire department immediately, and we arrived shortly. Is there anything else you'd like to add?
 M: Actually, I think I first saw the children playing out in the yard with the fireworks at around 7:00. I remember because I was watching the late evening news, and I was just starting to watch my favorite television show at 7:30 when I smelled the smoke. Then, I looked outside and saw flames coming out from behind the house, so I called the fire department, and then I called the neighbors. Apparently, the children had gone inside about ten minutes earlier, and they had no idea that the fire had started.

8.  **Track 248**  00:47

M: Good evening, this is Tom Markely with the Weather Warning team here at Channel 5 News. The warm spell we saw today and yesterday could have fooled anyone into thinking that we're in the middle of summer here in Colorado Springs, but tomorrow it's back to winter with temperatures in the low 30s. We're currently keeping an eye on a cold front that is moving across the northwest. We expect it to reach Colorado Springs early tomorrow morning, and it will probably bring in a couple of inches of snow to the state. The rest of the week will be cold and snowy with little chance of sunshine at all.


9.  **Track 249**  00:57





W: Before people were able to ride in these, it took a long time to get from one place to another. Sometimes, people are frightened of getting on one because they think that they might have an accident. And though the ride may get bumpy at times, it is generally a safe way to travel. Many people often enjoy riding in them because they are fast and convenient. One can travel over hundreds of miles in just a few hours. It is possible to cross oceans in one, and the newest models have many features that make the ride more enjoyable for the passengers. They have screens that play movies during longer rides. They also have attendants that bring passengers drinks and snacks.

10.  **Track 250**  01:07

W: Benny had a large family with two brothers and two sisters. All of his friends at school thought he must have so much fun because he had so many brothers and sisters to play with. However, the truth was that sometimes Benny wished he were an only child and imagined what it would be like to have his own room. One day, his family visited their grandparents, but Benny needed some peace and quiet, so he decided not to go. Instead, he read in his room, made dinner, and then watched television for a while, but after a few hours, he became lonely. Usually, his brothers or sisters would keep him company. It seemed like forever until they returned. When his family came back home, Benny realized that having brothers and sisters wasn't so bad after all. He was very happy to see them and grateful to have them around.

11.  **Track 251**  00:56

W:  The Sydney Opera House is the least popular of the destinations.

-  More people want to visit the Statue of Liberty than Iguazu Falls.
-  Iguazu Falls is more popular than the other destinations.
-  The Eiffel Tower is more popular than the Leaning Tower of Pisa.
-  Fewer people want to visit the Eiffel Tower than the Statue of Liberty.

12.  **Track 252**  01:04

M: Carrie, I heard you won the essay contest at school. What's your prize?
W: I'm so lucky! They're going to pay for me to travel around Europe for two weeks with the other prize winners.
M: You must be thrilled! So, when does your trip start?
W: I fly into London on July seventeenth and stay there for three days. Then, I'm going to Paris.
M: Oh, I love Paris. How long are you staying there?
W: Three days there as well. Then, on the twenty-third, I'm off to Amsterdam for the weekend.
M: That'll be interesting. I heard it's a great city.
W: Me, too. I wish we could stay longer, but we'll only be there for two nights.
M: Are you visiting Munich at all?
W: Yes, that's next after Amsterdam. We're staying there for three days, and then we're off to Prague.
M: I heard it is beautiful there.
W: So did I! I'm really excited about seeing it.

13.  **Track 253**  00:57

W: It is often said that one man's junk is another man's treasure. But did you know that plants can also benefit from some of your trash? By collecting all your organic waste, which is any trash that was once alive, you can make a compost heap. This can include leftover foods such as lettuce or apples. A compost heap gets taken over by good bacteria that break down the trash into nutritious plant food. All a person has to do is add the waste to the bin, stir it every few weeks or so, and then wait for the bacteria to do their work. But one should be careful to never put plastic in the compost heap because the bacteria can't break down those items.

14.  **Track 254**  00:56

M: Manny was a diligent student, but he never seemed to turn in his assignments on time. His professors didn't know what to do with him anymore. He missed the deadline for his art contest because he confused it with the due date for his science project. He'd shuffle through his schoolwork looking for important dates, but could never find them because

his file folders were too messy. What's worse is that he also never wrote anything down because he thought that he could remember his assignments on his own. Finally, Manny's English teacher convinced him to start using a binder to hold his assignments and a planner to remember his deadlines. After that, he no longer forgot what the homework was and any assignment deadlines ever again.

15.  **Track 255**  01:00

- a M: Would you rather live in a big city or the suburbs?
W: The suburbs, for sure. It's much cleaner and safer.
- b M: Have you been having problems with your computer recently?
W: Not at all. It works as well as it did when I bought it.
- c M: Johnny really is a night owl.
W: He sure is! I've never seen him go to bed before sunrise.
- d M: Have you heard that Betty and Scott are going to have a baby?
W: That's great! She has always wanted to get married and raise a family since she was a little girl.
- e M: What time are you going to leave for work?
W: I know! I can't wait until the party tonight, either.

16.  **Track 256**  01:00

- W: Are you going by the post office today?
M: I am, but not until later.
W: I'd really appreciate it if you could mail a package for me.
M: I could, but I have my biology course at 11:00. But before that, I've got to meet my French tutor. I am going to introduce him to my friend Sarah.
W: What time are you meeting him?
M: At 10:00 a.m. The meeting is only half an hour, but I also wanted to eat before biology.
W: What about afterward?
M: I'm going to study with my friend in the library. We have a chemistry test coming up soon.
W: Is that going to take very long?
M: We usually study for about two hours, but he might want to study longer since the test is on Friday.
W: Oh, it seems like you've got your hands pretty full. I'll go by the post office myself.
M: Sorry I couldn't help.

17.  **Track 257**  01:01

- W: Thank you for calling Comfortable Inn. This is Angie. How may I assist you?

- M: Yes, I'd like to make a reservation for two nights, please. My name is Edgar Franks.
W: OK, what dates would you like to reserve?
M: June fifteenth and sixteenth. And can I please have a room with a balcony?
W: Certainly, sir. And do you want a single or a double bed?
M: A double bed. Do you have rooms with air conditioning?
W: Yes, but they're an extra \$10 a night.
M: That's fine. I'd like an air-conditioned room.
W: Would you like us to put a fruit basket in your room? It's complimentary.
M: No fruit for me, thanks. But I'll need a room with a computer.
W: No problem. All of our rooms come with a TV and a computer. OK, Mr. Franks, your room has been reserved. You can pay by cash or credit card when you arrive.

18.  **Track 258**  00:56

- M: Hi, Nelly. This is Harold. Are you about ready for me to pick you up?
W: It's only 4:30. What time does the movie start?
M: At 6:00. But I wanted to make sure to get there early since we have to go by the ticket office first. I didn't buy the tickets yet.
W: I'm for getting there early, too. I think we'll be fine, then, if we leave at 5:00.
M: You don't think they'll be sold out by then?
W: No. Besides, I just got back from weightlifting at the gym. I'd like to take a shower before I leave.
M: Sounds good. I'll be driving, so where should I meet you?
W: Just pull into my parking garage, and wait by the elevator. Give me a call when you arrive.
M: OK, I'll be at your place by 5:00. See you then.
W: Thanks, Harold. See you soon.

19.  **Track 259**  00:57

- M: What are you reading, Caroline?
W: A review of different types of laptop computers. I need to buy a new one before I go to college.
M: Don't make the same mistake I did. I bought one with a large screen so I could watch movies, but it was heavy to carry around.
W: Great advice. I'll be taking it to the library a lot, so I should get a light one.
M: You can also buy them with programs already installed. I wish I had done that. It cost me a lot of money to buy them separately.
W: I think I'll do that. Do you think I should get one with a lot of memory?

M: Yes, that's a good idea.
W: I also saw one with a web camera built in.
M: I don't think it's worth it. You could always buy the web camera separately for less money.
W: Oh, thank you for letting me know.

20.  **Track 260**  00:54

W: Hi, Matthew. I heard you went on a cruise to Hawaii last week. How was your trip?
M: It was a total waste. I ended up having a terrible time.
W: I'm sorry to hear that. What happened?
M: It was foggy the whole boat ride over, so I couldn't see anything.
W: That's very unfortunate.
M: What's worse is that once we landed, it rained the entire time, so I didn't get to do any of the things I planned.
W: Well, it sounds like you went during the rainy season.
M: Yes, but how was I supposed to know that?
W: They have a lot of travel books about Hawaii. Didn't you read any of them?
M: No. Who has time to go through all of those?
W: If you had taken a few minutes to read one, you would have been able to make better plans.

21.  **Track 261**  00:52

W: Good afternoon, students. It's my pleasure to introduce to you a professional drummer, Thomas Andrews. He graduated from State University with a degree in music with a specialization in West African music. His parents say that from the time he was born in Accra, Ghana, he was always interested in African music. These days, he is currently on tour with the Charles Manly Band, but today, he's going to help us conclude our course on African drumming by showing you some typical West African rhythms and how they are used in modern music. Now, please give a warm welcome to Thomas Andrews.

22.  **Track 262**  01:06

W: Hi, I'm calling about the surf lessons you offer. I'd like to sign up for a beginner class.
M: OK, can I have your name and phone number?
W: Sure, my name is Kasey Rogers. And my phone number is 619-231-3432.
M: All right, Kasey. What about an email address?
W: Yes, it's kasey101@globe.net.
M: That's "Kasey" with a "k"?
W: That's right.

M: So, did you want private lessons or group lessons? Private lessons are \$100 per hour. Group lessons are \$50 per hour.

W: Is the cost of surf equipment included?

M: No, you have to rent that separately. It costs \$15 to rent the equipment for half a day.

W: All right. I'd like to sign up for the group lessons. And please put me down for the equipment rental as well.

23.  **Track 263**  01:05

W: To an outsider, a ralli quilt may appear to be just a blanket, but in all actuality, each ralli quilt has much more significance than that. Ralli quilts have been handmade by women in India for thousands of years, and each quilt takes months to make because they are so incredibly detailed. Women use scraps of brightly colored fabric to stitch together beautiful and unique designs. Some common designs in ralli quilts are floral patterns and animals prints. Women learn how to make the quilts from their mothers and grandmothers. Moreover, the quilts are highly valued by people in India. In fact, people who have many quilts are thought to be very wealthy because they are so expensive. Now I hope all of you understand _____.

24.  **Track 264**  01:07

M: People form a connection with others based on many different factors. Some sociologists think that one of these factors is how much one likes someone else's name. According to some studies, it appears that people are drawn to others who have names that are similar, or even the same, as their own. This is because people are naturally attracted to those that remind them of themselves. This is called self-similarity. Self-similarity is apparent in other human behaviors as well. A case of this phenomenon is how many people perform Internet searches on their own name in order to find others with the same name. Sociologists suggest this behavior is driven by the desire to find others like oneself. An additional example of self-similarity was found when surveying people's voting habits. The study concluded that people were more likely to vote for candidates whose initials were the same as their own.

25.  **Track 265**  01:01

W: Good afternoon. Welcome to TechWorld. Can I help you find anything?

M: Hi, I'm thinking about getting a new mobile phone plan. But I'm having a hard time choosing one.

W: You've come to the right place. We have the largest service coverage area in the state, so you can talk anywhere, at anytime, without being worried about losing reception.

M: That's great. So, what kind of plans do you offer?

W: We have plans starting out at \$20 per month. That comes with 400 anytime minutes. Plus, you get to talk after 7 p.m. for free.

M: That sounds perfect for me. How much are your phones?

W: I can actually get you a phone for free if you agree to sign up for a one-year contract.

M: OK, I'll think about it. Thank you for your help.

W: No problem. Have a good day.

26.  **Track 266**  01:05

W: Humans seem to have very little in common with octopuses, but one relation between us and these eight-legged sea creatures is that we have similar eyes. Scientists have found that an octopus's eyes contain many of the same parts as the human eye. For example, they are able to see in many of the same colors as humans do. And their sight is far more advanced when compared with other animals. However, there are some differences between human and octopuses' eyes. One is that octopuses have an extra layer of protective skin to shield them from particles passing through the water. In the end, scientists aren't sure at what point in their evolution octopuses formed complex eyes. But they do know that they evolved at a separate rate than human eyes.

27.  **Track 267**  00:53

M: Corey was a boy who always did the right thing. But no matter how generous or friendly he was to others, it seemed like bad things happened to him often. One day, Corey went to work, and his boss said he was fired because the restaurant door had been left unlocked. He tried to explain to his boss that it was not his fault and that another waiter was in charge of locking the door, but it was no use. Although he was disappointed, he didn't stay sad and started to look for a new job right away. A week later, he found a job he was interested in while reading the newspaper, and after the interview, he got the job. In the end, he didn't even miss his old job because he liked the new one even better.

28.  **Track 268**  00:54

W: Hi, I'm calling about the listing in the paper about the apartment on Twelfth Street. Is it still available?

M: You are referring to the one-bedroom apartment with a large backyard.

W: Yes, sir. That's the one.

M: You are in luck. It is still for rent.

W: That's great! What is your policy on pets?

M: I've allowed tenants to keep one cat or one small dog. I don't allow large dogs because they cause too much damage.

W: That's OK. I have a chihuahua, which is pretty small. When would I be able to move in?

M: I'm currently fixing the bathroom, so it won't be ready until the first of the month.

W: That sounds fine to me.

M: But you should drop by to take a look at the inside before then.

W: _____

29.  **Track 269**  00:53

M: Do I have any afternoon appointments today, Mrs. Smith?

W: Actually, you had one with Mr. Baker, but he just called to cancel his 3 o'clock appointment.

M: I'm sorry to hear that. Did he say why?

W: Yes, he said that he had a sore throat, but he is feeling better, and he had an unexpected meeting at work.

M: Did you tell him we'd have to charge him the no-show fee since he didn't cancel 24 hours in advance?

W: Yes, I did. He paid by credit card over the phone.

M: Very well, then. Is anybody else coming later?

W: Nope. It looks like you're done for the day.

M: I thought I saw that Mrs. Hathaway was scheduled for this afternoon.

W: No, she's coming in tomorrow afternoon.

M: _____

30.  **Track 270**  00:58

W: Betty had always met her tutor each week at her house to study. However, this week was different because her tutor had to work late, and it was more convenient for them to meet at the public library. So, they both agreed to meet in the computer room at 4 o'clock. The problem was that when Betty arrived, she realized she wasn't very familiar with the public library. She assumed that it was like the library at her high school, but in fact, it was far bigger than she expected. At first, she tried to look around for her tutor on her own but failed to find her. After wandering through the building for a few minutes, she saw a librarian restocking books on the shelves and decided to go talk to her.

29:16

**Practice Test 10**1. **Track 271** 01:04

- M: Can I help you find something?
 W: Yes, I'm looking to buy some luggage. The bag I have right now is too big. I need something smaller.
 M: I'm guessing that this large rolling suitcase wouldn't really fit your needs.
 W: No, I need something I can carry on the plane with me. Do you have any gym bags?
 M: There's this one. It's smaller, and you'd have to carry it by the handles.
 W: I'd rather have something that is easier to carry.
 M: What about this one? It has a hard case with brown leather trim.
 W: It just looks too boxy to me.
 M: Maybe you'd prefer this smaller black one.
 W: No, that looks too much like a briefcase. I just want something that I could carry around and still be able to use my hands.
 M: Then, I think you should go with this one. You could carry it over your shoulder.

2. **Track 272** 00:53

- M: Karen, didn't you say you wanted to make dinner tonight?
 W: That's right. I'm going to cook up some pasta, I think.
 M: That'll be good. You should get some lettuce for a salad and stir-fry some other vegetables, too.
 W: Oh, and I can't forget the milk and parmesan cheese.
 M: Do you want anything from the canned food aisle? I'm going to get some canned corn.
 W: Yes, can you get some tomato sauce, please?
 M: And what about some garlic bread from the bakery section?
 W: You're right! We can't have pasta without garlic bread.
 M: OK, do we need anything else?
 W: No, I think that should cover it.
 M: Why don't you get in line while I go pick that up?
 W: Good idea. I'll be in the express line since we have less than ten items to buy, so hurry up.

3. **Track 273** 00:55

- W: Good morning, Mr. Matthews. Thank you for stopping.
 M: Good morning, Sarah. You are lucky I saw you. You almost missed your ride. Please sit down.
 W: Yeah, my mom would have been very disappointed if she had to drive me.

- M: Well, you don't have to be worried about that today. Did you do your homework for school?
 W: I sure did. I stayed up all night finishing my math assignment.
 M: Yeah, I thought you looked a little tired.
 W: It's OK, though, because I will take a nap after school.
 M: There you go, Sarah. That's the way to stay optimistic about the situation. As they say, there's no use crying over spilt milk.
 W: Yeah, right. No pain, no gain.
 M: OK, kids, we're here. Everybody off. Have a good day.

4. **Track 274** 01:02

- M: Did you see the free workshops they're giving at the museum?
 W: Yeah. I signed up for the photography class on Wednesday.
 M: What? Isn't that at the same time as your biology class?
 W: Yes. My biology class ends at 3:00.
 M: But the photography workshop starts at 2:30. Why don't you just sign up for a different workshop time? There's one on Mondays from 5:00 to 7:30.
 W: I can't. I work at the cafeteria at that time.
 M: Well, there are many other classes, too. Maybe you'd like a drawing class. That's held on Tuesdays from 4:00 to 6:30.
 W: No. I've actually already talked to the photography instructor. He said it would be fine if I come in half an hour late on Wednesday. I'll get out by 5:30.
 M: I guess you have it all taken care of then.

5. **Track 275** 01:01

- W: Good afternoon, Samson Electronics. How can I help you today?
 M: Yes, hi. I want a new phone line installed in my home.
 W: OK, we can have our technician go to your home either on Wednesday or Friday between 1 and 3 to install the line.
 M: Nobody will be at home then. Can't we do it during the weekend sometime?
 W: Yes, but it will be a little more expensive. It costs twenty dollars extra during the weekend.
 M: That's all right. I don't mind paying a little bit more.
 W: OK, what about Sunday afternoon?
 M: That is also hard for me. Saturday is better.
 W: Very well. You can expect someone in the morning, then. The installation charge is sixty-five dollars. Just remember that you will also have to pay the weekend fee.
 M: I understand. Thanks for your help.

6.  **Track 276**  01:00

- W: Can I help you find anything, sir?
 M: Actually, I'd like to exchange this toaster for a different one, please. Here's my receipt.
 W: I'm sorry, sir. It's been more than thirty days since you made this purchase. You can't exchange it now.
 M: Really? What difference does that make? It's broken.
 W: I understand that, but our policy doesn't allow returns or exchanges after thirty days. See, it's written on the receipt.
 M: I can't believe it. What am I supposed to do with a broken toaster?
 W: Well, more than likely, it's still under the manufacturer's warranty. Have you checked the paperwork that came with the toaster?
 M: I threw it all away. How was I supposed to know this cheap thing would break?
 W: I'm sorry, sir. I don't really know what else to tell you.
 M: Just forget about it. I'll take care of it myself.

7.  **Track 277**  00:59

- W: Good afternoon, I will be guiding you on this gondola boat tour of Venice today. As we turn around the corner here, in front of us you will see a stone structure on the right. This is a prime example of a sculpture in early Italian Renaissance style, and as you can see, the sculpture is very different from the Roman sculptures we can see from earlier in history. Then, next to it is a more modern statue by an unknown artist.
 M: What a great vacation so far! I have always dreamed of seeing the city with my own eyes. I can't believe how friendly the local people are, especially the old man who helped me find my way on the map when I was lost. Tonight, I will go see more museums, and I can't wait.

8.  **Track 278**  00:52

- M: Good morning, Helena viewers. This is Steward Baker with your daily weather forecast from Channel 23 News. I regret to say that we won't be seeing any of that beautiful sunshine that we enjoyed yesterday. Instead, the blue skies are going to be replaced with gray storm clouds and rain showers. Make sure to take your umbrellas with you today because it looks like it will be rainy all day long. Tomorrow, expect the temperature to drop heavily and to see some snow in the morning, and it will probably be cloudy through Friday. However, the moisture should dry up by then, and we'll see some strong winds reaching up to a rough 30 miles per hour.

9.  **Track 279**  00:53

- W: Health experts say that eating this type of food in moderation can be good for one's health. This is because it contains many substances that help keep the heart working strong. Another way it benefits the body is that it increases the amount of chemicals in the brain that make people feel happy. If that isn't enough of a reason to get people to consume this ingredient, it is usually mixed with milk and sugar to create a tasty snack. In candies, it is also combined with nuts or marshmallows. Although it is not the healthiest way of eating it, often sugar is also added to it to make it even more delicious.

10.  **Track 280**  00:54

- W: Cathy woke up late today and didn't have a chance to eat breakfast before she left her house this morning. By 10:00 a.m., she was so extremely hungry that she started to feel weak and a little dizzy. She continuously looked at her watch and wondered if she would make it through to her next class, let alone all the way until lunch time at 12:30. After her class, Cathy was on her way to the lecture hall when she passed by some vending machines and couldn't help herself any longer. She grabbed a few coins from her change purse, put them into the machine and bought a granola bar to munch on. She felt calmer at once and knew that she could make it until lunch now.

11.  **Track 281**  00:49

- W: a More people prefer to draw than collect stamps.
 b The most popular hobby is swimming.
 c Playing musical instruments is the least popular.
 d More people like to swim than play musical instruments.
 e Fewer people like to draw than write.

12.  **Track 282**  01:05

- M: Genevieve, you've been absent often lately. Where have you been?
 W: I've been traveling around the country visiting colleges.
 M: That's cool! So, where have you gone so far?
 W: I left Wednesday the seventeenth and visited Texas State first.
 M: What did you think?
 W: It was nice. Then, the next day, I went to Score's College in Oklahoma, and that was really cool, too.
 M: Did you stop at Oklahoma University while you were there?

W: Yeah, but I went on the weekend, so I didn't get to sit in any classrooms. When I left on Sunday, I felt like I didn't get a sense of it at all.

M: That's too bad. Where did you go next?

W: On Monday, I went to Hall's College in Arkansas. That was great. But I think I liked Georgia State University best. I went there on Tuesday.

M: Sounds like it was a great trip. Good luck with your applications.

13.  **Track 283**  01:09

W: Mangoes are often associated with tropical regions like Mexico or Puerto Rico. But it wasn't until the 19th century that mangoes were grown in those areas. Originally, mangoes were grown throughout Southeast Asia and India. In fact, four different Asian countries consider the mango their national fruit. It is also a custom in some Southeast Asian countries to give mango leaves as gifts at weddings to ensure the couple has a happy marriage because the fruit is seen as a symbol of love. Moreover, mangoes have a long history in many of these countries and are even part of their folklore. In one Indian myth, the daughter of the sun was captured and burned by a witch. But then a tree grew from her ashes, and from it sprang the first mango. When the ripe mango fell from the tree, the princess jumped out of it.

14.  **Track 284**  00:57

M: Horace enjoyed cooking, but he hated cleaning up because it always seemed that even the simplest meal created a huge mess. The problem was made worse because Horace never cleaned up immediately after using the kitchen. The dishes and pots would sit in the sink for hours until his mother forced him to do the dishes. However, by then, the food would dry and become stuck on them, which made them extremely difficult to clean. One day, Horace's friend Emily came over and helped him make cookies. As soon as they were done, Emily began washing the dishes. Horace noticed that they were easier to wash, and it only took her a few minutes to clean them since they hadn't been sitting in the sink for long. From then on, Horace decided to follow Emily's example.

15.  **Track 285**  00:57

Ⓐ M: Did you ask the realtor if the house was still for sale?
W: She said that a couple ended up buying it last week.

Ⓑ M: Do you think the polka dot shirt or the plaid sweater looks better?
W: Actually, I think that checkered shirt is best.

Ⓒ M: Do you have a dollar I can borrow until the day after tomorrow?
W: Sorry. I forgot my wallet at home and don't have any extra money on me.

Ⓓ M: Hey, you didn't see my sister around here, did you?
W: It's very nice to finally meet you.



Ⓔ M: Have you finished the math homework that is due Wednesday?
W: I still have a few questions to go.



16.  **Track 286**  00:56



M: Nancy, Dr. Brewer called to remind you of your appointment this afternoon at half past one.
W: Oh, no. I forgot about that. I've got to go talk to my professor about missing class then.
M: You should do that now, or you might not be able to find him.
W: I know, but I have to pick up some books from the library first. Otherwise, someone else might check them out. But I'll go right afterward.
M: Are you going to have time to go to lunch with us after all?
W: What time was that at?
M: I was thinking noon in the cafeteria.
W: I'm going to have to cancel, Mike. I'm sorry.
M: It's OK, it seems like you're pretty busy today.
W: I know. It's just that this doctor's appointment threw my whole schedule off. At least I can still go to my yoga class this afternoon.
M: That will help you relax.

17.  **Track 287**  00:56



M: Excuse me, miss. Are you having a problem with your car?
W: Actually, I am. My car has broken down. It won't start, and the right rear tire is flat. Can you take a look at it?
M: Sure. Maybe I can fix it. Would you like a soda while you wait?
W: No, but thanks, though. And I really appreciate your help.
M: Ah, here's the first problem. You have run out of gas.
W: Oh, that's good news. I thought it was something worse. Can you give me a ride to the gas station?
M: Even better. I have some spare gas you can have.
W: Really? Are you sure you don't mind? I can pay you for it.
M: No, it's really OK.
W: And can I use your cell phone to call a mechanic to fix the tire?
M: Certainly. Here you go.



18.  **Track 288**  00:54
- M: Mary, would you like to come over to watch the basketball game at my house tonight?
- W: That would be fun! And we can make nachos with cheese and salsa to eat during the game.
- M: That sounds delicious. What time can you come over? The game starts at 6:00.
- W: Oh, no. I can't tonight. I just remembered my sister has a class, so I don't have a ride.
- M: Well, I could always pick you up.
- W: Really? You wouldn't mind?
- M: It's no problem at all.
- W: That's so nice of you. Could you pick me up from the library? I'll be there anyway, and it's closer to your house.
- M: Sure, I'll see you in front of the library at 5:15.
- W: Could you just come at 5? That's when it closes.



19.  **Track 289**  01:01
- M: Hey, Corrine! I heard you were having a hard time during English class.
- W: I was! I couldn't stop being nervous during the group discussion.
- M: What I would do was pretend I was in the room alone with the teacher. Then, I didn't worry about the other students. Also, make sure to do all of your reading so you are prepared.
- W: Another problem is that I never feel confident talking in class.
- M: Why is that, do you think?
- W: Well, once I get nervous in the middle of talking, I start stuttering and forget what I want to say.
- M: If that happens, just pause and start again.
- W: I've never tried that before. I guess it couldn't hurt.
- M: Another thing I used to do was listen to what everyone else was saying and respond directly to them so I wouldn't get as lost.
- W: That makes sense. I think that might actually help.

20.  **Track 290**  00:57
- M: Hey, Sarah! How was your day?
- W: It was awful. I was so embarrassed because my teacher got angry with me in front of the whole class!
- M: What happened?
- W: I was five minutes late to class. I mean, what's the big deal with that?
- M: Is this the first time you've been late?
- W: No. I'm always late to that one because my class before it is on the other side of campus.
- M: Did you ever explain that to your teacher?
- W: No, she never lets me. She's arrogant and thinks her class is the best in the school and deserves the utmost respect.

- M: But don't you think that she has a reason to be angry? As far as she's concerned, you're just being late to be rude, especially if she doesn't understand your situation.
- W: I guess that's true. I'll try to talk to her again during her office hours.

21.  **Track 291**  01:00
- W: If you're looking for some fun and great food, visit Jason's Video Arcade today! Jason's has been ranked as the number one arcade in the city by the readers of Austin Monthly for three years in a row. That is because Jason's Arcade offers the best food and video games for the best prices. It is also the home of the Monster Burger, so you'd better come with a huge appetite to eat the biggest of all the burgers in town. Now, save even more on Tuesdays, when you can get unlimited tokens and dinner for only ten dollars. Come on down to the Southtown Mall, and find out why people are talking about Jason's Arcade. Also, visit our new location on Vista Valley Drive, located next to the bank.

22.  **Track 292**  00:58
- W: I'd like to exchange this book, please. It wasn't really what I was looking for, after all.
- M: You wouldn't happen to have your receipt, would you?
- W: Yes, I have it right here.
- M: Thank you. OK, are you exchanging the first one or the second one?
- W: The second one, by Robin Van Persie.
- M: And may I ask why you are returning this book?
- W: Actually, I found the concepts too abstract, and it wasn't what I was looking for.
- M: Understandable. OK, I'm going to give you credit for \$5.50.
- W: Thanks.
- M: You paid by credit card before. Do you want me to add the credit to your card?
- W: Yes, please.
- M: OK, your credit card will be credited the money within three days. Thank you for visiting the University Bookstore.

23.  **Track 293**  01:02
- W: In many eastern cultures, the lotus flower is seen as a symbol of purity. This is because the plant, which grows best in muddy water, stays clean no matter what. Not too long ago, a scientist named Wilhelm Barthlott found out why this was so and called the phenomenon "The Lotus Effect." He discovered that the lotus plant was able to cleanse itself in a unique way because the structure of the leaves help

them resist getting wet. In other words, the smooth surface of the leaves causes liquid to easily roll off and take along with it any dirt or other substances that might have fallen on the lotus plant. Think about that the next time you water the plants in your house. Now I hope all of you understand _____.

24.  **Track 294**  01:01

M: Chinchillas are creatures that look a little like cuter versions of rats. These days, many people are beginning to keep chinchillas as pets, but they do not realize the work it takes to take care of them. Experts advise that people should adopt chinchillas from a rescue shelter rather than buying them from a pet store. Since chinchillas are social creatures and need to interact with other chinchillas, it is also helpful to take home more than one. By getting two chinchillas, you might be able to avoid some of the problem behaviors, such as chewing and biting. But the problem of chewing will never be completely avoided. That's because a chinchilla's teeth grow throughout the course of their entire lifetime, and they chew on objects in order to wear their teeth down.

25.  **Track 295**  01:06

M: Hi, is this where I apply for the lifeguard position?
W: Yes, it is. I'm actually all out of applications. How about if I get some information about you to pass on to the manager instead?
M: That's fine with me. My name is Gabriel Marquez, and my phone number is 892-1242.
W: Is that a 512 area code?
M: No, it's 660. I just moved here from Houston.
W: I see. Are you looking for a full-time or a part-time job?
M: I was hoping to get a part-time position. It would be too hard for me to work a regular 9 to 5 job while I'm going to school.
W: Well, you're in luck because we currently have two part-time positions to fill. OK, Gabriel, I'll pass this along, and you should be hearing from us soon.
M: Can you tell me when I should be expecting the call?
W: It will probably be later this week.

26.  **Track 296**  00:55

W: Concerns about the environment have led to a number of changes in the modern world. People around the world are trying to do their part to help the Earth, especially to stop the causes of pollution. But according to one scientist, the changes may

have already become too serious for the ancient temples that remain in Greece. He says that the ancient Parthenon is breaking down. This is because chemicals in the air from pollution break down the stone used to build the temple. He also thinks that the stone statues that are inside of the temple should be removed and taken to a museum so that they will be preserved for many more years to come.

27.  **Track 297**  00:54

M: Maggie walked into the kitchen one afternoon and smelled the delicious aroma of freshly baked cookies. Then, she saw a pan of cookies cooling on the counter by the refrigerator. She looked around, and no one was in sight, so she reached out and ate as many as she could in a hurry. At dinner that night, Maggie started to have a stomachache, and she immediately knew it must have been the cookies she ate before. Her family continued to eat, not realizing Maggie's discomfort. But Maggie thought that they were punishing her for eating the cookies without asking. Finally, it began to hurt so much that Maggie cried, "It was me that ate the cookies! Can someone please help me?"

28.  **Track 298**  00:57

W: Jared, what do you think about using colored paper for the poster?
M: I'm for that, but make sure it is a light color so our photos will be visible.
W: Wait a minute. But what about all these drawings we made? We should use some of them, don't you think?
M: Oh, you're right. I totally forgot.
W: Plus, I think Ms. Henderson would like to see our sketches.
M: OK, let's make sure to choose paper that is not the same color as the paper we sketched on.
W: Good idea. That way, it will also stand out when we present it to the class.
M: Do you think we can include the photos as well?
W: Sure, why not? But let's try to make them the same size as the sketches.
M: Actually, I've already done that. Here you go.
W: _____

29.  **Track 299**  00:57

W: Good afternoon. Is Mr. Jilner there?
M: Speaking. How can I help you?
W: My name is Margaret, and I'm the manager down at Cline's Video Store. I'm calling about your rental account.

M: Oh, I see. Is there a problem?
 W: Well, Mr. Jilner, our records show that the movie you rented last week still hasn't been returned.
 M: I did return that, along with two other movies I had rented.
 W: Are you sure? We never received it.
 M: Just a moment. Oh, I'm sorry. It looks like I left it in the VCR by mistake.
 W: No problem. But we'll have to charge you some late fees.
 M: I understand.
 W: And if you could please return it to our store as soon as possible, that would be great.
 M: _____

30. **Track 300** 00:58

W: Naomi went to a baseball game on Friday night because her best friend, Freddy, played on the school team. She had never seen him play before, and was very impressed by his skills as she watched the game. She also had no idea he could run so fast. In all the time she had known her best friend, she didn't know he was a star player on the team. With Freddy's help, their team won by a narrow margin in the ninth inning. Immediately after the game, Naomi rushed down the aisle in the stands toward the dugout to congratulate Freddy. At first, it was difficult to find him because there were many people around, but finally she saw Freddy's head sticking out from the crowd.

29:48



Practice Test 11

1. **Track 301** 00:55

W: Hi, Bill. Oh, I'm sorry. I thought you were somebody else.
 M: It's OK. Maybe I can help you find him.
 W: Thank you. I would really appreciate it.
 M: Let's see. Is that him with the sunglasses?
 W: No, he wasn't wearing any today.
 M: OK. Is he the one wearing a scarf and a hat?
 W: I don't think so. I do remember he was wearing a light-colored shirt.
 M: So, he couldn't be the one with the jacket.
 W: Right. No jacket. Although I noticed he was wearing a black tie before as well.
 M: Oh, I think I see him. He has one hand in his pocket.
 W: That's him. Thank you for your help.

2. **Track 302** 00:51

M: Jillian, look at that exhibit! Have you ever seen anything so beautiful?



W: No, I've never seen one of those before. What is it called?
 M: The sign over here says "Blue Sea Whale."
 W: Does it say who did it?
 M: It's by Marcus Gallagher. He's the one who did the "Great Volcano Eruption" painting, isn't he?
 W: No, that was Oscar Perez. Gallagher did "Love is Blind."
 M: I really like this one. I wonder how much it sells for.
 W: That woman over there looks like she works here. Maybe she can tell us how much it costs.
 M: Let's look around a little more first. I don't want to buy in a hurry.
 W: All right. It looks like there is more this way.



3. **Track 303** 00:56



M: Hi, Betty. This is Horace calling.
 W: Oh, hello, Horace. Thank you for returning my call so quickly.
 M: Sure thing. What seems to be the problem?
 W: Well, when I woke up this morning, I noticed my toilet is clogged, and the bathroom floor is covered with water.
 M: That's not good. Is the water still running?
 W: No, I found the way to shut it off outside.
 M: OK. I'll jump in my truck and come over right away to fix it. I'm guessing one of your pipes burst.
 W: Great. Oh, and the power is out in the bathroom as well. Can you help fix that, too?
 M: Actually, you may need to call an electrician for that job. I only specialize in plumbing.
 W: OK, I will. See you soon.

4. **Track 304** 01:05



M: Hi, I'd like to sign up for tutoring sessions for my chemistry class.
 W: You are in luck. Most of our tutors are booked up, but we have openings for two chemistry tutors at the moment. Amy and Walter.
 M: That's good. When are they available?
 W: Amy offers a private session on Wednesday from 3:00 to 4:30. She has another session on Friday from 5:00 to 6:45, but that's a group session.
 M: What about the other tutor's schedule?
 W: Walter gives private lessons from 3:30 to 5:00 on Tuesday. His group session is on Thursday from 3:15 to 5:30.
 M: I want to sign up for Amy's private session please.
 W: OK, I'll write that down. Just make sure to show up about five minutes in advance so you can sign in.
 M: Thank you very much.
 W: No problem. Have a good day.



5.  **Track 305**  01:00
- M: Good morning. I wanted to find out about leasing a table for the team bake sale.
- W: I can help you with that. When were you thinking of having it?
- M: So far, we'd planned for the twelfth, but I guess it depends on whether there's anything available then.
- W: Let's see . . . the twelfth is next Wednesday. I'm sorry; it's already rented out for that day.
- M: What about the day before that?
- W: Nope, the eleventh is also full. But the fourteenth isn't. Would you like to reserve that day?
- M: Yeah, I think that works. How much does it cost to rent?
- W: It's \$10 per hour. How long will it be set up?
- M: It's going to be three hours for all of the lunch periods, and then another hour and a half after school.
- W: OK, I'll make the reservation. Good luck with the bake sale!



6.  **Track 306**  00:56
- M: Lily, I was in the garage today, and I noticed the trash is still in there. Why is the trash still in the garage?
- W: I was working on my project for class out there last night.
- M: Yes, I know. But the trash . . . it shouldn't be in there anymore.
- W: Why not? Was I supposed to do something with it?
- M: You were supposed to put it out on the sidewalk. The garbage truck came by this morning.
- W: Oh, it completely slipped my mind last night. I was just so busy with my project. But it's almost done.
- M: Now we're going to have a garage full of trash for the next week.
- W: I promise I'll do it next time.
- M: I hope so. Otherwise, it's going to get pretty smelly in there.
- W: And we don't want that for sure. You can count on me to take the trash out next week.

7.  **Track 307**  01:04
- W: Most of you probably have a computer at your house. A computer can be used for entertainment, but it is also a great tool for school. You can use it to research topics and make graphs for your projects, or you can use a word-processing program to type out your essays. So today, I've invited Mr. Brown from the Computer Science department to talk to our English class a little more about using your computer to write essays.

M: Thank you for the introduction, Ms. Ochoa. So, imagine that Ms. Ochoa here asked you to write an English paper. In brief, what you would do is open a new document in your word-processing program. Then, after you finish typing your paper, you go to the "Tools" menu at the top of the screen and run a spell check. That way, you can make sure you don't have any spelling mistakes.

8.  **Track 308**  00:51
- M: Good morning, Kansas City. This is Nick Cuomo from the Weather Station. We haven't seen any sunshine since early this week, and it looks like we won't be getting any relief from the storms that we're experiencing here in Kansas City. To make things worse, there's a storm system developing over the west that is going to cause even more rain. The system moved in yesterday and will stay at least through the day after tomorrow. We expect anywhere from one to three inches of rain today, which doesn't sound like much except that all of the rivers in this area have already risen slightly. There's a large chance of flooding on Friday, especially if the rainy weather continues.

9.  **Track 309**  00:56
- W: This doesn't happen very often, but when it does, it is a very powerful experience. This happens when the moon moves between the Earth and the sun. Sometimes the moon completely blocks the sun, making it dark on Earth for a short period. Scientists have come to understand them more in modern times with the help of improvements in the study of stars, and now they can predict the precise time that they will happen. The fact that they are so rare causes many people to travel to destinations that give them a better view of this event. But be warned because looking directly at it can cause damage to your vision. So, make sure to wear specially designed glasses to view it.

10.  **Track 310**  00:58
- W: Justine had a strange dream last night. In the dream, she ran into her friend, Denise, at the park and asked her if she would like to have coffee together. She bought Denise a cup of coffee, but Denise hated it and said it tasted awful. Justine became worried, and suddenly, she jumped up and started running away from Denise. But the harder she tried to run, the slower her pace became. She could hear Denise catching up behind her, and then it occurred to her that she didn't know why she was running. When she stopped, Denise

touched her on the back and screamed, "Tag, you're it!" Then, Justine woke up all confused and did not understand why she had that weird dream.

11.  **Track 311**  00:54

- W: (a) More money is spent on equipment than on uniforms and food combined.
- (b) The same amount of money is spent on signs as is spent on food.
- (c) The amount of travel and equipment combined is exactly half of the budget.
- (d) The amount of money spent on uniforms is the same as food and signs combined.
- (e) The booster club spends the most money on equipment.

12.  **Track 312**  01:04

- M: Hi, Fiona. I heard you joined the photography club. How's that going?
- W: Great! I get to travel around with the soccer team and take pictures. But we have a rough schedule coming up. It's going to get very busy.
- M: Oh, really? When's the next game?
- W: The next game is this Wednesday the sixth. It's a home game, so I won't have to leave Redmond.
- M: That's good. Isn't there a tournament on Thursday?
- W: No, we're off Thursday, but the tournament starts on the eighth in Coupeville. And the second day of the tournament is moved to Oak Harbor. I think they are cutting the grass on Barnes field that Saturday.
- M: Are there any games next week?
- W: Yes, they're playing in Bellingham on the thirteenth.
- M: Cool, isn't that a playoff game?
- W: No, the playoffs start on the fifteenth. We're playing Bremerton. You should go to that one.
- M: I'm certainly going to try.

13.  **Track 313**  01:05

- W: Many people get a taste of adventure by rock climbing. A sport that is similar to rock climbing is ice climbing. In ice climbing, one still maneuvers up solid rock walls, except that they are covered with ice. Though the sports are similar, each activity uses different types of equipment. First, ice climbers must wear heavier clothing to protect them from the cold, while in regular rock climbing, clothing is usually lighter, so it's easier to move in. Additionally, another difference between the two sports is the kind of footwear used. Rock climbers usually wear regular climbing shoes and attach large spikes that fit over the bottoms of the shoes to help them

climb. Ice climbers, however, use boots called fruit boots that already have spikes attached to them and weigh less.

14.  **Track 314**  00:49

- M: Since he was a little boy, Kelly had always been teased about his name. Other students made fun of him by saying that he had a girl's name. So, at the age of ten, Kelly decided he would only go by his middle name, which is Sean. When he was fifteen years old, his grandfather invited him to visit his ancestors' home in Ireland. While he was in Ireland, he met many boys named Kelly, which helped him to realize that his first name was part of his culture, and he didn't have anything to be embarrassed about. When he returned from his trip in Ireland, he proudly introduced himself as Kelly wherever he went.

15.  **Track 315**  00:59

- (a) M: So, would you like to have lunch with me the day after tomorrow?
- W: Yes, it was absolutely delicious. Thank you for the meal.
- (b) M: How much farther is it to the next city do you think?
- W: I'm guessing it is about two and half hours away.
- (c) M: When is your birthday, Mary Sue?
- W: It is next month actually. My birthday is April fifteenth.
- (d) M: I heard you are having a garage sale soon. What will you have for sale?
- W: Mostly old clothes that don't fit me anymore and some books.
- (e) M: I think this is the cleanest I've ever seen your house.
- W: Yeah, I hired a housekeeper last week. She did a great job.

16.  **Track 316**  01:01

- M: Daphne, have you chosen your major yet?
- W: Yes. You should turn in the paperwork on yours soon. It's sort of a complicated process.
- M: OK. Why don't we do it together? How do I get started?
- W: Well, before you fill out your application, you have to go to the registration office and request a copy of your grades.
- M: Why is that?
- W: Because the application asks you to list every class you've taken for that department.
- M: That makes sense. I've got to go see the registrar, then.
- W: So, after you do that, you have to visit the head of the department and get their signature.
- M: Does that take long?

W: No, they just take a look at it and sign.
M: Is that it?
W: No, when you get the signature, turn it in to the registrar. They will file your application and call you within two weeks for the interview.

17.  **Track 317**  01:01

W: Hi. I want to order some products from your winter catalog.
M: OK, I can take your order over the phone. Do you have the item numbers?
W: I don't. But I can tell you the product name. The first is a large Miller jacket. I also want to order the medium Phillips gloves.
M: What color did you want the jacket in?
W: Green, please.
M: I'm sorry, ma'am. We're sold out of green jackets in that style. How about blue?
W: I'd rather have it in green. Do you have any of the Leslie jackets in green?
M: Yes, we do. I'll add that to your order. Would you like to be added to our email list? You'll get 50 percent off your shipping just for signing up.
W: Yes, that sounds great.
M: And would you like to pay by credit card now or cash on delivery?
W: I'd like to pay by credit card now, please.

18.  **Track 318**  00:59

M: Thank you for inviting me to your party. Do you need help setting up?
W: Yes! I have so much to do that day. I need to pick up the cake from Mom's Bakery, and I also have to set up the decorations.
M: I can pick up the cake on my way over to your house. Then, I can help with the decorations.
W: That's very nice of you. I'd really appreciate it.
M: So, I'll leave my house by 10 o'clock.
W: Actually, the cake won't be ready until noon. And I wouldn't want you to make more than one trip.
M: What if I leave to get the cake and come to your house at 12:30 then? That should still leave enough time to put up the decorations before the party.
W: Most certainly. The first guests won't get here until 3.
M: OK, sounds good. See you on Saturday.
W: Thanks again. See you then.

19.  **Track 319**  01:00

M: Hannah, did you study abroad?
W: Yes, I went to India. What about you?
M: I want to, but I have no idea where to go.

W: You should visit the study abroad office and speak to the counselor.

M: I did already, and she was helpful. Can you tell me where else I can find more information?

W: Try visiting the websites of the universities you're interested in. And do a search about the cities you may live in. That helped me out a lot.

M: What kinds of classes did you take?

W: I focused mostly on foreign language classes since I was living in a different culture setting.

M: That makes sense. What would you do differently?

W: I would choose to live with a family instead of living in an apartment with other students. I think that would have helped me get a better sense of what home life is like in India.

20.  **Track 320**  01:00

W: I went to the movies last night with Lisa. She invited some of her other friends from school. It was weird, though, because she acted completely different when they arrived.

M: Really? Like how?

W: Well, at one point, she started making fun of me for no reason at all. But she's always been pretty friendly toward me.

M: So, you've never seen her act that way before?

W: No, it seemed like she was just trying to impress them.

M: How did you react to her teasing?

W: Like I normally do. I told her it was mean. Honestly, it just doesn't make sense to me.

M: I think you're right. Plus, it's so hard to act like someone you're not.

W: You're right. They invited me out again tonight.

M: Are you going to meet them?

W: Yes, but I still want to talk to Lisa about the way she acted.

21.  **Track 321**  01:01

W: Good afternoon, students. This is Principal Rowley speaking. Our student council officers spent this afternoon counting ballots, and I'm happy to announce that we have a winner in the third annual Benton Junior High Drawing Contest. With more than 50 percent of the student votes, the winner is Tabby Hamilton from Ms. Norwood's sixth-grade class. Tabby will receive a party at the pizzeria for her class, as well as drawing lessons with Mr. Gonzalez of the Benton Art Institute. To see her picture, "The First Thanksgiving Dinner," and those of all the contest participants, please visit the exhibit located in the third-floor lecture hall. I want

to thank everybody who participated in the contest, and I look forward to seeing even more entries next year!

22.  **Track 322**  01:10

W: Jim, would you like to sign my petition? I'm trying to convince the school to stop using plastic foam in the cafeteria.

M: Can you tell me more about it?

W: It started when I read that Avonton High produces half a ton of trash a month. I looked into it more and found out that most of that was from plastic foam trays.

M: Really? What's so bad about plastic foam?

W: The main problem is that it takes up a lot of room in garbage cans. According to my research, of all the plastic recycled last year, zero percent was plastic foam.

M: That's terrible.

W: My petition also includes information about how we can save money by using paper instead. My figures show we can save about 30 percent.

M: That's convincing. How many signatures do you need?

W: I need fifty, and I still have a lot to go. I only have four so far.

M: All right. Sure, I'll sign your petition.

23.  **Track 323**  01:01

W: Early adventurers had many obstacles. One thing that kept people from making long treks into the mountains was the shortage of food and supplies. These necessary materials were also very heavy, making it impossible for adventurers to travel long distances before running out of food. A 20th century explorer named Hiram Bingham, famous for discovering the ancient city of Machu Picchu, solved this problem by using llamas to carry their belongings and supplies. That way, the people on the trip wouldn't be tired out from carrying the load themselves. Additionally, Bingham also packed a box for each day of the trip. Each box contained just the right amount of food for everyone traveling with him. Now I hope all of you understand _____.

24.  **Track 324**  01:08

M: No party is complete without balloons. But it wasn't until 1847 that the plastic balloons used for decorations were produced. Before then, balloons were made from animal bladders. The first balloon ever recorded was invented by a Portuguese priest, who presented the balloon to the Portuguese royal

family. Later, an English scientist created the rubber balloon. Plastic balloons are better than other types of balloons because they are able to hold the air for longer. In modern times, balloons have many different uses other than party decorations. An example of this is how artists use them as molds to sculpt shapes. The most surprising use is in medicine where doctors can place a tiny balloon into clogged blood vessels near the heart. Once it is inserted and inflated, the balloon clears out the artery and helps decrease the chance of a heart attack in patients.

25.  **Track 325**  01:05

M: Hi, I need to send this letter. Can you help me, please?

W: Certainly. It says here, you're sending this to the Brown University Admissions Office in Providence, Rhode Island. Do you know the zip code?

M: Oh, I forgot to put it on there. It's 02912. How much is the postage for that?

W: It's going to be a dollar. Are you applying to college there?

M: Yes. This is a very important letter.

W: If that's the case, I strongly suggest you send it by certified mail. Then, the post office will keep a record of when the letter was delivered.

M: Does it cost any extra?

W: Yes, it's an extra two dollars. But I think it's worth it for the peace of mind.

M: Yes, I think so, too. I'll do that then.

W: OK, so your total is three dollars. Can I help you with anything else?

M: Nope, that's everything. Thanks.

26.  **Track 326**  01:04

W: The Gobi Desert is located in Asia. Unlike typical deserts, the Gobi is cold and rocky. So as one would imagine, very few animals can survive in this environment. But with the help of several adaptations, Bactrian camels have lived in the Gobi Desert for thousands of years because they can survive in both hot and cold weather due to the two different coats of fur they have. To illustrate, in hot summer weather, they shed their coats in order to stay cool. Furthermore, it is not easy to find food in the Gobi Desert because most of the plants that are able to grow there are prickly with hard thorns on them. As a result, the Bactrian camel's mouth is especially adapted to be able to eat all types of plants without getting hurt.

27.  **Track 327**  00:52

M: Marty was having breakfast one morning when he read an advertisement on his cereal box. If he

mailed in the top of the box, he could get a free shirt, so he immediately cut off the top of the box and carried it with him all day so he could mail it in. At school, he couldn't stop thinking about his free shirt so he pulled the box top out of his pocket so often. After school, he went to the post office and sent off the box top. The next day, he thought about his shirt a few times, but not as much as the first day. When the mail carrier delivered the shirt the following week, he had completely forgotten that he had even sent off the box top.

28. **Track 328** 00:52
- W: Adrian, thank you for inviting me to lunch. It was delicious.
- M: No problem. You're always great company. And the food here is the best in town.
- W: I agree. I'm sorry to do this, but I have to cut it short.
- M: Really? Do you have another appointment?
- W: Yes, I have a dentist appointment at 2:30.
- M: I didn't realize you had somewhere else to be. You should have said something.
- W: It's not a big deal. Let me ask for the check.
- M: The waitress brought it by already. It's \$20.
- W: OK, here is \$10 for my half.
- M: Please, Pamela. I invited you to lunch. Please let me take care of the check. I insist.
- W: _____

29. **Track 329** 01:02
- W: Hi, Oliver. It's Pam. How are you doing?
- M: I'm sorry, this isn't Oliver. I'm Larry, Oliver's cousin.
- W: Oh, I'm sorry. You two sound exactly the same.
- M: I know, many people say that.
- W: So you're the one visiting from Chicago, right? Oliver told me you were coming to see him.
- M: Yeah, I've never visited him here before. I just arrived around noon today.
- W: I think you'll like it. It's really quiet, but there are a lot of friendly people here. How long will you be in town?
- M: Just until next week. I wish I could stay longer, but I've got to go back to school.
- W: I understand. Well, listen, when you see Oliver, would you mind giving him a message?
- M: Not at all. What should I tell him?
- W: Tell him that I can't study with him tonight, but he can return my math notes tomorrow in class.
- M: _____

30. **Track 330** 00:53
- W: Earlier this week, Lorena started feeling sick. It began as a small headache, but by the evening, she had a sore throat and a fever. She had a hard time sleeping that night because she kept having to get up to vomit in the bathroom. Although she hated missing school, she was not able to go to classes on Tuesday and Wednesday. Her doctor prescribed her some medicine, and she knew that if she just got some rest, she would be fine soon. On Wednesday night, her friend Nathan came over to her house to give her copies of homework the teacher had passed out and explained what the teacher had gone over in class.

30:00



Practice Test 12

1. **Track 331** 00:56
- M: Hey, Sally. Can you help me find a hat for my costume?
- W: Certainly. What kind of hat are you looking for?
- M: I need something with a big, round brim.
- W: So, this graduation hat won't work then?
- M: No. Neither will that witch's hat.
- W: Is it a Halloween party? What are you going as?
- M: Yeah, it's for Halloween. I'm going as a player in a mariachi band, you know, a band that plays music from Mexico.
- W: So, the polka-dot birthday party hat is out?
- M: Right. The hat with the stars and stripes won't work either.
- W: See the sombrero with the wide brim? I think it's perfect!
- M: Yeah, that is the hat I'm looking for.
2. **Track 332** 00:52
- M: I heard that the city's professional baseball team is supposed to make an appearance this year.
- W: That's cool!
- M: I think it's great that so many people have come to enjoy the carnival.
- W: Well, the money raised here today is going toward a good cause.
- M: Tell me who's sponsoring this again?
- W: The Read for Life group has this fun day every six months. The money they earn buys books for children who can't afford them.

- M: That is a good cause. What ride are you going to go on first?
 W: I think I'm going on the Ferris wheel. What do you want to go on?
 M: I want to ride the roller coaster. But we can do that after your ride.
 W: OK. The line looks long, so we should hurry up.

3.  **Track 333**  00:59

- M: You look like you could use some lemonade.
 W: That does sound good.
 M: You won't be disappointed. I buy the lemons at the market every week and hand-squeeze them fresh every morning.
 W: If I'd known that, I would've stopped by here before now.
 M: Maybe you can help me spread the word.
 W: If it tastes as good as you say, then I will for sure. How long have you had a drink stand for?
 M: Only five months or so. My parents own a restaurant, so it has given me food service experience. My dream is to own a café some day.
 W: That's a good goal to have. You are still young, so you can do it.
 M: Thanks. And working down here is also great for meeting new people. It is so much fun.
 W: Well, I'm glad it worked out for you like that.
 M: Thank you. Enjoy your lemonade, and please come again!

4.  **Track 334**  01:02

- W: The manager at the gym asked me to teach a kickboxing class on Tuesday nights.
 M: That's great. Maybe I'll come.
 W: I hope so. It would be nice to have a familiar face in the audience. It's from 4:45 to 6:15 on Tuesdays.
 M: The only problem is I have band practice on Tuesdays from 3:45 to 4:45.
 W: The gym isn't too far from the school. Surely the band director doesn't keep you the entire time every day.
 M: Actually, he does. He believes in using every available minute of practice time.
 W: Well, why don't you just come as soon as band practice is done?
 M: That would work, I guess. I bet I could be there fifteen minutes after band practice ends.
 W: Perfect! Thank you for wanting to come.
 M: I wouldn't miss it. Besides, I could use the exercise!

5.  **Track 335**  01:02

- M: I appreciate your business for sure, ma'am, and you won't be disappointed.
 W: You're offering a good deal. You are only asking for \$20 to mow my lawn.
 M: I just need to make a little extra spending money, and I believe \$20 is a fair price.
 W: Can you tell me when to expect you each week?
 M: I need to look at my schedule, but I believe I have Thursday afternoons available.
 W: That won't work. I host a bridge club game at my house on Thursday afternoons. I was hoping you'd be able to do it on Wednesday mornings.
 M: Well, we don't schedule any lawns before 11 a.m.
 W: I'm willing to throw in a \$10 tip every time.
 M: You make it hard for me to resist. I can't do Wednesdays, though. What about Tuesdays?
 W: That works for me. I'll expect you every week then, at 9:00 a.m.
 M: OK. It's a deal.

6.  **Track 336**  00:59

- W: My daughter purchased a sports jacket here yesterday and was overcharged.
 M: That can be easily fixed. Do you have the sports jacket and the receipt?
 W: I do, but I want to speak to the manager about this.
 M: Well, ma'am, this is something that I can take care of for you.
 W: I'd rather just discuss this with the manager, thank you.
 M: But I can just refund the money your daughter overpaid.
 W: You're not hearing me. Let me speak to the manager.
 M: I understand that you're frustrated, ma'am, but I can take care of this in just a matter of a few minutes.
 W: It's not the time I'm worried about. I want you to do what I requested right now.
 M: Well, ma'am, the manager leaves it up to each cashier as to whether or not he should be involved in a customer issue.
 W: This is ridiculous. I demand to speak to the manager!

7.  **Track 337**  01:02

- W: I really don't know why you are having a problem with the plans for the building. We had several meetings over the past few months to finalize

how we wanted things to look. It was upon the suggestions from those meetings that I developed the plans. Before the ground was ever broken, the plans had been approved by everyone in the process. Honestly, I'm a little frustrated to have to redesign something that has already been partially built.

M: What an exciting thing to watch—the progress the construction workers are making. My family and I are so thrilled to see our dream house take shape in the unique work they are doing. Everyone in the family played a part in making the decisions about how to build what we wanted. I myself am happy to be one of the first in my family to have my own garage to park my car in.

8.  **Track 338**  00:57

W: Hello, Montana! This is Jane Santana with your weekly weather forecast. Those of us who have lived here for even a few years have been exposed to the crazy springtime weather in this area. It isn't uncommon to have a week of 65-degree temperature days followed by a blizzard, and this week looks to be no different. The snow that greeted us earlier in the week was ushered out of the area with clouds yesterday. And coming behind the clouds, we have two days of solid, spring sunshine to warm us after the chilly winter weather. So, enjoy today and tomorrow because we know nice days are few and far between this time of year.

9.  **Track 339**  00:52

M: This food grows in bunches and can be eaten right off the vine. It's extremely important because it can be found in everything from wine to salads and is even a popular flavoring for things like bubble gum and candy. This fruit is grown in areas all over the world and is green, reddish-purple, or a dark purple color. Though small in size, the health benefits of this fruit are many, such as the healthy vitamins, minerals, and other substances that help the body to build cells, resist disease, and keep your brain in good shape. So, the next time you need a snack, pop a few of these flavorful and healthy berry-type fruits into your mouth and enjoy.

10.  **Track 340**  01:02

W: Moving to another city for my senior year was not what I had planned. I'd gone to big schools all my life until I found myself enrolled at a high school with only 200 people in it. I figured I would be far ahead of them in my studies and in my athletic ability

since I'd been good at those things at a much bigger school. However, it didn't take me long to realize that I was sorely mistaken. The kids at my new school were ambitious and smart and had read a lot of books I hadn't. After a few basketball practices, I realized I would have to work really hard to make the team. Though it wasn't going to be easy, I was excited to be challenged by my new classmates, and I looked forward to doing my best to succeed.

11.  **Track 341**  00:58

- W: **a** A large number of students would rather volunteer than go on a vacation.
b Working at a summer job came in fourth place for favorite summertime activities.
c Roughly a fifth of the teenagers surveyed enjoy sleeping late in the summer.
d Teenagers would rather go on a family vacation than to summer camp.
e The most popular answer was that teenagers like to hang out with their friends in the summer.

12.  **Track 342**  00:59

W: So, where are you going on your family trip?
M: We fly to New York on Saturday the seventh, where we'll spend five nights.
W: How fun! Will you get to see the Statue of Liberty and other landmarks?
M: For sure! Then, we'll move on and spend the next two days in Boston.
W: That sounds great. Please tell me you will see a Red Sox game while you're there.
M: Of course. Then, on the fourteenth we will go to Philadelphia and spend two nights there.
W: Cool. You'll have to eat a Philly cheese steak for me.
M: I'll certainly do that. Then, we'll spend the next three nights in Washington, DC before ending the trip in Florida.
W: That's awesome. I've always wanted to visit the Capitol. Where are you going in Florida?
M: We'll spend the last three days in Miami before coming home.

13.  **Track 343**  01:05

M: We humans consider ourselves the most evolved creatures on the planet, and we do possess many traits that aren't duplicated in the animal world. It's important to remember that although we are highly developed, there are some traits found in animals and fish that we will never attain. For instance, the mantis shrimp can see eleven or twelve different

primary colors, while humans can only see three. Additionally, chameleon lizards can change the color of their skin to communicate with other lizards. Humans keep the skin color they have when they are born. Ants also routinely lift and carry items that are three times their own body weight. Most humans can't even lift their own body weight, much less carry it back to their residence. So, we need to remember that although we are at the top of the food chain, the world is occupied by many spectacular creatures besides us.

14.  **Track 344**  01:04

W: Amanda had to grow up very quickly after her mom died when she was only nine. She also had two younger siblings to take care of because her dad had to work to provide for the family. Amanda started doing the laundry for her family, and her aunt taught her how to cook a few simple dishes so she could make dinner at night. She also helped her younger brothers and sisters get ready for school every morning and even made all their lunches every day. When she was fifteen, her father remarried. His new wife insisted on doing the housework so that Amanda could have time to hang out with her friends. However, she didn't know many of the other children at school because she was always so busy before taking care of her family that she never had time to make close friends.

15.  **Track 345**  00:58

- Ⓐ W: Do you think that the price of gas will go down next month?
M: I'm not sure. I don't really understand how economics works.
- Ⓑ M: Excuse me, Mrs. Sanders. What is the date today?
W: Today is February the fourteenth.
- Ⓒ W: Hey, Steven, would you mind working for me in the nursery tonight?
M: I'm sorry. I already have plans, and I'm not very good with little children.
- Ⓓ M: It's almost Mother's Day. Have you thought about what gift you are going to give to your mom?
W: I was thinking of buying her flowers and making a card.
- Ⓔ W: Are you having a good time?
M: Yeah, I can't wait for the party next Saturday!

16.  **Track 346**  00:56

M: They just announced that basketball tryouts are in two hours, at 3:30.

W: That's great.
M: Not for me. I'm not sure how I'm going to juggle everything today.
W: What do you mean?
M: I've got to work the cash register during the lunch shift at the restaurant today, and I told my sister I'd help her write her essay. Then, I'm supposed to pick up books from the school library before 5:00.
W: Would your boss allow you to miss work?
M: I don't think so.
W: Why don't we go by the gym and ask the coach if you can come late?
M: That's a good idea. I'll call my sister after that and postpone study time until tonight. If you'd go by the library for me while I do that, I think I can make the practice on time.
W: Sure, no problem. But you'd better go!

17.  **Track 347**  00:55

W: All right, sir. I've got your table for the dinner reserved.
M: Thank you. Were we able to reserve one of the tables close to the band like we requested?
W: Yes, sir. You're only a few feet from the stage.
M: Perfect. And I'll need one less chair at the table. One of our guests in my party is in a wheelchair.
W: That's no problem, sir.
M: And I'm sorry to trouble you more, but can I see a menu? I want to order some wine before my guests arrive.
W: Here you go, sir.
M: Thank you. One more question: can you tell me if there will be a podium for my speech? I prefer to speak from one, if possible.
W: That is also not a problem, sir. I can have one brought in from the lecture hall.
M: Thank you again for all of your help.

18.  **Track 348**  00:54

M: What time does your flight land tomorrow?
W: Around noon. That reminds me, can you pick me up at the airport? I could rent a car, but my sister's planning to let me borrow hers once I get to her house.
M: I've got an hour for lunch, so that would be fine.
W: Thank you. My sister was going to, but she has to work.
M: I understand.
W: I would call a cab, but I'd prefer to save the money since the airport's several miles from the city.
M: Yeah, and cabs are getting more expensive. Don't worry about it.
W: I just remembered: I could take the airport shuttle.

M: I'm already planning to meet you there. Besides, it's an excuse to have lunch with you.
W: Oh, all right. It will be good to see you.

19.  **Track 349**  00:57

W: You've been studying for many hours now. Do you feel prepared for the test?
M: I'm so frustrated! I feel even less prepared than when I started.
W: Have you organized your study notes?
M: I didn't want to take the time.
W: Since the test has six sections, maybe you could study better if you divided up the material into each section.
M: That's not a bad idea.
W: Then, you could spend a certain amount of time studying each topic. That way, you're pushing yourself to get more done.
M: I'm also afraid I won't sleep tonight because I'm so nervous about this test.
W: I felt that way, too. Maybe you could reward yourself after studying with a movie to take your mind off things.
M: That's a great idea. Would you like to watch it with me?

20.  **Track 350**  00:52

M: Do you think it would be OK for me to skip basketball practice tomorrow?
W: Why? Is there something you've got to do?
M: Several of the guys are going to go see the new superhero movie.
W: Why can't you go after practice tomorrow night?
M: The rest of my friends are going right after school to beat the crowd because tomorrow's the release day.
W: What about your coach? What will he say?
M: I doubt he'd like it very much.
W: That's not a very good example for your teammates. By trying out for the team, you've said through your actions that you'll be dedicated to basketball.
M: I know, but I really want to hang out with my friends.
W: It might be a better idea to talk them into going to a different show time.

21.  **Track 351**  00:54

W: I can't tell you how pleased we are with tonight's turnout, in spite of the wintry weather going on outside. We appreciate all of you for coming out to help us launch this city's newest fine-art attraction, the Memorial Museum. Several of you have wanted

something like this for our community for many years, so I applaud your efforts to bring this about. I'm sure you're as thrilled as I am about seeing this museum become a first-class facility. Before you go, please help yourself to something from the dessert table. Also, be sure to be careful on those icy roads, and we'll plan to see you at next month's social event!

22.  **Track 352**  01:08

W: Thank you for calling Outdoor Hideaway customer service. How can I help you today?
M: I'm calling about the order I just received. It was shipped on the twenty-first of February.
W: OK. Can you please give me the order number located at the top right corner?
M: It's PR-8674.
W: Thank you. Did we leave out a part of your order?
M: No, ma'am. I received all eight items.
W: Did the order arrive late?
M: No. I ordered it on the twenty-first and received it on the twenty-sixth, as promised.
W: OK. What seems to be the problem?
M: I wanted to check the money I owe. The subtotal is correct—\$186.60—but the tax was more than I expected.
W: Let's see. It should've been \$9.30. I see you were charged twice the amount of tax that you should've been. I'll refund that to your credit card right away.
M: Thank you. I appreciate your help.

23.  **Track 353**  00:52

M: Interestingly, it is perfectly legal to not have a name. That's right; if someone chooses to remain nameless for the rest of their lives, they have the right to do so. While this seems bizarre, there are no laws that require a person to have a name. However, not having a name means that there are many things a person cannot do, such as obtaining a driver's license, getting married, opening a bank account, or even applying to college. It's obvious that life would be somewhat difficult without a name. How would your teachers call on you in class, or how would your employer recommend you for a raise? Still, for those who so choose, they can experience life _____.

24.  **Track 354**  01:09

W: Every year, a contest takes place in which high-school students develop ideas and programs to make the world a better place. It's called "The Better

Hour" contest. Its participants are some of the most forward-thinking high-school students in the nation. This year's first prize of ten thousand dollars goes to a high-school senior in Tennessee. She planned several events to raise money to buy supplies for orphans in poor neighborhoods. She also got her entire community involved and was able to help educate many who didn't know how desperate the lives of these orphans are. The other finalists were no less noble or creative in their ideas to help others. These high schoolers raised a record amount of money for cancer research, as well as collected shoes for the homeless. One finalist sent children's books to underdeveloped countries.

25.  **Track 355**  00:59

M: Would it be possible for you to help me with my algebra this afternoon?

W: Well, I've got soccer practice until 5:30.

M: Oh. I don't want to add another thing to your busy day.

W: I think we could do it after dinner. That shouldn't be a problem.

M: Would you like to eat supper together and then study? It would be my treat.

W: Thanks, but I'd better not. We eat together as a family every night. It's a fun tradition we have.

M: That's really cool. My parents both work the afternoon shift and don't get home until after 9. So, my brothers and I are on our own for dinner.

W: Has that made you learn to make dinner?

M: I wish I could say yes, but sadly, just the opposite. I'm the king of fast food.

W: I could show you some basic cooking this weekend if you'd like.

26.  **Track 356**  01:00

M: Most parents teach their children to memorize their full name and address in case of emergency. A family in Tokyo decided maybe the practice would be a good one to teach their pet parrot. The family worked with the parrot for two years, having him repeat over and over again his first and last name and the address where the family lived. Meaning it as a joke, the family never thought their bird would need to know this information. When the parrot flew out the window and got lost, the family worried they would never see their beloved bird again. After several days, they received a call from a veterinarian who'd recovered the bird. The parrot had been silent for a few days until he began repeating his name and address over and over

again. They were thrilled that the time they'd spent teaching the parrot hadn't gone to waste.

27.  **Track 357**  01:02

W: I knew it was going to be a challenging day when my alarm didn't go off, and I woke up an hour late. I barely made it to my first period on time, only to find out we had a pop quiz on material that I hadn't taken the time to read the night before. To make things worse, my locker was jammed, and the janitor had to pry it open, making me late for Ms. Goodman's class. Then, as I headed for physical education, I thought I would finally have time to recover from the frustrations, but Coach Peterson announced it was track and field day, which I dread most of all. As I practiced the high jump, I landed on my foot wrong and hurt my ankle so badly that I had to use crutches to walk home. It seemed that everything that could go wrong today went horribly.

28.  **Track 358**  01:01

W: Hey, Jim. How's your day going?

M: Not bad. So, would you like to go to the library before we go to lunch? We could find some resources for our English papers.

W: I really don't feel very motivated right now. What about next week?

M: You told me at the beginning of the semester that you wanted to do a better job of starting your assignments early.

W: I know, but . . .

M: It won't take us very long. This way, you won't have to do it later.

W: I just wish I had good study habits like you do.

M: It's just a matter of self-discipline.

W: That's my problem. I don't have any self-discipline. I don't work out like I should, I eat things that aren't healthy, and I put off doing my homework.

M: Then, today's the day to get optimistic and start making a positive change. What do you say? Let's stop by the library.

W: _____

29.  **Track 359**  00:59

M: Hey, Sue. Long time, no see.

W: Hi, Jason. It has been a long time. What are your plans for tonight?

M: Nothing, really. I've got a little bit of homework, and I thought about starting on my research project.

W: That project's not due for two months. A group of us are going to check out a new coffee shop on eighth Street. Would you like to come with us?

M: That sounds fun. I didn't know there was a new coffee shop in town.

W: I heard about it from my cousin. Her boyfriend's brother is actually the owner.

M: That's cool. If I get my homework done, maybe I'll come.

W: You're always so serious about your studies. It would do you good to chill with us there.

M: I know I need to loosen up some, but I don't want to fall behind.

W: You won't fall behind. You've got the highest grades in class.

M: _____

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M: Keith was really excited when his friend Jeremy told him that he had a spare bed frame for Keith to use, which was perfect because Keith didn't want to spend too much money on buying a new one. Jeremy told Keith it was in good shape, and he sold it to him for thirty-five dollars. As Keith went to sleep that night, he flopped down on the bed and heard a cracking sound and then a super loud "BANG!" The frame broke into several pieces, and his mattress hit the floor. He turned on the light to inspect the bed and found that it had been broken before and glued back together. The next day, Keith spotted Jeremy in the cafeteria and quickly made his way over to Jeremy's table.