

# Listening Comprehension

During this listening comprehension test, you will hear three recordings. Read through the questions below in advance of each recording and then try to answer the questions as you listen. Each recording will be played twice. After each recording, you will have a few minutes to review your answers and read through the questions for the next recording.

Note! Some questions require you to fill in the blank or answer questions using your own words. These questions do not require you copy the exact word(s). The important thing is that the content is right.

# Boy Bands

## 1. Gap Fill

Complete the gaps with the appropriate word (4 p.)

How to create a boy band:

1. Find four or five \_\_\_\_\_ boys.
2. Check they have at least some \_\_\_\_\_ ability.
3. Decide on a \_\_\_\_\_ for the band.
4. Write them some songs with safe, \_\_\_\_\_ lyrics.

## 2. True or False

Circle True or False for these sentences (7 p.)

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|---|------|-------|
| 1. Many boy bands are not successful.   | TRUE | FALSE |
| 2. In the past, boy band members dressed differently but had similar personalities.     | TRUE | FALSE |
| 3. Having different types of boy in the group is supposed to appeal to different girls. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 4. One Direction first became famous on YouTube.  | TRUE | FALSE |
| 5. One Direction lyrics are written for girls who like rebellious boys.                 | TRUE | FALSE |
| 6. One Direction's stylists try to give each band member an individual look.            | TRUE | FALSE |
| 7. One Direction became famous in the US by clever use of social media.                 | TRUE | FALSE |

# High-Achieving Teenagers

Circle the best phrase to complete these sentences or complete the gaps with the appropriate word (10 p.)

1. Many famous and successful teenagers have
  - A. used new technology
  - B. worked from an early age
  - C. been inspired by YouTube videos
  
2. Justin Bieber started off posting videos on YouTube at the age of \_\_\_\_\_ .
  
3. Justin Bieber has over \_\_\_\_\_ followers on Twitter.
  
4. Justin Bieber started off
  - A. singing with R&B star Usher
  - B. sending videos to talent scouts
  - C. posting videos on YouTube
  
5. Some people say Justin Bieber is the most influential person in the world because
  - A. he has had so many number one songs
  - B. he has so many followers on Twitter
  - C. he is friends with Barack Obama
  
6. Tavi Gevinson started a fashion blog
  - A. when she was 11 years old
  - B. when she was in 11th grade in high school
  - C. in 2011
  
7. Tavi's blog soon built up \_\_\_\_\_ of up to 300 000 reader per day.

8. "Rookie" means

- A. a beginner
- B. a fan
- C. someone who is bad at something

9. Tavi employs

- A. only teenagers
- B. writers and photographers of all ages
- C. a very small group of people

10. Less than a week after it started \_\_\_\_\_ had 1 million followers.

# How to Improve Your Memory

## 1. True or False

Indicated which sentences are true with an (X) (9 p.)

- ..... We all use memory in the same way.
- ..... We learn to use our memory as soon as we are born.
- ..... Singing helps us to memorize
- ..... There are two different forms of memorization.
- ..... We are taught how to improve our memory in history lessons.
- ..... Writing shopping lists can improve your memory.
- ..... Teaching helps us to memorize.
- ..... We can only use one image at a time as an aid to memorization.
- ..... We can train our brains to be more effective.

## 2. Matching

Match the words with the definitions by writing A–H next to the numbers (4 p.)

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|--------------------------|---|
| 1..... to tune in        | A. to be coming quickly, to seem very close                       |
| 2..... to visualize      | B. to listen to a live radio program                              |
| 3..... familiar          | C. a small change   |
| 4..... an adjustment     | D. necessary, of extreme importance                               |
| 5..... a knock-on effect | E. the last exams in a university course                          |
| 6..... vital             | F. well known or easily recognized                                |
| 7..... to be looming     | G. to form a mental picture of something                          |
| 8..... finals            | H. something that happens as a result of something else happening |

## 3. Gap Fill

Complete the gaps with the correct form of the word in brackets. (4 p.)

1. We can make \_\_\_\_\_ (improve) in our ability to memorize.

2. We use a \_\_\_\_\_ (combine) of long-term and short-term memory.
3. There are several things we can do to recall \_\_\_\_\_ (inform).
4. We can use word \_\_\_\_\_ (associate) to remember a concept.
5. You can use different \_\_\_\_\_ (formulate) to remember historical facts.
6. Following the tips will improve your \_\_\_\_\_ (be able to) to remember.