

Конкурс понимания устной речи (Listening)

Tapescript

LISTENING COMPREHENTION

1. You are going to listen to an interview with the couple planning a trip across Siberia on motorbikes. The conversation lasts 4 minutes.

- ✓ Before listening, you will be given 2 minutes to look through the task.
- ✓ Then you will listen to the information for the first time.
- ✓ After that you will be given 2 minutes to check the task.
- ✓ Then you will listen to the information for the second time.
- ✓ After that you'll be given 2 minutes to recheck the task.

2. Study the tasks. You have 2 minutes.

Pause 2 minutes.

3. Listen to the text (4 min).

I: Pete and Sally - thanks for coming to talk to us today. Now, you're about to embark upon a journey of epic proportions, aren't you? Tell us about it,

P: Well, it's an extremely ambitious project. We're travelling through Siberia, through thousands of miles of uninhabited forest - and in winter! But apparently there are fewer swamps then. And it's obviously going to take us a long time - five months at least. But what really makes it different is that we'll be travelling on two motorbikes.

I: Now all this may sound like quite a challenge to most of our listeners, and I'm sure the question they would all like to ask is why are you doing it?

S: We could just say 'why not?' or 'we were feeling a bit bored and looking for some excitement', but that's not the whole truth. One of our aims is certainly to try and raise some money for our favourite charity. But what's really behind it is that it's always been our dream. And if we make it, and we're still speaking to each other, we might even enter the record books as being the first married couple to complete a journey of this kind and still remain friends!

I: Now I know that you've already survived some pretty hazardous conditions on previous trips to Africa and other countries - so how do you feel about what's ahead of you now?

P: Well, there are some stages that are a little alarming to say the least. In fact, it might just prove to be the most perilous journey we've attempted so far. We'll virtually leave

civilisation behind to go through some of the most inhospitable terrain in the world. It's a journey that could be full of danger - and who knows what will happen if we break down in the middle of nowhere, especially in such cold conditions.

I: And what do your friends and family make of all this?

S: Those who know something about the terrain we're about to cross have warned us that the journey will be hazardous in winter. There's the wind chill, not to mention the very real threat of freezing to death. It could all be over sooner than we think if we're not careful! I think some of our friends are a bit dubious about our chances because they've read a lot about winter conditions in Siberia - particularly the places we're heading for, so they know how bad it can get. But we're trying to stay positive.

I: So what steps are you taking to try and prevent disasters?

P: Well, we've planned very carefully so that food and other basic supplies will be available en route. In fact, the supply requirement shaped the route itself in detail. We're going to gather enough emergency supplies for up to a week at a time, so we won't starve if we get stranded. And we're enjoying as many hot meals as we can now - just in case we end up having to eat dried food for days, which can get very monotonous. We're also trying to prepare for freezing temperatures. Temperatures in Siberia can fall well below those of the Arctic, so we're very aware that frostbite could be a real concern. Things like wearing inappropriate footwear or not wearing gloves can be fatal in icy conditions. And frostbite can happen very quickly - at anything below zero degrees centigrade. However, the lower the temperature, the quicker the damage occurs, and the wind-chill factor increases the risk. So we've invested in specialist clothing specifically designed for the Arctic. That should keep us from harm in the extreme cold.

I: And how often do you plan to have rest periods on the journey?

S: Well, when you're planning a rest stop, you have to watch the weather conditions. Sometimes, it's actually better to keep going than wait for it to pass. But other times, you've got to accept that you can't go on until the weather improves. Even a few inches of fresh snow can make all the difference when you're riding a motorbike, so we're just going to adjust our plans and be flexible.

I: And when it's all over, when do you hope to be heading home?

P: Not until we've arrived at the most eastern tip of Siberia. After that we'll travel to

Hong Kong and fly home from there. But it won't, be until we're just about to land at Heathrow that we'll be saying: 'We're home, this is it!'

I: Sally, Pete - good luck and we hope to see you when you're safely back!

S/P: Thank you.

4. Do the task. You have 2 minutes.

Pause 2 minutes.

5. Listen to the information for the second time.

Second listening.

6. You have 2 minutes to recheck the task.

Pause 2 minute.

7. You have 1 minute left to fulfill the tasks. Transfer all your answers to your answer sheet.

Pause 1 minute.

8. Time is over. Put aside your pens.