

5. Listening Comprehension Exercises

Unit 11, Part 1: Listening Comprehension Exercises

NAME _____ COURSE _____ DATE _____

Based on the recorded passages, circle the best response to each of the questions that follow. You may listen to each passage as many times as needed.

EXERCISE ONE: QUESTIONS

- 1. What is the woman doing right now?**
 - (A) Buying things
 - (B) Conversing with a Chinese student
 - (C) Taking a taxi
- 2. How long has the woman been learning Chinese?**
 - (A) Five years
 - (B) Six years
 - (C) Seven years
- 3. How long has the woman been in Beijing?**
 - (A) One month
 - (B) Two months
 - (C) Three months
- 4. What is the woman doing in Beijing?**
 - (A) Studying at a college
 - (B) Working at a bank
 - (C) Working at an embassy

EXERCISE TWO: QUESTIONS

- 1. Why is the one speaker hesitant about taking a taxi to the Summer Palace?**
 - (A) It could be unsafe.
 - (B) It would be expensive.
 - (C) It might not be so convenient.
- 2. Why is the other speaker hesitant about driving there themselves?**
 - (A) It could be unsafe.
 - (B) Parking might be a problem.
 - (C) He isn't sure about how to get there.
- 3. About how much does it cost to go to the Summer Palace by taxi?**
 - (A) 50 RMB
 - (B) 70 RMB
 - (C) 90 RMB
- 4. Where are the two speakers going to meet tomorrow?**
 - (A) In the dorm
 - (B) At the entrance to the school
 - (C) At the front gate of the Summer Palace

Unit 11, Part 2: Listening Comprehension Exercises

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Based on the recorded passages, circle the best response to each of the questions that follow. You may listen to each passage as many times as needed.

EXERCISE ONE: QUESTIONS

1. **Where does the woman want to go?**
 - (A) Downtown
 - (B) College campus
 - (C) Zoo
2. **How much does it cost to go to Muzha?**
 - (A) 20 NT
 - (B) 25 NT
 - (C) 30 NT
3. **How much did the female speaker spend on stored-value tickets?**
 - (A) 300 NT
 - (B) 500 NT
 - (C) 600 NT

EXERCISE TWO: QUESTIONS

1. **In which city does this conversation take place?**
 - (A) Beijing
 - (B) Guangzhou
 - (C) Shanghai
2. **How often does Bus 103 arrive?**
 - (A) About every 5 minutes
 - (B) About every 10 minutes
 - (C) About every 15 minutes
3. **At which bus stop should the man get off?**
 - (A) Huayuancun
 - (B) Kejiguan
 - (C) Nanmen

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EXERCISE ONE: QUESTIONS

1. **Where was the woman when this conversation took place?**
 - (A) In an alley
 - (B) At a bus station
 - (C) Next to a bank
2. **In which direction is the speaker told to proceed?**
 - (A) Toward the south
 - (B) Toward the east
 - (C) Toward the west
3. **How many more minutes will it take for the woman to reach her destination?**
 - (A) About 3 minutes
 - (B) About 5 minutes
 - (C) About 8 minutes

EXERCISE TWO: QUESTIONS

1. **What is the basic problem?**
 - (A) Someone is late.
 - (B) The male speaker made a mistake.
 - (C) The female speaker misread a map.
2. **Who is the guilty party?**
 - (A) Little Zhang
 - (B) The male speaker
 - (C) The female speaker
3. **Besides the public restroom, what other landmark is mentioned?**
 - (A) Bank
 - (B) Post office
 - (C) Store
4. **In the end, it turns out that after passing the public restroom, Little Zhang is supposed to go in what direction?**
 - (A) Right
 - (B) Left
 - (C) Straight ahead

Unit 11, Part 4: Listening Comprehension Exercises

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Based on the recorded passages, circle the best response to each of the questions that follow. You may listen to each passage as many times as needed.

EXERCISE ONE: QUESTIONS

1. **Starting when will the price of gasoline increase?**
 - (A) Later today
 - (B) Tomorrow
 - (C) The day after tomorrow
2. **How much is 93-octane gasoline per liter?**
 - (A) 4.65 RMB
 - (B) 4.96 RMB
 - (C) 4.97 RMB
3. **How many liters of gas does the man want?**
 - (A) 20
 - (B) 25
 - (C) 30

EXERCISE TWO: QUESTIONS

1. **How much did the price of 93-octane gas increase per liter?**
 - (A) 0.31RMB
 - (B) 0.40 RMB
 - (C) 0.41 RMB
2. **What kind of vehicle does the male speaker drive?**
 - (A) Small car
 - (B) Large car
 - (C) Motorcycle
3. **Which kind of gasoline does the male speaker use?**
 - (A) 93-octane gas
 - (B) 95-octane gas
 - (C) 97-octane gas

Unit 12, Part 1: Listening Comprehension Exercises

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Based on the recorded passages, circle the best response to each of the questions that follow. You may listen to each passage as many times as needed.

EXERCISE ONE: QUESTIONS

1. How much are backpacks?

- (A) 65 RMB each
- (B) 70 RMB each
- (C) 130 RMB each

2. In what color are backpacks NOT available?

- (A) Black
- (B) Blue
- (C) Yellow

3. How much money did the customer hand the salesman?

- (A) 130 RMB
- (B) 150 RMB
- (C) 200 RMB

4. With how many backpacks did the customer walk home?

- (A) One
- (B) Two
- (C) Three

EXERCISE TWO: QUESTIONS

1. What does the one speaker's daughter do?

- (A) Have fun
- (B) Study
- (C) Work

2. What does the other speaker's son do?

- (A) Have fun
- (B) Study
- (C) Work

3. Which college major is mentioned?

- (A) Chinese
- (B) English
- (C) Japanese

Unit 12, Part 2: Listening Comprehension Exercises

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Based on the recorded passages, circle the best response to each of the questions that follow. You may listen to each passage as many times as needed.

EXERCISE ONE: QUESTIONS

- 1. What did the customer want to buy?**
 - (A) Ballpoint pens
 - (B) Notebooks
 - (C) Pencils
- 2. How much does the customer have to pay in all?**
 - (A) 6 RMB
 - (B) 9.5 RMB
 - (C) 12 RMB
- 3. What color did the customer choose?**
 - (A) Black
 - (B) Blue
 - (C) Red

EXERCISE TWO: QUESTIONS

- 1. Where did the male speaker go?**
 - (A) Bookstore
 - (B) Newspaper kiosk
 - (C) Post office
- 2. Where did the female speaker go?**
 - (A) Bookstore
 - (B) Newspaper kiosk
 - (C) Post office
- 3. What did the male speaker buy?**
 - (A) Dictionary
 - (B) Newspaper
 - (C) None of the above
- 4. What did the female speaker buy?**
 - (A) Dictionary
 - (B) Magazine
 - (C) None of the above

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Based on the recorded passages, circle the best response to each of the questions that follow. You may listen to each passage as many times as needed.

EXERCISE ONE: QUESTIONS

- 1. What is true about the celery?**
 - (A) It's crisp and looks nice.
 - (B) It costs 5.70 per catty.
 - (C) It's imported from Japan.
- 2. Name one item the woman bought yesterday.**
 - (A) Cabbage
 - (B) Celery
 - (C) Tomatoes
- 3. How much is the cabbage per catty?**
 - (A) 2 RMB
 - (B) 3 RMB
 - (C) 7.50 RMB
- 4. What is the total price the woman will pay for the cabbage?**
 - (A) 2 RMB
 - (B) 4 RMB
 - (C) 6 RMB

EXERCISE TWO: QUESTIONS

- 1. Which phrase would best describe the man?**
 - (A) He's a good father.
 - (B) He's slightly annoyed.
 - (C) He knows how to bargain.
- 2. What did the woman buy?**
 - (A) Celery
 - (B) Lettuce
 - (C) Tomatoes
- 3. When did this conversation take place?**
 - (A) 1:30 PM
 - (B) 2:10 PM
 - (C) 2:30 PM
- 4. What is the woman supposed to do in a little while?**
 - (A) Buy groceries
 - (B) Call her child
 - (C) Wait for the man

Unit 12, Part 4: Listening Comprehension Exercises

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Based on the recorded passages, circle the best response to each of the questions that follow. You may listen to each passage as many times as needed.

EXERCISE ONE: QUESTIONS

1. What do the two speakers decide to buy?
 - (A) Bananas
 - (B) Grapes
 - (C) Pears
2. According to the passage, how do bananas and grapes compare?
 - (A) Bananas are cheaper than grapes.
 - (B) Grapes are fresher than bananas.
 - (C) The passage provides no information about this.
3. According to the passage, how do bananas and pears compare?
 - (A) Bananas are cheaper than pears.
 - (B) Pears are fresher than bananas.
 - (C) The passage provides no information about this.

EXERCISE TWO: QUESTIONS

1. What kind of fruit did the woman look at first?
 - (A) Apples
 - (B) Peaches
 - (C) Pears
2. How much were they per catty?
 - (A) 2 RMB per catty
 - (B) 2.5 RMB per catty
 - (C) 4.5 RMB per catty
3. What kind of fruit did the woman look at later?
 - (A) Apples
 - (B) Peaches
 - (C) Pears
4. How much did she pay for the second kind of fruit she looked at?
 - (A) 2 RMB per catty
 - (B) 2.5 RMB per catty
 - (C) 4.5 RMB per catty

Unit 13, Part 1: Listening Comprehension Exercises

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Based on the recorded passages, circle the best response to each of the questions that follow. You may listen to each passage as many times as needed.

EXERCISE ONE: QUESTIONS

1. **What is the price of the apples the woman decided to buy?**
 - (A) 2.5 RMB per catty
 - (B) 4 RMB per catty
 - (C) 10 RMB per catty
2. **What else did the female speaker want to buy?**
 - (A) Bananas
 - (B) Beef
 - (C) Bread
3. **In what direction should the female speaker go in order to get to the grocery store?**
 - (A) Turn right
 - (B) Turn left
 - (C) Go straight

EXERCISE TWO: QUESTIONS

1. **What does one of the speakers claim?**
 - (A) In China men eat meat.
 - (B) In China there are many vegetarians.
 - (C) In China many women are vegetarians.
2. **What kind of meat is favored by the people from north China?**
 - (A) Mutton
 - (B) Chicken
 - (C) Duck
3. **What can be inferred from the conversation?**
 - (A) One of the speakers seldom eats meat.
 - (B) One of the speakers doesn't eat poultry.
 - (C) One of the speakers is from north China.

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Based on the recorded passages, circle the best response to each of the questions that follow. You may listen to each passage as many times as needed.

EXERCISE ONE: QUESTIONS

- 1. Is there a Costco in Taipei?**
 - (A) No, there isn't.
 - (B) Yes, there is one.
 - (C) Yes, there are several.
- 2. What does the male speaker want to buy at Costco?**
 - (A) Beef
 - (B) Bread
 - (C) Vegetables
- 3. What does the female speaker want to buy at Costco?**
 - (A) Beef
 - (B) Bread
 - (C) Vegetables
- 4. When will the two speakers meet again?**
 - (A) In about 15 minutes
 - (B) In about 30 minutes
 - (C) In about an hour

EXERCISE TWO: QUESTIONS

- 1. At what age did the male speaker learn how to drive?**
 - (A) 16
 - (B) 17
 - (C) 18
- 2. According to the passage, how does the younger generation in China differ from the older generation?**
 - (A) They're better educated.
 - (B) They're more willing to spend money.
 - (C) They're more influenced by Western culture.
- 3. Which of the following statements is NOT true?**
 - (A) Nowadays there are many cars in Beijing.
 - (B) American cars are bigger than Chinese cars.
 - (C) There are more buses in the U.S. than in China.

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Based on the recorded passages, circle the best response to each of the questions that follow. You may listen to each passage as many times as needed.

EXERCISE ONE: QUESTIONS

1. What should the shoes the customer wants be like?

- (A) They should be grey in color.
- (B) They should be high-heeled shoes.
- (C) They should be made of leather.

2. What is the customer's Chinese shoe size?

- (A) 7
- (B) 36
- (C) 37

3. How much is the pair of shoes she looks at?

- (A) 920 RMB
- (B) 1200 RMB
- (C) 2100 RMB

4. In the end, why doesn't the customer buy the shoes?

- (A) They don't fit right.
- (B) They're priced too high.
- (C) They're imported from America.

EXERCISE TWO: QUESTIONS

1. About how long has Professor Li been in the U.S.?

- (A) About five months
- (B) About ten months
- (C) About a year

2. What does Professor Li like about the U.S.?

- (A) America is clean.
- (B) America has many cars.
- (C) Transportation in America is convenient.

3. What about the U.S. does Professor Li not like so much?

- (A) Crime is rather high.
- (B) America has too many cars.
- (C) America has few buses.

Unit 13, Part 4: Listening Comprehension Exercises

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Based on the recorded passages, circle the best response to each of the questions that follow. You may listen to each passage as many times as needed.

EXERCISE ONE: QUESTIONS

- 1. For whom is the skirt?**
 - (A) For the female speaker
 - (B) For the female speaker's daughter
 - (C) For someone else
- 2. How much of a discount is she offered?**
 - (A) 30% off
 - (B) 50% off
 - (C) 70% off
- 3. In the end, does the woman purchase the skirt?**
 - (A) Yes, she pays for it with cash.
 - (B) Yes, she pays for it with a credit card.
 - (C) No, she doesn't, because it's too short.

EXERCISE TWO: QUESTIONS

- 1. What did the male speaker buy?**
 - (A) A shirt
 - (B) A pair of pants
 - (C) A pair of shoes
- 2. What color did he end up deciding on?**
 - (A) Black
 - (B) Blue
 - (C) Green
- 3. What was the male speaker most concerned about?**
 - (A) Whether there was a discount on the price
 - (B) Whether his brother would like the color
 - (C) Whether he could use a credit card for the purchase
- 4. Does the store accept returns for exchange?**
 - (A) Within one week
 - (B) Within two weeks
 - (C) Within a month

Unit 14, Part 1: Listening Comprehension Exercises

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Based on the recorded passages, circle the best response to each of the questions that follow. You may listen to each passage as many times as needed.

EXERCISE ONE: QUESTIONS

1. Which meal of the day are the two speakers about to have?

- (A) Breakfast
- (B) Lunch
- (C) Dinner

2. What kind of restaurant does the man want to go to?

- (A) Sichuan
- (B) Vegetarian
- (C) It doesn't matter.

3. What kind of meat does the female speaker prefer?

- (A) Chicken
- (B) Mutton
- (C) Pork

4. How many dishes do they order?

- (A) Two
- (B) Three
- (C) Four

EXERCISE TWO: QUESTIONS

1. Not including the soup, how many dishes are the two speakers having?

- (A) Two
- (B) Three
- (C) Four

2. How many bowls of rice did they order in all?

- (A) One
- (B) Two
- (C) Three

3. Where is the restroom?

- (A) At the end of the hallway
- (B) On the right-hand side of the hallway
- (C) On the left-hand side of the hallway

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Based on the recorded passages, circle the best response to each of the questions that follow. You may listen to each passage as many times as needed.

EXERCISE ONE: QUESTIONS

1. **What will the two men order as their staple food?**
 - (A) Dumplings
 - (B) Rice
 - (C) Steamed buns
2. **What kind of foods can Li Tong not eat?**
 - (A) Hot spicy foods
 - (B) Salty foods
 - (C) Foods containing meat
3. **Which of the following foods was NOT ordered?**
 - (A) Tofu
 - (B) Pork
 - (C) Green vegetables

EXERCISE TWO: QUESTIONS

1. **Where is the male speaker from?**
 - (A) Mainland China
 - (B) Taiwan
 - (C) Overseas
2. **Where is the foreigner who is mentioned from?**
 - (A) England
 - (B) Japan
 - (C) U.S.
3. **The man requests that the food not be too what?**
 - (A) Hot spicy
 - (B) Salty
 - (C) Sweet
4. **How many bottles of beer does the man order for himself and his friend?**
 - (A) One
 - (B) Two
 - (C) Three

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Based on the recorded passages, circle the best response to each of the questions that follow. You may listen to each passage as many times as needed.

EXERCISE ONE: QUESTIONS

1. **On which date will the banquet be held?**
 - (A) The 25th
 - (B) The 27th
 - (C) The 28th
2. **How many people will attend the banquet?**
 - (A) About 50
 - (B) About 80
 - (C) About 100
3. **What price level did the male speaker book?**
 - (A) 80 RMB per person
 - (B) 100 RMB per person
 - (C) 150 RMB per person

EXERCISE TWO: QUESTIONS

1. **For what time is the dinner reservation?**
 - (A) 5:30 PM
 - (B) 6:30 PM
 - (C) 7:30 PM
2. **What type of cuisine will be served?**
 - (A) Chinese
 - (B) Japanese
 - (C) Western
3. **About how many persons will be attending?**
 - (A) Six people
 - (B) Eight people
 - (C) Ten people

Unit 14, Part 4: Listening Comprehension Exercises

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Based on the recorded passages, circle the best response to each of the questions that follow. You may listen to each passage as many times as needed.

EXERCISE ONE: QUESTIONS

- 1. Who is going to arrange the menu?**
 - (A) Mr. Li
 - (B) Mr. Li's secretary
 - (C) The restaurant
- 2. How many warm dishes will there be at the dinner?**
 - (A) Two
 - (B) Six
 - (C) Eight
- 3. What else will there be at the dinner?**
 - (A) Cold dishes
 - (B) Spicy hot dishes
 - (C) Fruit
- 4. What will be the overall flavor of the dishes?**
 - (A) Salty
 - (B) Spicy
 - (C) Sweet

EXERCISE TWO: QUESTIONS

- 1. Where does this conversation occur?**
 - (A) In an office
 - (B) On the telephone
 - (C) In a person's home
- 2. What is the surname of the person being sought?**
 - (A) Zhān
 - (B) Zhāng
 - (C) Zhuāng
- 3. When will this person be back?**
 - (A) Around 2:30 PM
 - (B) Around 3:00 PM
 - (C) Around 4:00 PM
- 4. What does the woman want?**
 - (A) To ask questions
 - (B) To sell products
 - (C) To visit her old classmate

Unit 15, Part 1: Listening Comprehension Exercises

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Based on the recorded passages, circle the best response to each of the questions that follow. You may listen to each passage as many times as needed.

EXERCISE ONE: QUESTIONS

- 1. How long has the man been learning English?**
 - (A) Two months
 - (B) Two years
 - (C) Five and one-half years
- 2. How long has the woman been in China?**
 - (A) Two months
 - (B) Two years
 - (C) Five and one-half years
- 3. Why is the woman at first hesitant about speaking?**
 - (A) She doesn't like to speak in public.
 - (B) She lacks confidence in her Chinese.
 - (C) She doesn't know what she should say.
- 4. What was the main reason for this occasion?**
 - (A) It was the woman's birthday.
 - (B) The woman wanted to express her appreciation.
 - (C) The man and the woman wanted to discuss language learning.

EXERCISE TWO: QUESTIONS

- 1. How many times has Professor He been to China before?**
 - (A) One time
 - (B) Two times
 - (C) Three times
- 2. How long does Professor He plan to stay this time?**
 - (A) Two months
 - (B) Three months
 - (C) Four months
- 3. How long has Professor He been here already?**
 - (A) Two months
 - (B) Three months
 - (C) Four months
- 4. Where does this conversation most likely take place?**
 - (A) Classroom
 - (B) Office
 - (C) Restaurant

Unit 15, Part 2: Listening Comprehension Exercises

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Based on the recorded passages, circle the best response to each of the questions that follow. You may listen to each passage as many times as needed.

EXERCISE ONE: QUESTIONS

- What is the Chinese man's surname?
 - Zhāng
 - Zhōng
 - Zhèng
- What kind of meat are they eating?
 - Duck
 - Mutton
 - Pork
- Where did Mr. Smith have this dish before?
 - Beijing
 - New York City
 - Shanghai
- How many glasses of alcohol has Mr. Smith already had?
 - One
 - Four
 - Seven

EXERCISE TWO: QUESTIONS

- How many bottles of beer has the male speaker drunk?
 - Four
 - Five
 - Six
- How would the emotions of the female speaker be best described?
 - Happy
 - Sad
 - Angry



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