

# Unit 23, Part 3: 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. A Taiwanese of over 70 years of age is likely to be able to speak which of the following languages?

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

2. Based on the passage, how would you describe the situation of the Hakka dialect in Taiwan?

- (A) It's being revitalized.
- (B) It's in decline.
- (C) It's maintaining its position.

3. Which of the following statements about language use in Taiwan is NOT true?

- (A) More than half of Taiwanese people can speak Southern Min dialect.
- (B) Generally speaking, educated Taiwanese can speak both Mandarin and English.
- (C) Publications printed in simplified characters are becoming more and more common.

## EXERCISE TWO: QUESTIONS

1. Why did the one speaker ask for a one-day leave?

- (A) She is sick.
- (B) She wants to visit a family member.
- (C) She wants to study the Shanghai dialect.

2. When will she come back to school?

- (A) Monday
- (B) Tuesday
- (C) Saturday

3. Which of the following factors related to the gradual disappearance of the Shanghai dialect is NOT mentioned in the passage?

- (A) Only Mandarin may be used for radio and TV broadcasts.
- (B) There are many people from other parts of China living in Shanghai.
- (C) Some people believe that speaking Shanghai dialect shows you're uneducated.