

# 5. Listening Comprehension Exercises

## Unit 11, 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 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

# Unit 11, 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. **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

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## 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

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## 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

## Unit 12, 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. 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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## Unit 13, 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. 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.

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## 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

## Unit 14, 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 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

# Unit 14, 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. 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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