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Listening

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1- College scholarships



Pre-Listening Exercise

- What are some of the basic requirements to qualify for different types of academic scholarships at schools in your area?

Vocabulary and Sample Sentences

- **come on** (*idiom*): used when do not believe what someone is saying
 - Come on! Tuition at that college isn't that expensive, is it?
- **make it** (*idiom*): get somewhere on time
 - Why didn't you make it to class the other day?
- **consequence** (*noun*): something that happens as a result of a person's actions or choices
 - My roommate has to accept the consequences of his poor grades.
- **blame shift** (also, *shift blame*) (*verb*): transfer the responsibility of a mistake or problem from one person to another
 - If you do poorly in school, don't try to shift the blame to your roommates who play video games all night. You are responsible for your own progress.
- **paint yourself into a corner** (*idiom*): do something to put yourself into a difficult situation
 - Okay. So, you didn't study, you didn't go to class, you didn't take things seriously, and now the school isn't going to continue your scholarship. It looks like you've really painted yourself into a corner.
- **weasel out of something** (*idiom*): get out of doing something
 - He tried to weasel out of taking the class again by giving the teacher gifts, but it didn't work.

Idioms

- “**have bad blood between people**” = have bad or unfriendly feelings
“Oh, don’t invite Sarah and Amber to the party. There is a lot of bad blood between them, and I don’t want there to be problems.”
- “**be too rich for my blood**” = something that is too expensive for you
“I really like that car, but it is way too rich for my blood.”

Listening Exercise

(Audio) <https://www.esl-lab.com/academic-english/college-scholarships/>

- **Listen to the recording and answer the questions.**

1- The student couldn't take the test because the bus ____.

- was lagging behind schedule
- had an accident on the highway
- had a hard time due to bad weather

2- He didn't make it to class because he ____.

- was asleep at home
- was still eating breakfast
- was playing video games in bed

3- If you miss a test, students _____.

- can take a test with a doctor's note
- cannot make up a test
- can take the test at a later date

4- If the student doesn't pass the test, _____.

- his girlfriend will leave him
- he will quit school
- his parents might get upset



5- The teacher believes that students should _____.

- enroll in classes early
- be more responsible
- get more sleep

Answers

- 1- was lagging behind schedule
- 2- was asleep at home
- 3- cannot make up a test
- 4- his parents might get upset
- 5- be more responsible

Listening Script

- **Student:** Oh, Mrs. Smith. Can I take the test now? I just . . . , oh.
- **Mrs. Smith:** Excuse me? What do you mean? The test ended 10 minutes ago, and you weren't there to take it. Sorry.
- **Student:** Oh, Mrs. Smith. **Come on.** Come on. That's not fair.
- **Mrs. Smith:** What do you mean it's not fair. Everyone else was there. So, why weren't you in class?
- **Student:** Uh, my bus didn't come this morning on time. That's why.
- **Mrs. Smith:** Um. Are you sure? Your friend, Tony, **made it** to class, and he said you were still in bed an hour ago.
- **Student:** Uhh, yeah, well, that might be true, but I really need to take the test.
- **Mrs. Smith:** Wait. Don't you realize that you just lied to me?
- **Student:** Uh, well, listen. Mrs. Smith. Listen. My alarm didn't go off this morning, so it's not my fault I came late.
- **Mrs. Smith:** So, you're blaming your alarm clock again? It's still your responsibility to be here. Wasn't that your excuse the last two times you missed class?
- **Student:** But Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Smith.
- **Mrs. Smith:** Listen. You know the policy of our program. If you miss a test for an unexcused reason . . . and a lie is definitely unexcused, then you get a zero on the test. There are no exceptions.

- **Student:** Mrs. Smith. Why don't you want to help me? You never help me. I mean I really need to pass this class.
- **Mrs. Smith:** No, no. no. Listen to yourself. You're playing what we call the victim. You made some bad choices, and now you have to accept the **consequences**. Remember: When you point your finger at someone else, like me in this case, three fingers are pointing back at you.
- **Student:** But Mrs. Smith. I lose my scholarship if I do poorly in the class; my parents will be really disappointed in me.
- **Mrs. Smith:** I'm really sorry, but that's not my problem. [*Oh, Mrs. Smith!*] I can't help you with that. Don't try to **shift the blame** here. [*Mrs. Smith!*] **You painted yourself into a corner**. You need to be accountable for your own actions instead of trying to **weasel out of** your responsibility. While you aren't doing well in my class though, I must say I almost have to give you an A grade for trying to dodge the outcome of your bad choices.
- **Student:** Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Smith.
- **Mrs. Smith:** Listen. You are learning one thing.
- **Student:** What?
- **Mrs. Smith:** My name.
- **Student:** Agh.

2- College Life



Pre-Listening Exercise

Whether you are trying to get an online MBA or just going to a local college, there are a number of things you have to consider including location, cost, and the reputation of school. What factor is most important to you?

Vocabulary and Sample Sentences

- **hectic** (*adjective*): very busy
 - Life is always very hectic when you're trying to work and go to school at the same time.
- **major** (*noun or verb*): course of study
 - I'm thinking about majoring in computer science next year. (verb)
 - What is your major? (noun)
- **land (a job)** (*verb*): to secure, win, or get a job
 - It is becoming increasingly difficult to land a job in the field of language teaching.
- **work (your way) through (school)** (*verb*): think through, in this case, work while going to school to support yourself
 - Since my parents had no money, I had no choice but to work myself through school
 - Sometimes we just have to work through many new experiences before we understand the language and culture



idioms

“a walking encyclopedia” = someone who seems to know everything

“My roommate would do well on a trivia game show. He’s a walking encyclopedia.”

“have the right stuff” = have the needed skills to succeed

“Susan has the right stuff to get into any school she chooses.”



Listening Exercise

(Audio) <https://www.esl-lab.com/easy/college-life/>

- Listen to the recording and answer the questions.

1- What does the man want to do after he graduates?

He wants to become a teacher.

He hopes to go on to graduate school.

He wants to work at a hotel.

2- What is the woman's major?

history

computer science

French



3- How does the woman pay for college?

She received a scholarship.

She has a part-time job.

Her parents are paying for it

4- Where does the man work part-time?

in a library

at a bakery

at a restaurant



5- What thing did the man NOT say about his job?

The pay is okay.

He works long hours.

His co-workers are friendly.

Answers

- 1- He wants to work at a hotel.
- 2- computer science
- 3- She received a scholarship.
- 4- at a restaurant
- 5 He works long hours.

Listening Script

Maria: Oh, hi Dave. Long time, no see!

Dave: Hi Maria. I was in the neighborhood, so I thought I'd drop by.

Maria: Come on in. [Thanks.] Take a seat. Would you like anything to drink? I have Sprite or orange juice.

Dave: Sprite would be fine. Uh, so, how have you been?

Maria: Oh, not bad. And you?

Dave: Oh, I'm doing okay, but school has been really **hectic** these days, and I haven't had time to relax.

Maria: By the way, what's your **major** anyway?

Dave: Hotel management.

Maria: Well, what do you want to do once you graduate?

Dave: Uh... I haven't decided for sure, but I think I'd like to work for a hotel or travel agency in this area. How about you?

Maria: Well, when I first started college, I wanted to major in French, but I realized I might have a hard time finding a job using the language, so I changed majors to computer science. [Oh]. With the right skills, **landing a job** in the computer industry shouldn't be as difficult.

Dave: So, do you have a part-time job to support yourself through school?

Maria: Well, fortunately for me, I received a four-year academic scholarship [Wow] that pays for all of my tuition and books.

Dave: Wow. That's great.

Maria: Yeah. How about you? Are you **working your way through school**?

Dave: Yeah. I work three times a week at a restaurant near campus.

Maria: Oh. What do you do there?

Dave: I'm a cook.

Maria: How do you like your job?

Dave: It's okay. The other workers are friendly, and the pay isn't bad.

3- Holiday Traditions



Pre-Listening Exercise

Christmas, Thanksgiving, and New Year's Day are some of the major holidays in the United States. From what you understand, how are these holidays celebrated (food, family activities, local celebrations, games and recreation, etc.)?

Vocabulary and Sample Sentences

- **sledding** (*noun*): the activity or sport of riding on a sled, usually in snow
 - I took the kids sledding yesterday down a real fun hill, and we had a great time.
- **particular** (*adjective*): special or specific
 - Our family doesn't do anything particular on Christmas morning besides opening up gifts.
- **sneak** (*verb*): to advance or approach without being seen
 - My son often tries to sneak into the kitchen and take a cookie when no one is watching.
- **hide** (*verb*): to prevent from being seen or discovered
 - Parents often hide their children's Christmas presents to keep them a secret.
- **generous** (*adjective*): willing to give or share freely
 - People are often very generous around the holiday season and donate.



Idioms

“see eye to eye” = agree on this, have the same opinion

“Even though we come from different countries, we see eye to eye on many different issues.”

“stick out like a sore thumb” = very visible because something is different

“If we don’t follow the traditions, language, and body language of the culture, our actions might stick out like a sore thumb.”



Listening Exercise

(Audio) <https://www.esl-lab.com/easy/holiday-traditions/>

- Listen to the recording and answer the questions.

1- Where does this news program take place?

at a local school

at a shopping center

in a city marketplace

2- How does the young girl, Elizabeth, celebrate this holiday with her family?

They go to see a movie.

They visit close relatives.

They go out to eat at a restaurant.



3- What does Johnny and his family eat on this day?

chicken

ham

turkey

4- Steven feels that Christmas is a time when people ____.

exchange gifts with friends, family, and teachers

think of others without waiting for a gift in return

give gifts during an elaborate dinner



5- The final girl says that the best thing about Christmas is ____.

receiving presents from classmates

having a vacation from school

sleeping late every day

Answers

- 1- at a shopping center
- 2- They visit close relatives.
- 3- turkey
- 4- think of others without waiting for a gift in return
- 5- having a vacation from school

Listening Script

News Reporter: Hello. This is Charles Richards from Channel 7 News, and we're down here at the, uh, City Mall, interviewing people on how they celebrate Christmas. And, hi young lady. What is your name?

Young Girl: Elizabeth Carter.

News Reporter: And, Elizabeth, uh. How does your family celebrate Christmas?

Young Girl: We go **sledding**, and then go over to my grandparents' house and have dinner with them.

News Reporter: Well, that is great, and let me ask this young man. Hi, what is your name? [*Johnny.*] And Johnny, how old are you?

Johnny: Five.

News Reporter: Five. And, uh, does your family eat anything **particular** for Christmas?

Johnny: Turkey.....

News Reporter: And what does Christmas mean to you?

Young Girl: Going to my grandma's and making their breakfast.

News Reporter: Going to grandma's and making breakfast. And let me ask another young man. Hi, what is your name? [Steven.] Okay, and Steven, what does Christmas mean to you?

Steven: Giving but not expecting to get.

News Reporter: Yeah. That's kind of hard for a young man like yourself. And what does that mean: Giving by not expecting?

Steven: Well, one thing that we do is secret giving.

News Reporter: Secret giving? Now how does that work in your family?

Steven: We **sneak up** to the **porch** of somebody that we want to give to them, ring the doorbell, and **hide**.

News Reporter: Ring the doorbell and hide? Uh, so you're not expecting something; you just want to be **generous** to someone else. Is that right?

Steven: Yeah. That's correct.



News Reporter: And let's interview one more. And, uh, how do you celebrate Christmas? What is the best thing about Christmas and what does it mean to you?

Child: It means getting off from school!

News Reporter: Getting off from school?! Do you all feel that way?

Group of Children: Yeah!!

Young Girl: Because I hate homework.

News Reporter: Yeah. Well, that's all here from the City Mall. Channel 7 reporting.

4- Renting Apartments



Pre-Listening Exercise

People often look for cheap apartments or condominiums to rent when going off to college. Other students choose to stay with a homestay family, but this isn't always possible. Therefore, what are three things you look for in selecting a place to live? Put them in order of importance to you and discuss them with a partner.

Vocabulary and Sample Sentences

- **work out** (*phrasal verb*): going well
 - My new job schedule has really worked out for me.
- **commute** (*verb*; also a noun): to travel between home and work or school
 - VERB: I have to commute two hours each day to get to work.
 - NOUN: How long is your commute to work every day?
- **utilities** (*noun*): public services including water, gas, and electricity
 - How much do you pay for utilities each month?
- **furnished** (*adjective*): containing furniture, for example, a sofa, tables, and washing machine
 - I decided to rent a furnished apartment so I wouldn't have to buy so many things.
- **vacancies** (*noun*): rooms not being used or rented
 - Do you have any vacancies starting next month?



Idioms

“feel at home” = feel comfortable or relaxed

“The more you learn about the culture here, the more you will feel at home.”

“move in” = start living somewhere

“Some of my adult children have moved back in because they want to save money.”



Listening Exercise

(Audio) <https://www.esl-lab.com/easy/apartments-for-rent/>

- Listen to the recording and answer the questions.

1- What is the main topic of the conversation?

the cost of rent near universities

the problems with living in an apartment

a search for a new apartment

2- Why doesn't Ann like her current apartment?

It's too expensive.

The neighborhood is noisy.

It's far from campus.



3- How much money does Ann want to pay for rent?

a little more than \$200

around \$200

no more than \$200

4- Ann wants to rent an apartment that ____.

is close to campus

is in a good neighborhood

already has furniture



5- To help Ann, Roger is going to ____.

look online for rentals

check out an apartment

call his friend

Answers

- 1- a search for a new apartment
- 2- It's far from campus.
- 3- no more than \$200
- 4- already has furniture
- 5- check out an apartment

Listening Script



Roger: Hello?

Ann: Hello Roger? This is Ann.

Roger: Oh hi, Ann. How have you been? And how's your new apartment **working out**?

Ann: Well, that's what I'm calling about. You see, I've decided to look for a new place.

Roger: Oh, what's the problem with your place now? I thought you liked the apartment.

Ann: Oh, I do, but it's a little far from campus, and the **commute** is just killing me. Do you think you could help? I thought you might know more about the housing situation near the school.



Roger: Okay, what's your budget like? I mean, how much do you want to spend on rent?

Ann: Uh, somewhere under \$200 a month, including **utilities**, if I could. Oh, and I'd prefer to rent a **furnished** apartment.

Roger: Hmm. And anything else?

Ann: Yeah, I need a parking space.

Roger: Well, I know there's an apartment complex around the corner that seems to have a few **vacancies**. I'll drop by there on my way to class today.

Ann: Hey, thanks a lot.

Roger: No problem.



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