

Cambridge B2 First Listening

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Audio track: FCE_Listening_1_1.mp3

You will hear people speaking in eight different situations. For questions 1–8, select the best answer A, B, or C. Read the question carefully before playing the audio. In the exam, you will have the opportunity to listen to each recording twice.

- 1** You hear two people talking about the college canteen. How do they disagree?

 - A** The quality of the food
 - B** The price of the coffee
 - C** The friendliness of the staff

- 2** You hear a woman talking about life skills. Where does she think the most valuable lessons are learned?

 - A** At home
 - B** At university
 - C** Playing sports

- 3** You hear an announcement at the airport. What problem is being explained?

 - A** Longer queues than usual
 - B** Departing flights will be delayed
 - C** Arriving flights will be delayed

- 4** You hear a woman presenting on a TV show. What is she talking about?

 - A** Where to buy a present
 - B** How to make a cake
 - C** How to shop for food

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- 5 You hear two students talking about a teacher. How does the boy feel?
- A He is really keen to impress the teacher
 - B He is worried the teacher doesn't like him
 - C He doesn't have confidence in the teacher
- 6 You hear a football commentary on the radio. What is the reporter doing?
- A Describing how he felt about the match
 - B Appreciating some of the players' skills during the match
 - C Explaining why the match was cancelled
- 7 You overhear two friends who have just been to the cinema. What do they agree on?
- A The cinema is still the best form of entertainment
 - B The entrance fee is too high
 - C The movie was fantastic
- 8 You hear a man speaking on a telephone. What is he trying to do?
- A Buy a ticket for the train
 - B Book a holiday
 - C Complain about something

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Audio track: FCE_Listening_1_2.mp3

You will hear Dom Marcus, a professional actor, talking about his career. For questions 9–18, complete the sentence with a word or short phrase (a maximum of three words). Read the question carefully before playing the audio. In the exam, you will have the opportunity to listen to each recording twice.

The activity he was most interested in at school was

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visited the school that he first became

interested in acting.

He found

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the most challenging

thing at drama college. Dom got his lucky break working on a

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for dog food. Social events are

important for

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and really help to

get new jobs. An actor must be prepared for

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and rejection. Sometimes he has to

reject work because he is

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to

accept it. His daughter helps him to understand

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so that he can use it effectively.

Dom's least favourite type of work is acting in

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, due to the repetitive and slow-

moving nature of the production process. Dom says a young actor must know

his or her

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Audio track: FCE_Listening_1_3.mp3

You will hear five different people talking about their student days. For questions 19–23, select from the list (A–H) what each person speaks about. There are three extra statements which you do not have to use. Read the question carefully before playing the audio. In the exam, you will have the opportunity to listen to each recording twice.

Which person speaks about:

A hating the late night parties

Speaker 1		19
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B finding it hard to focus at first

Speaker 2		20
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C being older than the other students

Speaker 3		21
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D becoming aware of the wider world

Speaker 4		22
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E it helping them to make important changes

Speaker 5		23
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F getting into trouble for cheating

G missing the support of their family

H struggling financially

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Audio track: FCE_Listening_1_4.mp3

You will hear an interview with a man called Raymond Osman, who works as a chiropractor in Madrid. For questions 24–30, select the best answer A, B, or C. Read the question carefully before playing the audio. In the exam, you will have the opportunity to listen to each recording twice.

- 24** How do Raymond's parents feel about him becoming a chiropractor?
- A** Surprised
 - B** Proud
 - C** Ashamed
- 25** On living in Spain, Raymond says:
- A** He misses England more than his wife does.
 - B** His wife misses England more than he does.
 - C** His parents want him to move to Barcelona.
- 26** Raymond lives in Spain because:
- A** there is a high demand for his services there
 - B** his parents live there
 - C** his wife is Spanish
- 27** Which aspect of his job does Raymond enjoy the most?
- A** Studying new techniques
 - B** Rehabilitating professional athletes
 - C** Speaking at conferences

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- 28** He believes most people suffer health problems because:
- A** they don't address problems early enough
 - B** they eat badly
 - C** they don't exercise
- 29** An unexpected feature of his job is:
- A** the regularity of his working week
 - B** the ability to choose his own hours
 - C** the contact with the public
- 30** In the long term he hopes to:
- A** become financially independent
 - B** own his own practice
 - C** open his own chiropractic training school