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Chapter

# 1

# Listening Comprehension



# News Report

## Exercise 1

**Directions:** *In this exercise, you will hear three news reports. At the end of each news report, you will hear two or three questions. Choose the best answer to each of the following questions.*

### News Report One

**Questions 1 and 2 are based on the news report you have just heard.**

- A. It studied the effects of exercise on sleep.  
B. Its participants came from various walks of life.  
C. Its findings confirmed those of previous studies.  
D. It ran for as long as some thirty years.
- A. Eating more vegetables instead of meat.  
B. Drinking water instead of beverages with added sugar.  
C. Consuming more energy drinks and sports drinks.  
D. Forming the habit of exercising regularly.

### News Report Two

**Questions 3 and 4 are based on the news report you have just heard.**

- A. He asked them about his lost paintings.  
B. He knew the owner of two missing paintings.  
C. He left his paintings at a highway rest stop.  
D. He found two 17th-century oil paintings.
- A. They are imitations.  
B. They are originals.  
C. They were stolen by an Italian boy.  
D. They came from the same artist.

### News Report Three

**Questions 5 to 7 are based on the news report you have just heard.**

- A. Look after her grandfather.  
B. Leave the remote cold region.  
C. Save her sick grandmother.  
D. Flee from the threat of bears.

6. A. She has to face a criminal charge.  
B. She was found lying motionless in the snow.  
C. She searched for her daughter in freezing cold.  
D. She works in childcare services.
7. A. She was found in a forest after three days.  
B. She lay totally unconscious for three days.  
C. She suffered from the effects of severe cold.  
D. She was finally rescued by her relatives.

## Exercise 2

**Directions:** *In this exercise, you will hear three news reports. At the end of each news report, you will hear two or three questions. Choose the best answer to each of the following questions.*

### News Report One

**Questions 1 and 2 are based on the news report you have just heard.**

1. A. It found a pet dog on board a plane to a city in Texas.  
B. It had one of its cargo planes land at a wrong airport.  
C. It sent two dogs to the wrong destinations.  
D. It had two of its domestic flights mixed up.
2. A. Correct their mistake as soon as possible.  
B. Give the two pets a physical checkup.  
C. Hire a charter jet to bring the pets back.  
D. Send another plane to continue the flight.

### News Report Two

**Questions 3 and 4 are based on the news report you have just heard.**

3. A. She weighs 130 kilograms.  
B. She has had babies before.  
C. She was brought from Africa.  
D. She has a big family of six.
4. A. It took 22 hours.  
B. It had some complications.  
C. It was smooth.  
D. It was monitored by Dr. Sue Tygielski.

## News Report Three

**Questions 5 to 7 are based on the news report you have just heard.**

5. A. It enjoyed great popularity.                      B. It started the business three years ago.  
    C. It was frequented by newly-weds.            D. It was built above the sea water.
6. A. Expand his business on the beach.  
    B. Replace the restaurant's wooden deck.  
    C. Post a picture of his restaurant online.  
    D. Celebrate his silver wedding anniversary.
7. A. She sold it for two thousand dollars.  
    B. She took it to the restaurant manager.  
    C. She posted its picture on social media.  
    D. She returned it to its owner right away.

## Exercise 3

**Directions:** *In this exercise, you will hear three news reports. At the end of each news report, you will hear two or three questions. Choose the best answer to each of the following questions.*

### News Report One

**Questions 1 and 2 are based on the news report you have just heard.**

1. A. Ship traffic in the Atlantic.  
    B. Warm currents in the ocean.  
    C. Exhaust from cars in Europe.  
    D. Particles emitted by power plants.
2. A. They need to be taken seriously.  
    B. They have a huge effect on fishery.  
    C. They might be causing trouble to air flights.  
    D. They may be affecting the world's climate.

### News Report Two

**Questions 3 and 4 are based on the news report you have just heard.**

3. A. To appeal for higher wages.  
    B. To demand better health care.

- C. To call for a permanent security guard.
- D. To dismiss the bad-tempered supervisor.
- 4. A. It had already taken strong action.    B. It would put customers' needs first.
- C. It would take their appeal seriously.    D. It was seeking help from the police.

### News Report Three

**Questions 5 to 7 are based on the news report you have just heard.**

- 5. A. The road was flooded.                      B. The road was blocked.
- C. The road was frozen with snow.        D. The road was covered with spilled gas.
- 6. A. A truck plunged into a pool of liquid chocolate.
- B. The heavy snow made driving very difficult.
- C. The truck driver dozed off while driving.
- D. A truck hit a barrier and overturned.
- 7. A. It was a long time before the cleanup was finished.
- B. It was a hard task to remove the spilled substance.
- C. It was fortunate that no passenger got injured.
- D. It was difficult to contact the manufacturer.

### Exercise 4

**Directions:** *In this exercise, you will hear three news reports. At the end of each news report, you will hear two or three questions. Choose the best answer to each of the following questions.*

### News Report One

**Questions 1 and 2 are based on the news report you have just heard.**

- 1. A. He set a record by swimming to and from an island.
- B. He celebrated ninth birthday on a small island.
- C. He visited a prison located on a faraway island.
- D. He swam around an island near San Francisco.
- 2. A. He doubled the reward.
- B. He cheered his son on all the way.
- C. He set his son an example.
- D. He had the event covered on TV.

## News Report Two

**Questions 3 and 4 are based on the news report you have just heard.**

3. A. He fell out of a lifeboat.  
B. He was almost drowned.  
C. He lost his way on a beach.  
D. He enjoyed swimming in the sea.
4. A. The lifeboats patrol the area around the clock.  
B. The beach is a good place to watch the tide.  
C. The emergency services are efficient.  
D. The beach is a popular tourist resort.

## News Report Three

**Questions 5 to 7 are based on the news report you have just heard.**

5. A. It climbed 25 stories at one go.                      B. It broke into an office room.  
C. It escaped from a local zoo.                              D. It became an online star.
6. A. Release it into the wild.                                B. Return it to its owner.  
C. Send it back to the zoo.                                    D. Give it a physical checkup.
7. A. A raccoon can perform acts no human can.  
B. A raccoon can climb much higher than a cat.  
C. The raccoon did something no politician could.  
D. The raccoon became as famous as some politicians.

## Exercise 5

**Directions:** *In this exercise, you will hear three news reports. At the end of each news report, you will hear two or three questions. Choose the best answer to each of the following questions.*

## News Report One

**Questions 1 and 2 are based on the news report you have just heard.**

1. A. See the Pope.  
B. Go to Newcastle.  
C. Travel to Germany.  
D. Tour an Italian city.



2. A. He was taken to hospital in an ambulance.  
B. His car hit a sign and was badly damaged.  
C. His GPS system went out of order.  
D. He ended up in the wrong place.

## News Report Two

**Questions 3 and 4 are based on the news report you have just heard.**

3. A. Scotland will reach the national target in carbon emissions reduction ahead of schedule.  
B. Glasgow City Council has made a deal with ScottishPower on carbon emissions.  
C. Glasgow has pledged to take the lead in reducing carbon emissions in the U.K.  
D. First Minister Nicola Sturgeon urged ScottishPower to reduce carbon emissions.
4. A. Glasgow needs to invest in new technologies to reach its goal.  
B. Glasgow is going to explore new sources of renewable energy.  
C. Stricter regulation is needed in transforming Glasgow's economy.  
D. It's necessary to create more low-emission zones as soon as possible.

## News Report Three

**Questions 5 to 7 are based on the news report you have just heard.**

5. A. He apologized for scratching an athlete's gold medal.  
B. He was asked to present a gold medal to Miu Goto.  
C. He bit a softball player's Olympic gold medal.  
D. He attracted public attention at a media event.
6. A. Have another picture taken with the Olympic medalist.  
B. Apologize to the International Olympic Committee.  
C. Get the damaged medal repaired.  
D. Pay for the cost of a new medal.
7. A. Allow no one to touch them.  
B. See them as symbols of honor.  
C. Treat them as treasures.  
D. Keep them in a safe place.

## Exercise 6

**Directions:** *In this exercise, you will hear three news reports. At the end of each news report, you will hear two or three questions. Choose the best answer to each of the following questions.*

### News Report One

**Questions 1 and 2 are based on the news report you have just heard.**

1. A. Enroll him in a Newcastle football club.  
B. Send him to an after-school art class.  
C. Forbid him to draw in his workbook.  
D. Help him post his drawings online.
2. A. Contacted Joe to decorate its dining room.  
B. Hired Joe to paint all the walls of its buildings.  
C. Renovated its kitchen and all the dining rooms.  
D. Asked Joe for permission to use his online drawings.

### News Report Two

**Questions 3 and 4 are based on the news report you have just heard.**

3. A. Get her pet dog back.  
B. Beg for help from the police.  
C. Identify the suspect in the security video.  
D. Post pictures of her pet dog on social media.
4. A. It is suffering a great deal from the incident.  
B. It is helping the police with the investigation.  
C. It is bringing the case to the local district court.  
D. It is offering a big reward to anyone who helps.

### News Report Three

**Questions 5 to 7 are based on the news report you have just heard.**

5. A. Provide free meals to the local poor.  
B. Help people connect with each other.  
C. Help eliminate class difference in his area.  
D. Provide customers with first-class service.

6. A. It does not supervise its employees.  
B. It donates regularly to a local charity.  
C. It does not use volunteers.  
D. It is open around the clock.
7. A. They will realize the importance of communication.  
B. They will come to the café even more frequently.  
C. They will care less about their own background.  
D. They will find they have something in common.

## Exercise 7

**Directions:** *In this exercise, you will hear three news reports. At the end of each news report, you will hear two or three questions. Choose the best answer to each of the following questions.*

### News Report One

**Questions 1 and 2 are based on the news report you have just heard.**

1. A. He wanted to buy a home.                      B. He suffered from a shock.  
C. He lost a huge sum of money.                D. He did an unusual good deed.
2. A. Invite the waiter to a fancy dinner.        B. Tell her story to the *Daily News*.  
C. Give some money to the waiter.              D. Pay the waiter's school tuition.

### News Report Two

**Questions 3 and 4 are based on the news report you have just heard.**

3. A. Whether or not to move to the state's mainland.  
B. How to keep the village from sinking into the sea.  
C. Where to get the funds for rebuilding their village.  
D. What to do about the rising level of the seawater.
4. A. It takes too long a time.  
B. It costs too much money.  
C. It has to wait for the state's final approval.  
D. It faces strong opposition from many villagers.

## News Report Three

**Questions 5 to 7 are based on the news report you have just heard.**

5. A. It varies with the seasons.  
B. It has been on the decline.  
C. It has caused nationwide concern.  
D. It is ninety grams daily on average.
6. A. They emphasize food variety.  
B. They prefer French stick loaves.  
C. They do more cooking than men.  
D. They favor diets lower in calories.
7. A. They bake more bread at home.  
B. They spend less time eating breakfast.  
C. They eat more fruit than they used to.  
D. They put jam instead of butter on bread.

## Exercise 8

**Directions:** *In this exercise, you will hear three news reports. At the end of each news report, you will hear two or three questions. Choose the best answer to each of the following questions.*

### News Report One

**Questions 1 and 2 are based on the news report you have just heard.**

1. A. A man was taken to a hospital.  
B. A man was bitten by a snake.  
C. A man fell off his toilet seat.  
D. A man kept a four-foot snake as a pet.
2. A. Who owned the snake.  
B. How the snake was captured.  
C. Whether the snake was infected.  
D. Where the snake was taken.

## News Report Two

**Questions 3 and 4 are based on the news report you have just heard.**

3. A. Posting her daughter's photos on social media.  
B. Sharing her photos with famous movie stars.  
C. Amusing herself by going to ball parties.  
D. Taking her trash out in fancy dresses.
4. A. To record her achievements.  
B. To please her daughter.  
C. To amuse people.  
D. To make herself popular.

## News Report Three

**Questions 5 to 7 are based on the news report you have just heard.**

5. A. Get a free meal after answering some questions.  
B. Have a meal even if they have no money.  
C. Have a chance of winning a \$100 prize.  
D. Eat as much as they want for \$10.
6. A. It was brought up by two staffers.  
B. It was suggested by some of her customers.  
C. It originated from a donation to her staff.  
D. It helped to popularize her restaurant.
7. A. Fifty customers have offered donations.  
B. Most staffers have received messages of kindness.  
C. Many people have come to eat at the restaurant.  
D. More people have been giving than taking.