

# 1 UNIT

## Section I

### Task 1

#### Cultural Notes

##### Iced tea

Iced tea, or ice tea, is a form of cold tea, which is served either in a glass or in a can. It is often mixed with flavored syrup such as lemon, cherry, or lime.

#### Listening Comprehension

Listen to the following conversation about weather. Then answer the following questions briefly.

1. What is the weather like today?

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2. What does the man offer for a drink?

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3. What does the woman prefer?

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### Task 2

#### Vocabulary

Italian /ɪ'tæljən/ *adj.* 意大利的

### Listening Comprehension

Listen to the conversation between a man and a woman talking about dinner. Then choose the best answer (a, b, or c) to complete each of the following statements.

1. The woman suggests \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. going out for dinner
  - b. going out for a walk after dinner
  - c. cooking dinner themselves
2. She believes that \_\_\_\_\_ is always good.
  - a. the new Italian restaurant
  - b. the Chinese restaurant
  - c. the new restaurant

### Task 3

#### Vocabulary

dessert /dɪ'zɜ:t/ n. 饭后甜点

coconut /'kəʊkənʌt/ n. 椰子

#### Cultural Notes

##### 1. Chocolate cake

Chocolate cake is made of melted chocolate or cocoa powder. The first chocolate cake is said to be made in 1764 by a Dr. Baker, who discovered how to make chocolate by grinding cocoa beans.

##### 2. Coconut cake

Coconut cake is flavored with a white frosting and covered in coconut flakes. Unlike chocolate cake which is always in brownish color, coconut cake can be either white or yellow. It is a popular cake in the southern part of the US.

##### 3. Carrot cake

Carrot cakes are made of a mixture of ingredients, which include carrot, eggs, sugar, and flour. Nuts or raisins may also be added to give the cake a special flavor.

## Listening Comprehension

Listen to the conversation about dessert. Are the following statements true or false? Write T (True) or F (False) in front of each statement.

- ( ) 1. The man does not want to have any dessert at first because he is not interested in anything.
- ( ) 2. He finally agrees when the woman suggests they share dessert.
- ( ) 3. The man recommends carrot cake because he has tried it before.

## Section II

### Task 1

#### Vocabulary

skip /skɪp/ *v.* 略过, 省略

pizza /'pi:tʃə/ *n.* 比萨饼

#### Cultural Notes

##### Pizza

Pizza is flat and round bread baked in the oven. It is typically topped with tomato sauce and cheese, along with a variety of toppings such as pepperoni, onions, mushrooms, and green peppers.

## Listening Comprehension

### Step 1: Listening for Main Ideas

Listen to the conversation between Josh and Amy. Then answer the following questions briefly.

1. Why does Amy ask Josh to wait?

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2. What can a good breakfast do, according to Amy?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Why did Josh stay up so late last night?

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Why does Josh want to get to school early today?

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**Step 2: Listening for Details**

*Listen to the conversation again and this time try to learn more details. Then fill in the missing information in the following statements.*

1. Josh: But I'm not hungry. I had \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Amy: What time did you go to bed?  
Josh: Oh, at \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Amy: How are you getting to school?  
Josh: I planned \_\_\_\_\_, but actually, now I \_\_\_\_\_.

**Task 2**

**Vocabulary**

fancy /'fænsɪ/ v. 喜欢	catch /kætʃ/ n. 陷阱, 诡计
posh /pɒʃ/ adj. 上流社会的, 第一流的	presentation /,prezən'teɪʃən/ n. 报告, 讲话
do /du:/ n. 聚会	broke /brəʊk/ adj. 身无分文的
champagne /,ʃæm'peɪn/ n. 香槟酒	workmate /'wɜ:kmeɪt/ n. 同事
reception /rɪ'sepʃən/ n. 招待会	pop out 离开
romantic /rəʊ'mæntɪk/ adj. 浪漫的	

**Cultural Notes**

**1. Posh do**

A “do” is an informal British word to mean a social event or a party. “Posh do” here refers to either a fancy party or a social event among the social elites.

## 2. West End

The West End refers to the West End of London, a name synonymous to affluence, prestige, and entertainment. The area is located to the west of the historic City of London (See Note 1 on page 43). The initial development started during the 17th century and the area quickly expanded during both the 18th and 19th centuries. It has, ever since, become a favored place for the social elite since the area is upwind of the smoke drifting from the City. The name carries several connotations. It is a place of wealth since it boasts of the most elegant and beautiful residences; it is also a business center with such world famous streets as Oxford Street, Bond Street, and Regent Street. It is the center of entertainment with such cultural icons as Covent Garden and the Royal Opera House.

## 3. Champagne reception

Champagne reception usually refers to a ceremony, such as a wedding, where champagne and other desserts are served to the guests. Also referred to as “champagne and cake reception,” the occasion normally takes place immediately after a late afternoon or late evening ceremony when guests are offered, along with champagne, other soft drinks for toasting and an assortment of cakes.

## 4. Christmas

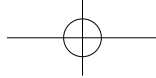
Christmas is a legal holiday on December 25. It is widely celebrated in all Western countries for the birth of Jesus Christ.

## Listening Comprehension

### ► Step 1: Listening for Main Ideas

*Listen to the conversation between Andy and Charlotte. Then choose the best answer (a, b, or c) to complete each of the following statements.*

- Andy asks Charlotte if she is interested in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - offering some help for her presentation
  - going to a champagne reception
  - going to an upper class party
- When Andy offers to help Charlotte in writing her presentation, she gives her second excuse that \_\_\_\_\_.
  - she has no time for the party
  - she has nothing to wear
  - she does not want to meet Andy's workmates



3. Charlotte finally agrees to go because \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. she wants to meet James who has broken with his girlfriend
  - b. she gets 100 pounds in cash from Andy
  - c. she does not have to worry about her presentation

► **Step 2: Listening for Details**

*Listen to the conversation once again and this time pay more attention to details. Then answer the following questions as accurately as possible.*

1. Does Andy intend to ask Charlotte on a date?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What kind of gathering is this?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Why does Charlotte hate to go to someone else's work do?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What is Charlotte's impression of James whom she met at Christmas before?  
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