

Listening (script)

Task 1. *You will hear a student giving a presentation. For questions 1-5, complete the sentences with the words you hear in the recording. Use one word in each gap. You cannot use the synonyms of the words you hear. YOU WILL HEAR THE RECORDING TWICE!*

Now you have 30 seconds to look through the items.

[pause 30 seconds]

Now we begin.

Girl: Hi everyone! I have chosen to tell you about my father's job for the project we had for today. I chose the first project which focuses on jobs. I found the other topic on the environment a bit difficult.

My father is a pilot for an international airline company. He's been flying people around the world for the last sixteen years and he loves his job. After he graduated from university, he became a teacher. He taught in a primary school and he really enjoyed it. However, he'd always had a dream that one day he would fly, so he decided to go for an important career change and train as a pilot. He will never forget his first flight when he was responsible for a plane with 80 happy holiday-makers on their way to Italy. Six more people were working on the plane. He was very nervous. Everything went well though and he was so pleased when his first flight was behind him. He often gets nervous people asking him questions about how dangerous flying really is. He tells them that it is the safest way to travel. However, sometimes unexpected things happen during a flight, such as bad weather or difficult passengers, but he says that the most important thing a pilot can do is to always stay calm. My father believes that what nervous passengers have in common is that they need to be in control of their life and when they get on a plane they have to give up that control. He always does his best to make passengers feel relaxed on the flight. Once he has taken off and he is cruising in the sky, he always has a coffee to make him feel extra awake and ready for anything.

Now you have 20 seconds to check your answers.

[pause 20 seconds]

Now listen to the text again.

[Text repeated.]

Now you have 20 seconds to complete the task and transfer your answers into the answer sheet.

[pause 20 seconds]

Task 2. *You will hear a talk about butterflies. For questions 6-15, choose the best answer (a, b or c). YOU WILL HEAR THE RECORDING TWICE!*

Now you have 30 seconds to look through the items.

[pause 30 seconds]

Now we begin.

Greg: Our next guest is Megan Grant, the organiser of a new exhibition at the Science Museum. It's called 'The Wonder of Butterflies' and it's open from tomorrow, June 3rd until June 17th from 10 to 8 every day. Hi, Megan, it's nice to have you here in the studio.

Megan: Thanks, Greg.

Greg: I believe you have some surprises in store for us.

Megan: Well, butterflies are surprising creatures, for example, did you know there are about twenty-four thousand species of butterflies?

Greg: No, I ..

Megan: They come in a huge range of colours and sizes. The smallest butterflies are tiny, about a third of a centimetre wide, while the biggest ones are about thirty centimetres across, almost a hundred times bigger.

Greg: Tell us about some of the species on show.

Megan: Well, we have one of the world's largest butterflies, the Common Birdwing, which as the name indicates is as big as some birds. The female has a wingspan of up to 18 centimetres!

Greg: Impressive.

Megan: Most of the butterflies in the exhibition are tropical, from Central America, Africa and Asia. When they get here they're still in the form of a chrysalis and ...

Greg: Sorry, Megan, a chrysalis is a butterfly before it becomes a butterfly, right?

Megan: That's right. Now what we do is very carefully take each chrysalis and stick it to a branch so that visitors can watch the butterflies emerge, slowly spread their wings and fly away. It's the wonder of metamorphosis from caterpillar to butterfly!

Greg: Wonderful!

Megan: You can also see the Monarch butterfly, which is a great traveller. Every year it migrates from the Great Lakes of Canada to the Gulf of Mexico, that's well over three thousand kilometres!

Greg: What do butterflies eat?

Megan: Most butterflies eat nectar from flowers and some eat pollen or fruit, but there's one extremely unusual species, *Dryas iulia*, that drinks the tears of caimans'.

Greg: It drinks crocodile tears!

Megan: No, not crocodiles, caimans are like alligators, from South America. This butterfly lands on the eye of a caiman, pokes it with its proboscis, and ...

Greg: The proboscis, that's the nose, isn't it?

Megan: Not really, it's a kind of tube mouth, actually. It pokes its proboscis into the caiman's eye to make it cry so that it can drink the tears.

Greg: Amazing!

Megan: And did you know that butterflies taste with their feet?

Greg: Their feet?

Megan: Yes, they taste leaves with their feet to find a good place to lay their eggs. Another amazing fact about butterflies is that they can see more colours than any other animal.

Greg: And what activities are there for children?

Megan: Well, we have lots of ...

Now you have 20 seconds to check your answers.

[pause 20 seconds]

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[Text repeated.]

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[pause 20 seconds]

This is the end of the Listening task.