

Mock B2 Megoldó kulcs

Part 4 – Listening comprehension

Task 1: Questions 1-10

1 point for each correct sentence

1. Camping is a popular outdoor activity for people who like to feel one with nature.
2. Campers do not mind rough circumstances; they don't mind sleeping in a tent on the ground.
3. It's not a problem for them to cook or eat outside.
4. Even these tough people might like to get a good night's sleep in a bed.
5. There are people for whom glamping might be more appealing/attractive
6. Anna asks her friend Lisa about her glamping experience.
7. 'Glamping' is camping without all of the downsides/drawbacks.
8. Lisa talks about a resort where glampers stayed in yurts, which are big round circular tents.
9. The surprising "luxury" Lisa mentioned is the baskets of muffins delivered to their doorstep.
10. Anna admits that she likes camping but glamping sounds really awesome/ fabulous.

Task 2: Questions 11-15

2 points for each correct answer.

11. D 12. C 13. D 14. B 15. B

Task 3: Questions 16-20

2 points for each correct answer.

16. C 17. D 18. G 19. B 20. A

Transcripts

Listening Task 1 “Glamping”

For many people, camping is a popular outdoor activity. Camping is for people who like to **feel one with nature**. They like sleeping, playing, eating and washing (or not washing) in the open air. In fact, they often like camping a lot more than staying at home.

Camping is not always easy. But people who like camping like roughing it. In other words, they don't mind leaving their creature comforts at home. For example, they do not mind **sleeping in a tent** on the ground. They don't mind **cooking and eating outside** -- or doing anything outside.

But not everyone likes sleeping on the ground or washing up in a cold lake. Even people who like being out in nature may still like to get a **good night's sleep** on a soft, comfortable bed.

For these types of people, glamping may be more **appealing**.

"Glamping" combines two other words, "glamour" and "camping."

I have been camping. But I have never been glamping. My friend Lisa has. So, I invited her into the studio to describe her **glamping experience**. Here is part of our conversation.

ANNA: What is “glamping”? How would you describe “glamping”?

LISA: Well, “glamping” is actually “glamorous camping,” right? So, that’s where glamping came from. So, it’s camping without all of the downsides.

*LISA: It is a new word, I think. I have gone glamping. And we went to this **fabulous resort** with these yurts. It’s a **big round circular tent** with like a wooden frame. But this particular yurt has under-floor heating and like a beautiful spa bathroom and a wood stove and fuzzy bathrobes hanging in the corner. What else do you need? And baskets of muffins delivered **to your doorstep** in the morning.*

ANNA: That does not sound like camping. But yet, you are outside sleeping in a fabric enclosure – a yurt.

LISA: That’s right.

ANNA: Yeah, it would be hard to go back to camping once you’ve been glamping, I have to say.

LISA: Yes, I think that’s very true. In fact, it may be possible that I have not been camping since I went glamping.

ANNA: So, Lisa if you’re free this summer how would you like to go camping with me?

LISA: I would much rather go glamping with you.

Listening Task 2 Bilingualism

Woman

Finally a new study has added to evidence suggesting that being bilingual is good for the brain.

In the study, older adults who have spoken two languages since childhood showed better mental skills than those who speak just one language.

Earlier studies showed that bilingualism seemed to favor the development of these heightened skills.

Organizers of the new study say their findings provide evidence of that cognitive advantage among older, bilingual adults.

Man

In the study, the researchers asked people to sort colors and shapes in a series of simple exercises. They used brain imaging to compare how well three groups of people switched among these exercises. The groups were bilingual seniors, monolingual seniors and younger adults. The imaging showed different

patterns of activity in the frontal part of the brain, in an area used for processing such tasks. Brian Gold is a neuroscientist at the University Of Kentucky College Of Medicine. He was also the lead author of the study.

Dr Brian Gold

”We found that seniors who are bilingual are able to activate their brain with a magnitude closer to young subjects. So they don’t need to expend as much effort, and yet they still out-perform their monolingual peers, suggesting they use their brain more efficiently.”

Man

He says that knowing a second language made no difference for the young adults. They did better at the exercises than both groups of older people. But he says the older bilingual adults appear to have built up a kind of surplus from a lifetime of increased mental activity.

Woman

He says his findings confirm an earlier study on bilingualism among patients with Alzheimer’s disease. That study showed that bilingual speakers developed more damage, but were able to think at the same level as patients with less damage. Dr. Gold says he believes the new study confirms that bilingualism can play a protective role in the brain.

He now plans to study whether learning a second language or immigrating to another country as an adult can provide some of the same mental advantages as lifelong bilingualism. The study appeared in the Journal of Neuroscience.

Listening Task 3

Safe parks: These teens say they wish security was better so they could use them more.

Presenter

In September a 19-year-old college student was shot to death while sitting on a bench at a park in South Los Angeles. Police said he was an innocent bystander who was shot by a gang member who they think mistook him for a rival gang member. The city had plans to add security cameras to the park, but they haven’t been installed yet. When we talked to our staff writers, several said that they didn’t always feel safe using the parks in their neighbourhoods. Our questions were the followings: How safe are the parks in your community? What do you think could make them safer? Why do you think parks are important? Here is what they say.

Erik Tovar, 17, Roosevelt HS (High School)

There is a beautiful park a five-minute walk from my school in East L.A. Hollenbeck Park has a lake with a trail that goes around it. Lots of people run through the park but one thing is sure: **After 7 p.m. it gets dangerous.**

A month ago, I was running on the trail around 9:30 p.m. when seven gangbangers yelled at me, “Hey, who’s chasing you?” When I wouldn’t answer they yelled, “Hey kid, don’t let me catch you here again.” I finished my lap and went home shook up.

The city could make some parks safer by setting up a police station in them or at least have more patrol cars driving around them. People should feel safe at all our parks all the time.

The park is safe during the day but not at night. (Erik)

Ju-Young Kim, 17, UCLA Community School

Although I live near two parks, I don't go to either of them. In my neighbourhood, Korea town, the parks are dangerous. The first time I went to one of those parks was with my friends in middle school. We saw homeless people sleeping. I saw a group of men playing cards, but I didn't see any children. The park smelled like rotten eggs. We left and went to hang out at a café. I never went to the park again.

I wish the city would have more police at the parks near me. This would keep the gang members away so people could use them. **If the parks were safe, I would go there after school to do homework or hang out with friends.**

Young people would visit the park after school to hang out with friends if the park were safe. (Ju-Young Kim)

Estelita Pascual, 17, Downtown Magnets HS

As I was running at Vista Hermosa Park I noticed a car slowly coming to a stop near me. A middle-aged man stuck his head out the driver's window and stared at me. I looked at him angrily, trying to disguise my fear. I jogged up the hill again and turned around. I was worried that he'd return so I went into the park.

In the park I saw other people running or enjoying the view of downtown. It was almost like I was in another world. But after only one lap around the park's nice dirt trail, I was still afraid of being followed so I headed home.

Having a lovely park doesn't matter if the neighbourhoods around it aren't safe. The city should provide more police and install more security cameras around the park. **Maybe then it'll be safe enough to enjoy.**

Lovely parks cannot be enjoyed if their neighbourhood is not safe. (Estelita)

Jazmine Mendoza, 17, Social Justice Humanitas Academy (San Fernando)

I'm lucky. There are two parks within three blocks of my house, and they are both safe.

El Cariso Park is big with lots of trees. It has a pool where my sister loves swimming. Every time I've been there, there have been more than a dozen people running or walking and some parents playing with their kids. I've invited friends to come and run or have picnics with me.

Sometimes when I feel like hanging out in a more secluded place I go to Veterans Memorial Park, which is smaller. It has short hiking trails that I love. My family goes there several times a week to exercise. It's like stepping out of the city without going far. Other times I'll go by myself to read. Even though there aren't a lot of people around **I still feel safe because there is always a sheriff's deputy or two strolling around.**

People feel safe because the park is patrolled. (Jasmine)

Kevin Cruz, 18, School for the Visual Arts and Humanities

What makes La Fayette Park scary is that a gang hangs out there. One time I was walking with a friend and while we were waiting to cross a street next to the park a guy maybe a year older than us approached us as if we had known him. We crossed the street ignoring the guy as he blurted out his gang name. Later that week I realized that he approached us probably because I was wearing Dickies. People who are affiliated with gangs often wear Dickies. Being confronted by the guy scared me because I felt like I have to be aware of where I walk on my way home.

I feel like being able to access La Fayette without having to worry about the gangs would benefit the community. It would be nice to have a park that I can go to and play soccer without any fears

The park would be safe if gangs didn't hang out there. (Kevin)
