

Answer Key
LISTENING COMPREHENSION TEST

Общее количество баллов – 40.

Каждый пункт теста оценивается в 2 балла. За каждую орфографическую ошибку/пропущенное слово снимается 0,5 балла.

TEXT 1

1. F
2. T
3. F
4. T
5. T
6. (the) dolphins
7. bike (bicycle)
8. Adventure Tours
9. (wooden) mask
10. Lakeside

TEXT 2

Task 1

11. E
12. G
13. C
14. D
15. A

Task 2

16. G
17. F
18. B
19. E
20. A

Script 1

Hi there. My name's Grace Connolly and I'm just back from a fantastic trip to New Zealand. It really was the trip of a lifetime, and I'd like to tell you all about it.

New Zealand has two main islands – the North Island and the South Island. I went to the South Island and it's even more beautiful than I'd expected. There are many ways to see it - you can hire a car and drive, or some people go around by motorbike - you can even see the island by boat, but I went on what's known as the green bus. Our driver was so helpful and really helped to make it a memorable journey.

So, what route did we take? Well, we started in Nelson, in the northwest of the island. Then we headed off down the west coast stopping at various places and then inland up to our final destination, Christchurch on the east coast, the second largest city in New Zealand.

I also went on a day tour to a place called Kaikoura, which is a hundred and fifty kilometres north of there. It's on the coast and is famous for its sea life and also for being one of the most exciting places in the world to see ocean birds. To really experience the day you have to opt for one of these trips. It was dolphins I was keenest to see, but there are whales too. It was an absolutely amazing day.

I made so many new friends on the trip, which was always fun. There were people from all over the world, Korea, Russia, North America ... I've stayed in regular contact with a girl I met from Japan. Most of us were quite young, but there was one guy from Germany in his sixties.

New Zealand's famous for the sports you can do, but it can work out expensive to hire the equipment you need to do things. You had to pay rental charges and so on for everything. I actually took my own bike along with me, and did a fair bit of cycling around. I rented a surfboard for a day or half day, and though it was more expensive, I also went out on a quad bike one day.

But the highlight of the trip for me was jet boating at place called Buller River. I'd strongly recommend *Adventure Tours*, the company I did it with – nothing was too much trouble and they really made it fun and exciting. I didn't try the other company, which was called *Great Days*, but friends said it was OK too.

Every trip has some problems – I fell and hurt my shoulder horse-riding on a beach. Luckily the sand was soft enough to prevent it being anything serious, and I didn't need treatment. But then I actually had to go to Christchurch Hospital after doing something to my foot – climbing over some rocks. Anyway, it was nothing major and was fine after a couple of days.

There are interesting things to buy on the South Island. Nelson Saturday Market's brilliant. There are stalls selling food – honey, bread and fruit - all sorts of things. I got a fantastic wooden mask as a souvenir, but there were also paintings and jewellery and stuff that would've been nice to bring home too.

The accommodation was great the whole way – the hostels we stayed in were all good. Like *The Fairway* in Christchurch, or my favourite *The Lakeside* in Nelson. That's the place I'd advise anyone to stay. If you go, say Grace told you about it!

I'm already planning a return visit to New Zealand – to North Island this time. It's got famous mud pools and hot springs, which I might get to visit, but sightseeing's not my main aim. In fact the reason I'm going is that some friends have offered to take me walking with them round all the best places. I'm really looking forward to it.

So before I go on to ...

Script 2

Speaker 1:

My French evening class was a means to an end really – *my son was having problems at school and I wanted to be able to help*. Actually he gave it up in the end, whereas I got more and more interested in the French way of life. I then met someone who owns a flat in France and we often get cheap flights out there for weekends. *It really opened my eyes to the fact that I'd got stuck in a rut* – same friends, job and so on – but now I'm meeting new people and really enjoying myself. In fact, I'm seriously thinking of moving out there. I'm a designer, so I can work wherever I want.

Speaker 2:

Everyone assumes I'm studying Arabic because I go to Oman a lot on business, but actually you can get by perfectly well there without it. Having said that, people appreciate that you've made the effort to learn the language, and that can be good for business. *But the real incentive was my passion for the history and way of life in the country*, which meant I wanted to read books in the original language. It was tough going, but one unexpected payoff is that I no longer feel so inadequate compared with my wife, who's a linguist. *I always knew I had it in me to learn a language!*

Speaker 3:

I've had a thing about Brazil ever since I was a kid – the wildlife, the people, the beaches. It seemed so exotic and *I had vague notions of taking a year off after university to go out there and see something of the country*. So when Portuguese was offered as an extra-curricular subject while I was doing journalism at university, I leapt at the opportunity. I never did get to Brazil, but I enjoyed learning a language from scratch so much that *I decided to switch and study languages instead*. I'm not sure what I'll do with my degree yet. I'll never be a brilliant linguist and I may well still end up as a journalist, but I'm glad I changed track.

Speaker 4:

It doesn't impress people as much as I'd expected because it's becoming more common now to learn Mandarin in this country. *I just felt I had time on my hands and wanted to do something useful*. I'd narrowed it down to either learning a language or an instrument. To tell you the truth, it's far harder than I realised and the alphabet is impossible! I've been to China a couple of times, although I can't say that I've used the language much. But learning it has pushed me out of my comfort zone and means *I've been using my brain for a change* – and in a far more interesting way than doing crosswords or Sudoku.

Speaker 5:

When I used to go on holiday with my parents, I picked up a few words of Spanish here and there. I loved the sound of it and I wondered if it might be useful to learn it one day. Then later on *I realised the implications for business 'cos we have a lot of clients in South America*. So I took a couple of months' unpaid leave and went out there to do a course, and hopefully get promotion as a result! *While I was there, I met my future husband*. We're back in the UK again and I'm back doing my old job, but my career no longer seems so important.