

**ŽUPANIJSKO NATJECANJE U ZNANJU ENGLESKOGA JEZIKA
za 2. razrede srednjih škola**

SLUŠANJE S RAZUMIJEVANJEM

This is the listening part of the county competition. There are two tasks to the listening part. Before each task you will have time to look through the questions before you listen.

Open your tests at page 2 and look at Task 1.

(short pause)

You will hear people talking in five different situations. For questions 1-5, choose the best answer (A, B, C or D). You will hear each recording twice.

You now have 20 seconds to read the questions.

(20 seconds)

You will now hear the speakers.

1

If you think it's just another film, like 'Silver Linings Playbook', you couldn't be more wrong. It was an engaging story from the beginning and the characters are well portrayed. I was in stitches for more than an hour and I even dropped my popcorn, I couldn't control myself. If it wins an Oscar, I wouldn't be surprised.

2

Hmm... This is a quite run-down and shady area of the city. There are not many places where our teens can spend their time and, sooner or later, they end up involved with the police. It's not easy to be a young adult when your parents are probably divorced, or your school is far away. I wish I could say I was doubtful or didn't care, but that would be mad.

3

Dear listeners, come and join us this Saturday in the athletics hall! There's everything at our WonderYou event, from jazz and rock 'n' roll to rap. If you enjoy physical activities, make sure to join our wonderful salsa classes or, if you prefer not to move a lot, there's a production of the drama academy.

4

Although the soya bean is a symbol of the vegan lifestyle, it is mostly used as protein in feed for animals, which consequently causes deforestation. The legume is famous for its edible bean with numerous uses, including the production of soy milk, edible oil, milk, tofu, sauce, bean paste, and it can even be used as a fertilizer for crops.

5

Sorry, I'm overburdened, and my head of department won't be satisfied if I don't hit my targets. I'll have to say no to this project. If I could get a slight reduction in my targets and keep my salary, I could use the extra time and stay late a few days to finish the presentation. Also, if you could ask Joseph to support me, and manage my correspondence, I could work on this project.

[Count silently to 5 and then say the following:]

Now you will hear the recordings again.

Now, turn to Task 2 on page 3.

You will hear a podcast by Nina Woodlake, a former TV host of a teen show.

For each of the questions 1-5, choose ONE answer (A, B, C or D) that fits best according to the recording.

You will hear the recording twice, and there will be a short pause between the two recordings.

The task begins with an example (0).

You now have 30 seconds to read through the questions.

[Count silently to 30 – and then say the following:]

Now you will hear the interview.

Hello everybody, I am Nina Woodlake, but you probably remember me as Chrystal Bright from a well-known TV show Teen Brainiacs.

It all started as a complete fluke when my brother went to an audition for the show and I tagged along. It was such a long day and I got bored waiting for him that I started thinking - well, I might as well give it a go myself. I was so surprised and shocked when only a week later I got a call – they wanted me to become one of the three hosts. I mean, I had no proper training, nor experience, but I still felt privileged thinking they wanted me and never considered turning it down. My brother was also very supportive. The pay was great, I earned about £2000 per episode and we filmed every Tuesday and Friday.

It did not take me long to be seduced by the glamorous and thrilling opportunities – I was on the guest lists of all the major events. I even bought myself a fashionable car and moved to a popular borough. You know, being a teen TV host is not that demanding, apart from the long sessions. I am a happy and cheerful person, so I didn't even mind being the target of an occasional gossip.

Then, after only 5 years in the business, my interest faded away, together with my will to go out 3 or 4 times a week. I stopped hanging out with the crew as I felt estranged from them, I even missed my family when I was not working. It did not take long before I started being less punctual or I appeared annoyed on the set and even started smoking. In a few months, I lost a lot of weight and the director told me that I would have to clear my head if I wanted to continue being part of the crew. I was so hurt.

By the end of 6th season, I had made up my mind to leave. I told the director I wanted to resign, and most of the people on the set were either surprised or sad to see me leave, but I never questioned if I had made a smart move. Very soon, reality kicked in - I started worrying about my mortgage and the only thing that kept me going was knowing I would be going on to do something more interesting. Ultimately, I decided to sell my fancy car and moved in with my brother.

I didn't do anything for a month and then, out of fear of being completely useless, I took a job as an assistant in a kindergarten. Those little human beings completely depended on me and I loved the sense of responsibility. Now, I am studying child psychology and I'm thrilled about

my life, which couldn't be further away from my old TV persona. I finally feel like myself and not just a character on TV. Unfortunately, I still do get recognised occasionally but I hope that by the time I graduate everyone will have forgotten what I used to do.

[Count silently to 5 and then say the following:]

Now you will hear the interview again.

[After the second reading, say the following:]

You now have 1 minute to check your answers and copy the corresponding letters onto the Answer Sheet.

[Count silently to 60 – and then say the following:]

This is the end of the listening task.

You may now go on to do the other parts of the test.