

Orientating yourself

There are ten short conversations and one example. As you listen, complete the table to show who the speakers are and why they are speaking.

	Who are the speakers? (relationship)	Why are they speaking (purpose)
1	<i>a waiter and a client</i>	<i>The waiter is greeting and seating the client.</i>
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Seeing beyond the surface

You will hear conversations. Answer the questions below. Write Yes / No.

- 1 Is the weather fine? _____
- 2 Is the girl trying to avoid the date? _____
- 3 Was the man satisfied with the phone? _____
- 4 Are university fees going to rise? _____
- 5 Does the woman want to see the computer? _____
- 6 Is the boy very sick? _____
- 7 Did the woman like the movie? _____
- 8 Is the teacher pleased with the boy's work? _____

Identifying main ideas

You will hear the person giving a talk on a topic of general interest. For questions 1 – 5 circle the correct answers. For questions 6-8, complete the sentences with no more than three words. For questions 9-10 circle the correct answers.

1 The weekly radio programme is on

- A topics suggested by listeners.
- B local news items.
- C listeners' hobbies.

2 The process of stamp production is

- A difficult.
- B expensive.
- C time consuming.

3 In the search for suitable subjects, people are invited to

- A research a number of topics.
- B give an opinion on possible topics.
- C produce a list of topics.

4 Topics are sent for final approval to

- A a group of graphic artists.
- B the Board of Directors.
- C a designers' committee.

5 Australian artists receive money

- A only if the stamp goes into circulation.
- B for the design only.
- C for the design and again if it is used.

6 Stamps must represent aspects of _____ e.g. Characters from literature or examples of wildlife.

7 There are no _____ on Australian or British stamps.

8 A favourite topic in Britain is _____ .

9 The speaker says that

- A many people produce designs for stamps.
- B few people are interested in stamp design,
- C people will never agree about stamp design.

10 The speaker suggests that

- A stamps play an important role in our lives.
- B too much attention is devoted to stamp production.
- C stamps should reflect a nation's character.