

L1 014 Listening Exam

Transkrypcja tekstów

ZADANIE 1

Nagranie 1

Hello listeners! If you don't know what to do this beautiful summer weekend, visit my town. It offers lots of attractions.

First, when you come, you should get an idea of what my town is like. The best way to do it is to take a tour around it. There are three kinds of tours. There is an expensive helicopter tour and there is a walking tour. In fact, walking tours take a very long time, so they are a bad choice for a weekend visit. I think you should take the bus tour. It is shorter, and the guide will show you all the interesting places.

One thing about my town is that it is situated by the sea. There is a beautiful beach all the way around it. You can have a good time on it. You can sunbathe and swim. It is usually sunny and the water is warm all summer. Unfortunately, if you like surfing, it's not the right moment. You can't surf now because the waves are too small. However, in the afternoon, I think you can try fishing. There are plenty of fish in the sea here. Maybe you would also like a little more adventure out of town. There are two attractions waiting for you: a mountain bike ride or a river kayaking ride. Last year I tried both of them. They were exciting and I saw wonderful views in the mountains. But, to tell you the truth, I liked kayaking more. It was shorter and more relaxing. Cycling took me five hours and it was really hard.

OK, one other thing. This Saturday there will be a rock music concert in my town. Some famous singers are coming. They will be singing in the theatre, which is near the beach. It will be a very special concert. Why special? All the money from the concert will be given to help sick children in the local hospital. The tickets are quite expensive but if you decide to buy them today, you can pay a little less.

Well, anyway, I invite you to my town and I hope you'll come and enjoy your stay here.

Nagranie 2

- So, Susan, do you have anything planned for this Saturday?
- Uh, I'm kind of busy. Why do you ask?

- Oh, I was wondering if you would like to go to Anna's with me. You know she's broken her leg and she is staying at home all the time.
- I'd love to but I will be really busy all Saturday.
- What do you have to do?
- First, at eight, I have to be in my office. My boss told me to come in the morning and work until 11 a.m. And then, in the afternoon I have a dentist appointment. I can't miss that. It's very important.
- Well, what about after that?
- Unfortunately, I am going to be running around all day. After the dentist appointment I am meeting my friend Julie. She is preparing a computer presentation for next week. It's difficult for her and I promised to help her make the slides.
- OK, but you'll be free after that, won't you?
- Sorry. My sister is coming. Her train arrives at 5.30 (five thirty). I have to meet her at the station then. In the evening, we'll probably go to a restaurant. I don't know when I'll be back home.
- Wow, sounds like you're going to have a full Saturday. So, I'll go to Anna alone. But maybe we could meet on Sunday if you don't need a rest.
- Oh, Sunday will be great. We could go to the cinema or play a game together.
- Well, I think a film will be better. I don't like playing games.
- OK. I'll pick you up at four and we'll go together. And I promise to visit Anna next week.
- Fine! See you then!

ZADANIE 2

Welcome to the programme, amazing places in the world.

Today I want to tell you about the hottest place in the world. It is not surprising that it is a desert. Of course you start thinking about the Sahara or Gobi deserts. But you are wrong. The hottest place in the world is Death Valley. Now where is that place. It is a part of the Great Mojave desert. And the desert is not in Africa, as you may expect, but in the USA in the state of California, not far from Las Vegas, which is in Nevada .

We all know that deserts are hot during the day and cold at night. The temperatures in the summer are around 50 degrees centigrade. In winter the temperatures often go below freezing. In 1913 the highest air temperature was recorded in Death Valley. The thermometer showed 57 degrees Celsius.

It is so hot that the biggest problem in this place is obviously a lack of water. Death Valley is not only the hottest place it is also one of the driest places in the world. It gets only 60 millimeters of rain a year when New York for example gets about 1200 millimeters. In 1929 there was no rain in the valley at all.

Death Valley is long and narrow. There are mountains around it which reach three thousand meters into the sky. But there is also a place which is 86 meters below sea level. It is called Badwater and it is the lowest place in the USA.

President Herbert Hoover visited the Valley in the 1930s. He was so impressed by the beauty of it that he decided to place it under federal protection. In 1933 Death Valley became a national park. Today more than one million people visit Death Valley each year. They stay in hotels or camping sites in the area. The most popular place to stay is Furnace Creek.

So, if you are not afraid of the heat come and visit Death Valley.

ZADANIE 3

Nagranie 1

- Hello listeners, in our radio programme “Horror on the Road” the speaker today is Larry Watson. He will tell us about his dangerous adventures while driving last Friday. So, Larry what happened to you on the road?
- Well, I was driving home from work in the evening. When I was leaving the city, it got dark and it started to rain. I could not see the road very well, so I didn’t drive very fast. Suddenly, I noticed a black shape and two small lights in front of my car. I thought there was a bicycle lying on the road. I quickly stopped the car but I saw that it wasn’t a bike. There was a big dog standing in the middle of the road and looking at my car. I opened the door but then the animal ran away. So, I got back into the car and drove on. Soon I arrived at railroad tracks which I had to cross. I slowed down and looked carefully around. There was no train, so I drove onto the tracks. I was in the middle of them when suddenly my car engine stopped working. I tried to start it but nothing happened. Then I heard the train coming. I was in panic, so I got out and started pushing the car. I pushed and pushed and ... I finally did it. When

the train was close, my car wasn’t on the rail tracks any more. I got inside and started the engine. Luckily this time it worked well, so after a short rest I left that place. Well, the last part of the journey was along a high cliff. I was in a hurry because I was already late. Suddenly I noticed I was driving too fast. I wanted to slow down. I stepped on the brake but the car didn’t react. I hit the brake with my foot again but it did not help. I knew something was wrong with this brake but I just couldn’t believe it. In panic I used the hand brake to stop the car. Fortunately, it worked and the car stopped. I turned off the engine and got out. Phew! I was safe but I felt terribly tired. So tired that for a moment I didn’t know what to do next. Then I decided to leave the car by the road because I just couldn’t drive that night any more. I telephoned my wife and asked her to come for me by taxi. Half an hour later we returned home together by taxi.

- Well, listeners that’s all for today. Please listen to our program next week.

Nagranie 2

- Good morning Capt. Robson. You wanted some information about problems with the education of year 1 cadets.
- Yes, what problems were there, Sergeant?
- Well, there weren’t any problems with cadets from Company A. But several cadets from Company B were often late or not prepared for the classes. Unfortunately, the situation in Company C was the most difficult. That was because five cadets from this company regularly didn’t come to the military history lessons.
- Didn’t they? Why not?
- They are just lazy that’s why. During the course the five Company C cadets’ test results were bad and their teacher complained a lot about them.
- What about the results of the military history exam?
- Well, they didn’t do well, I’m afraid. Four cadets from Company C failed the exam. But there was another, even bigger problem with three Company B cadets.
- A bigger problem? What do you mean?
- Sadly, three cadets from Company B cheated in the exam. And we caught them cheating.
- Well, that’s much more serious. They must be punished for that to show the other cadets that we will not tolerate cheating.
- Certainly, Captain. There’s no cheating in the academy.