

Listening Part 5: Listening to a Discussion – Transcript

You will watch a conversation among three people, one man and two women, at a senior citizens' residence.

- Julie: So what do we want to put on our recreation schedule for our lovely seniors this year?
- Sarah: We've got that shuffleboard deck out back, that we've never used. It needs a good cleaning, and the grass around it needs to be cut, but otherwise, it's in good condition. Edna wouldn't be able to participate, but—
- Alvin: Sure she would! She just needs a strong arm! That said, I don't think the deck actually is in good condition. The concrete has quite a few cracks in it.
- Sarah: Pity. We need something to get them moving!
- Julie: How about line dancing? It doesn't have to be too strenuous. Everyone who isn't in a walker could participate. And Edna could wave her arms!
- Alvin: I mean, it's not as fashionable as it once was, but I agree. And what about something to get their minds moving? Maybe a card tournament? It's a bit ordinary, but—
- Sarah: Card tournaments are always popular. Even those in wheelchairs and walkers can participate. Um, let's see . . . bridge? Euchre? Something fun. Those who don't know how to play, we can always teach.
- Alvin: What else? Maybe a change of scenery. Something to get them out of this place. I mean, they must get bored seeing the exact same thing every single day. I tell you, I would really miss being able to just jump in my car and go for a drive!
- Julie: So, what are you saying? You'd like to take the residents out for a drive?
- Alvin: Well, that's not exactly what I had in mind, but why not? What I was thinking is we could start doing day trips. We could rent a bus, one with an on-board washroom, of course, and buy everyone tickets to something or other. We could all go for lunch.
- Sarah: That's a good idea! We could get a discount if enough people were interested. But we can't make it too far because gas is so expensive nowadays.
- Julie: Oh it is, isn't it! I can't believe how expensive it is! But there'd be enough money in the budget to take a ride to, say, the shopping centre.
- Alvin: But surely they've all bought everything they could possibly need!
- Julie: Yeah, on second thought, the shopping centre would be too tiring, especially for the older ones. How about a movie? No, that would be too much like watching TV, and we know they watch enough TV around here anyway. The theatre? Oh, a concert!
- Alvin: Great ideas! I'm going to put these down, and ask the seniors for their input. It looks like this year's list is done. And in record time!
- Sarah: A toast to us!
- Julie: Hear! Hear!