

# Reading Section

## Module 2

### Fill in the missing letters in the paragraph

Climate pertains to the enduring patterns of temperature, humidity, wind, and precipitation in a specific geographical region or area over time. Climate is influen \_\_\_ by lati\_\_\_\_\_, altitude, and proxi\_\_\_\_\_. to water bod\_\_\_. Changes, driv\_\_ by hu\_\_\_ activities like deforest\_\_\_\_\_, present substan\_\_\_\_ challenges to eco\_\_\_\_\_ and human socie\_\_\_. Scientists scrutinize climate patterns and historical data to predict future changes and formulate strategies for mitigation and adaptation, ensuring resilience against environmental challenges.

### Agricultural Economics

Agricultural economics has undergone significant changes, driven by advancements in technology and shifts in consumer demand. Precision farming utilizes satellite imagery to enhance crop yields by analyzing soil and weather conditions. This allows farmers to make informed decisions about planting, watering, and harvesting, which in turn increase efficiency and reduce waste.

Another development is the rise of organic farming, which responds to consumer preference for sustainable products. Organic farming avoids synthetic pesticides and fertilizers, focusing on crop rotation, composting, and biological pest control. This practice has environmental benefits and creates niche markets for farmers.

Global trade also impacts agricultural economics. Nations depend on importing and exporting food to meet domestic needs and take advantage of international prices. However, this interdependency can lead to economic vulnerability when global supply chains are disrupted by political instability or natural disasters.

Innovations and global dynamics can also pose other challenges. Precision farming requires significant investment in technology, which can be prohibitive for small-scale farmers. Organic farming often yields lower outputs than conventional methods, complicating the balance between sustainability and food security. Additionally, reliance on global trade exposes countries to fluctuations in international markets, necessitating robust economic policies to manage these risks.

**11. The word "enhance" in the passage is closest in meaning to**

- A. maintain
- B. imitate
- C. predict
- D. improve

**12. What is suggested in the passage about organic farming?**

- A. It uses synthetic pesticides and fertilizers.
- B. It does not create niche markets for farmers.
- C. It focuses on natural and sustainable practices.
- D. It is just as efficient as conventional farming.

**13. What does the passage suggest is an economic vulnerability of global trade in agricultural economics?**

- A. Precision farming techniques.
- B. Consumer demand for organic products.
- C. Dependency on international markets.
- D. Investment in new technology.

**14. Why does the author mention "political instability or natural disasters"?**

- A. To identify situations in which dependence on global trade can have negative consequences
- B. To provide examples of factors that have an insignificant influence on agricultural economics
- C. To emphasize the importance of organic farming
- D. To demonstrate how technological advancements can solve problems

**15. The passage mentions all of the following challenges related to new agricultural practices EXCEPT**

- A. environmental problems
- B. a need for investments that small-scale farmers cannot afford
- C. a possible decrease in food security
- D. too much dependence on international markets

# Listening Section

In the listening section, you will answer 35–45 questions to demonstrate how well you understand spoken English. There are three types of tasks.

Type of Task	Description
Listen and Choose a Response	Select the best response to the question or statement
Conversations	Answer questions about short conversations
Announcements and Academic Talks	Answer questions about announcements and academic talks

You WILL NOT be able to return to previous questions

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### 1. Choose the best response.

- A. Sure, I can.
- B. Yes, I did.
- C. No, I don't need any help.
- D. I'll ask later.

### 2. Choose the best response.

- A. Anyone who wishes to.
- B. Ms. Smith changed the meeting room.
- C. It's not every day.
- D. The manager would like a word with you.

### 3. Choose the best response.

- A. It's across from the park.
- B. It opens at five a.m.
- C. Iwould prefer taking the subway.
- D. But you don't need a ticket.

### **Listen to a conversation**

**4. What event are the speakers planning to attend?**

- A. A music concert
- B. A book fair
- C. A food festival
- D. An art exhibit

**5. What does the woman plan to bring to the event?**

- A. A camera
- B. A list
- C. A picnic basket
- D. A laptop

### **Listen to a conversation**

**6. What event are the speakers discussing?**

- A. A music concert
- B. A craft fair
- C. A food festival
- D. A book fair

**7. What does the man hope to find at the event?**

- A. Artwork for his home
- B. Gifts for his family
- C. Food and drinks
- D. Clothes and accessories

### **Listen to a talk on a science podcast**

**8. What is the main topic of the talk?**

- A. The structure of a honeybee colony
- B. A honeybee communication method
- C. The impact of pesticides on honeybees
- D. The foraging behavior of honeybees

**9. According to the talk, what does the waggle dance communicate?**

- A. The health of the hive
- B. The location of predators
- C. The distance and direction of food sources
- D. The quality of nectar

**10. Why does the speaker mention environmental factors like pesticides?**

- A. To give an example of threats to honeybee communication
- B. To highlight the importance of nectar quality
- C. To discuss the structure of honeybee hives
- D. To show how bees navigate

**11. What can be inferred about the importance of the waggle dance?**

- A. It is primarily used to warn off predators.
- B. It is essential for the colony's survival
- C. It helps bees identify their hive
- D. It is a recent discovery.

**Listen to a talk in a music class.**

**12. What is the main topic of the talk?**

- A. The development of jazz over time
- B. The most famous jazz musicians
- C. The role of jazz clubs in social life
- D. The popularity of jazz in the 1920s

**13. According to the speaker, what is a key characteristic of jazz music?**

- A. Influences from classical music
- B. Improvisation
- C. Simple rhythms
- D. Lack of syncopation

**14. Why does the speaker mention Chicago and New York City?**

- A. To explain the origins of some famous jazz musicians
- B. To illustrate the spread of jazz to the northern United States
- C. To give examples of contemporary centers of jazz
- D. To describe the role of large cities in training jazz musicians

**15. What aspect of jazz will the speaker discuss next?**

- A. How it has lost some of its popularity
- B. How it has influenced other forms of music
- C. How it has changed since the 1920s
- D. How it spread outside the United States

# Solution

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| 1. influenced | 6. human         | 11.D |
| 2. latitude   | 7. deforestation | 12.C |
| 3. proximity  | 8. substantial   | 13.C |
| 4. bodies     | 9. ecosystems    | 14.A |
| 5. driven     | 10. societies    | 15.C |

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| 1.A | 6.B  | 11.B |
| 2.A | 7.B  | 12.A |
| 3.A | 8.B  | 13.B |
| 4.B | 9.C  | 14.B |
| 5.B | 10.A | 15.B |