

Listening Script for TPO Test 1 Speaking Task 5

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Narrator

Now listen to a conversation between two students.

Student A

Hey, Mary! How's your volunteer work going? You still involved in that after-school program with the elementary school kids?

Student B

Yeah! But I've got a problem. I'm supposed to be driving a bunch of them to the zoo tomorrow..

Student A

Yeah?

Student B

And I was supposed to rent a van for the trip. But I waited too long to call the rental agency to reserve one. And now it turns out they don't have any vans available for tomorrow. I don't know what to do! These kids will be really disappointed if their trip gets cancelled.

Student A

Um...well, doesn't one of your friends here on campus have a car? I mean, couldn't you borrow it for the day?

Student B

Yeah, probably, but I'd need to borrow two cars or there wouldn't be enough space for all the kids.

Student A

Uh-huh.

Student B

That's why I was going to rent the van. And then I need to find somebody else to drive too. I can't drive two cars by myself.

Student A

[Chuckles] Yeah, that's true! Well, I'm sure you can probably find a volunteer, or if you wanted to save yourself the trouble of hunting down the second driver, well... what about public transportation? Check the bus schedule. I...I think there's a bus line that goes right past the zoo!

Student B

Yeah! That's a possibility. But...I don't know. It might be a real 'challenge', supervising the kids on the bus.

Student A

[Chuckles]

Student B

Sometimes they are a handful when they get excited. It's an option, though.