

## TEST 4

### PART 1

SHIRLEY:	Hello?	
TOM:	Oh hello. I was hoping to speak to Jack Fitzgerald about renting a cottage.	
SHIRLEY:	I'm his wife, Shirley, and we own the cottages together, so I'm sure I can help you.	
TOM:	Great. My name's Tom. Some friends of ours rented Granary Cottage from you last year, and they thought it was great. So my wife and I are hoping to come in May for a week.	
SHIRLEY:	What date did you have in mind?	
TOM:	The week beginning the 14th, if possible.	
SHIRLEY:	I'll just check ... I'm sorry, Tom, it's already booked that week. <u>It's free the week beginning the 28th</u> , though, for seven nights. In fact, that's the only time you could have it in May.	Q1
TOM:	Oh. Well, we could manage that, I think. We'd just need to change a couple of things. How much would it cost?	
SHIRLEY:	That's the beginning of high season, so it'd be <u>£550 for the week</u> .	Q2
TOM:	Ah. That's a bit more than we wanted to pay, I'm afraid. We've budgeted up to £500 for accommodation.	
SHIRLEY:	Well, we've just finished converting another building into a cottage, which we're calling <u>Chervil Cottage</u> .	Q3
TOM:	Sorry? What was that again?	
SHIRLEY:	Chervil. C-H-E-R-V for Victor I-L.	
TOM:	Oh, that's a herb, isn't it?	
SHIRLEY:	That's right. It grows fairly wild around here. You could have that for the week you want for £480.	
TOM:	OK. So could you tell me something about it, please?	
SHIRLEY:	Of course. <u>The building was built as a garage</u> . It's a little smaller than Granary Cottage.	Q4
TOM:	So that must sleep two people, as well?	
SHIRLEY:	That's right. There's a double bedroom.	
TOM:	Does it have a <u>garden</u> ?	Q5
SHIRLEY:	Yes, <u>you get to it from the living room through French doors</u> , and we provide two deckchairs. We hope to build a patio in the near future, but I wouldn't like to guarantee it'll be finished by May.	
TOM:	OK.	
SHIRLEY:	The front door opens onto the old farmyard, and <u>parking isn't a problem – there's plenty of room at the front for that</u> . There are some trees and potted plants there.	Q6
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TOM:	What about facilities in the cottage? It has standard things like a cooker and fridge, I presume.	
SHIRLEY:	In the kitchen area there's a fridge-freezer and we've just put in an electric cooker.	
TOM:	Is there a washing machine?	
SHIRLEY:	Yes. There's also a TV in the living room, which plays DVDs too. The bathroom is too small for a bath, so there's a shower instead. I think a lot of people prefer that nowadays, anyway.	

## Audioscripts

TOM:	It's more environmentally friendly, isn't it? Unless you spend half the day in it!	
SHIRLEY:	Exactly.	
TOM:	What about heating? It sometimes gets quite cool at that time of year.	
SHIRLEY:	There's central heating, and if you want to light a fire, <u>there's a stove. We can provide all the wood you need for it.</u> It smells so much nicer than coal, and it makes the room very cosy – we've got one in our own house.	Q7
TOM:	That sounds very pleasant. Perhaps we should come in the winter, to make the most of it!	
SHIRLEY:	Yes, we find we don't want to go out when we've got the fire burning. There are some attractive views from the cottage, which I haven't mentioned. There's <u>a famous stone bridge – it's one of the oldest</u> in the region, and <u>you can see it from the living room.</u> It isn't far away. <u>The bedroom window looks in the opposite direction, and has a lovely view of the hills and the monument at the top.</u>	Q8 Q9
TOM:	Well, that all sounds perfect. I'd like to book it, please. Would you want a deposit?	
SHIRLEY:	Yes, we ask for thirty percent to secure your booking, so that'll be, um, £144.	
TOM:	And when would you like the rest of the money?	
SHIRLEY:	You're coming in May, so <u>the last day of March, please.</u>	Q10
TOM:	Fine.	
SHIRLEY:	Excellent. Could I just take your details ...	