



Listening 2 (Paper 3 Part 4)

Before you listen

- Discuss the following questions.
 - Why do people use a bicycle?
 - to get to work/college
 - for pleasure
 - to keep fit
 - for personal needs, e.g. to go shopping or meet friends
 - to take part in competitions
 - Is the bike a luxury item, a fitness tool or a basic means of transport?
-  T2.06 Listen to the five extracts once only, without looking at the questions in Exercise 3. Quickly note down what each person likes about cycling.

Multiple matching

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-  T2.07 Read the strategy on page 171, then do the task.

You will hear five short extracts in which different people are talking about cycling.

Task One

For questions 1–5, choose from the list (A–H) what led each speaker to take up cycling.

Task Two

For questions 6–10, choose from the list (A–H) what advice each speaker would give to others thinking of following their example.

You will hear the recording twice. While you listen, you must complete both tasks.

- A a wish to lose weight
- B a desire to compete
- C a need to economise
- D feeling under stress
- E environmental awareness
- F peer pressure
- G a transport problem
- H health reasons

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- A invest in a good bike
- B don't overstretch yourself
- C avoid organised cycling groups
- D try it out before committing yourself
- E find like-minded companions
- F don't waste money on accessories
- G always keep your options open
- H don't take it too seriously

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Discussion

- What are the benefits and limitations of using bikes as a basic means of transport? Do you think local governments should do more to encourage people to cycle more around the town? If so, how?



- Check the meaning of these words and phrases from the audioscript.

EXPERT WORD CHECK

axe a must be dead set on (sth) set (sb) back go over the top
 fraternity steer clear of (sth) means to an end progression
 bite off more than (sb) can chew