

PTE Core Offline Practice Test

Part 3: Listening

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This part of the test consists of questions that are based on audio or video clips. During PTE Core, each audio or video clip is heard only once and notes can be taken.

The question types included in this part of the test are:

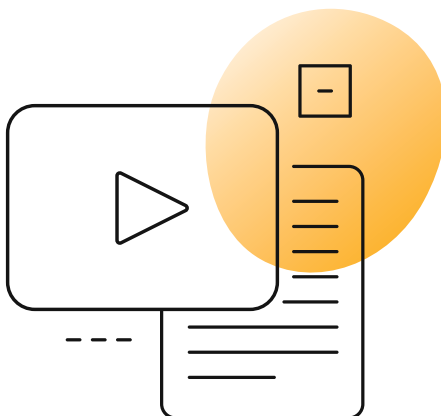
Listening question type	Number of questions	Time allowed
Summarize Spoken Text	1-2	30-37 minutes
Multiple Choice, Multiple Answers	1-2	
Fill in the Blanks	2-3	
Multiple Choice, Single Answer	1-2	
Select Missing Word	1-2	
Highlight Incorrect Words	2-3	
Write from Dictation	3-4	

In this document you will find practice Listening questions, an Answer Key and Transcripts.

Please note, the number of practice questions in this offline test does not reflect the number of questions in the actual PTE Core test.

Audio and video prompts are provided in the folder **Prompts** and filed by question type, e.g., **Summarize Spoken Text** and by question number; e.g., **Summarize Spoken Text_ Question 1**.

This offline test does not have the same functionality as the online test so answers will need to be handwritten, or you can use the editable response boxes in this document. Audio countdowns are not included so if timing the test, only approximations can be applied.



Part 3: Listening



Summarize Spoken Text – Question 1

You will hear a recording of a talk about a type of holiday.

*Write between 20 and 30 words explaining the main points of the talk for someone who was not present at the talk.
You have 8 minutes to finish this task.*

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Play audio file [Summarize Spoken Text_Question 1_Prompt](#) in the *Prompts* folder.

Write your answer in the box below:

Summarize Spoken Text – Question 2

You will hear a recording of a radio programme where the speaker is discussing a digital product.

Write between 20 and 30 words explaining the main points of the talk for someone who was not present at the talk. You have 8 minutes to finish this task.

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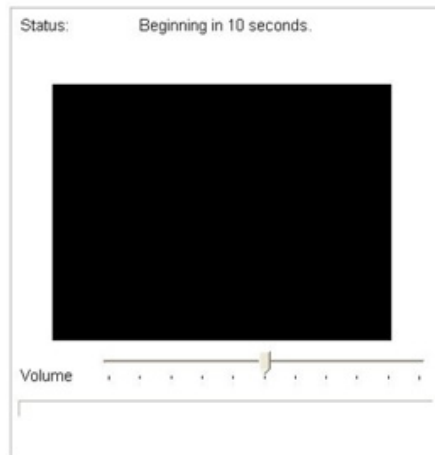
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Play audio file [Summarize Spoken Text_Question 2_Prompt](#) in the *Prompts* folder.

Write your answer in the box below:

Multiple Choice, Multiple Answers – Question 1

You will see a video of a manager and employee discussing a report that the manager needs. Answer the multiple-choice question by selecting all the correct responses. You will need to select more than one response.



What will the speakers do to get the report ready?

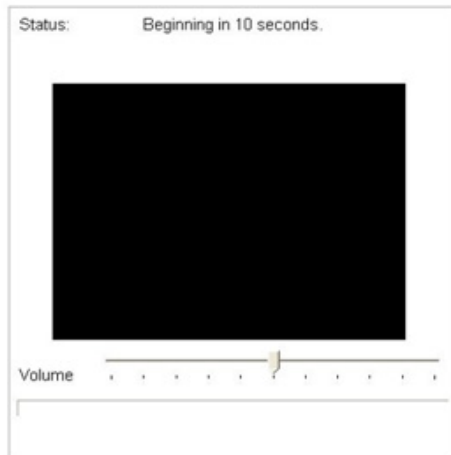
- ☐ Get colleagues to do more work on other projects.
- ☐ Send some information to the Accounts department.
- ☐ Move the directors' meeting to a later date.
- ☐ Arrange a meeting with the Accounts department to discuss the report.
- ☐ Share some of the report work with another colleague.

Play audio file [Multiple Choice, Multiple Answers_ Question 1_Prompt](#) in the **Prompts** folder.

Tick your answer choices.

Multiple Choice, Multiple Answers – Question 2

You will see a video of a woman called Cindy talking about her professional skills in a job interview. Answer the multiple-choice question by selecting all the correct responses. You will need to select more than one response.



What skills does Cindy say she has learnt from her job?

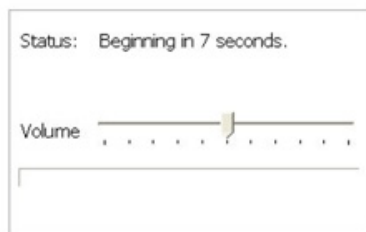
- ☐ Writing popular blog posts.
- ☐ Managing a team.
- ☐ Creating marketing plans.
- ☐ Managing deadlines.
- ☐ Trying to solve problems with customers.
- ☐ Training staff.
- ☐ Finding new clients.

Play audio file [Multiple Choice, Multiple Answers_ Question 2_Prompt](#) in the **Prompts** folder.

Tick your answer choices.

Fill in the Blanks – Question 1

You will hear a recording of a tour guide giving information during a city walking tour. Type the missing words in each blank.



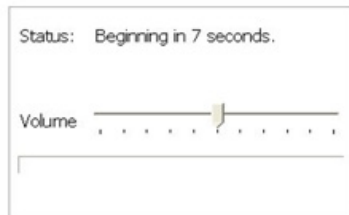
So, earlier today we saw the Green Palace, the building used by presidents until 1878. But now of course, the [] home used by presidents is over on the other side of the river, and that's where we're going now. The decision to move the president's base was taken for [] reasons, but the president at that time also preferred that neighbourhood. And did you know that local people call the president's palace the [] tent? That should give you some idea of what it looks like if you've never seen it before, although personally, I think it looks more like a huge []! But you can judge for yourself when we approach the palace from the [] entrance. That entrance offers the best views.

Play audio file *Fill in the Blanks_ Question 1_Prompt* in the *Prompts* folder.

Write your answers in the blanks in the text or note your choice of words in the box below:

Fill in the Blanks – Question 2

You will hear a recording of a department store manager talking to her team. Type the missing words in each blank.



OK, let's discuss our plans for the coming months. And the first thing I'd like to say is that our new will be quite different, I mean, some of our customers may be surprised when they see the items in the store. Therefore, we need to find ways to meet their needs while our items to other customers.

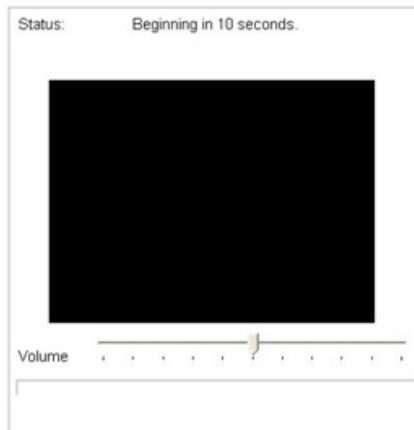
However, I'm confident that even if we're trying to change the of our store, people will still come to us because of our great customer service. But I think we'll need to show the new products in a really way to get people's attention. Maybe we could use some kind of to do this. What do you think?

Play audio file *Fill in the Blanks_Question 2_Prompt* in the *Prompts* folder.

Write your answers in the blanks in the text or note your choice of words in the box below:

Multiple Choice, Single Answer – Question 1

You will see a video where a theatre director, Ben, is making a request. Answer the multiple-choice question by selecting the correct response. Only one response is correct.



Ben talks about the insurance company to _____

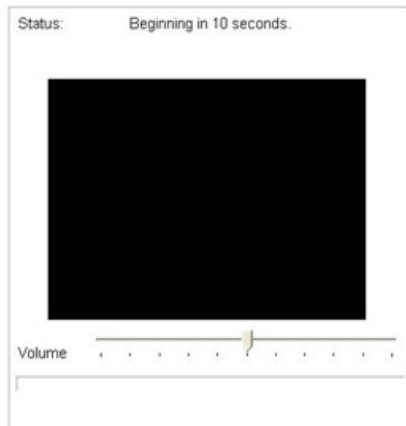
- ☐ describe how he will use the money he is asking for.
- ☐ complain about his financial problems.
- ☐ explain why his business costs will increase.
- ☐ prove that he will be able to pay back the money he is asking for.

Play audio file [Multiple Choice Single Answer_Question 1_Prompt](#) in the *Prompts* folder.

Tick your answer choice.

Multiple Choice, Single Answer – Question 2

You will see a video of a manager giving a member of staff some feedback. Answer the multiple-choice question by selecting the correct response. Only one response is correct.



Why does the woman talk about the Miami conference?

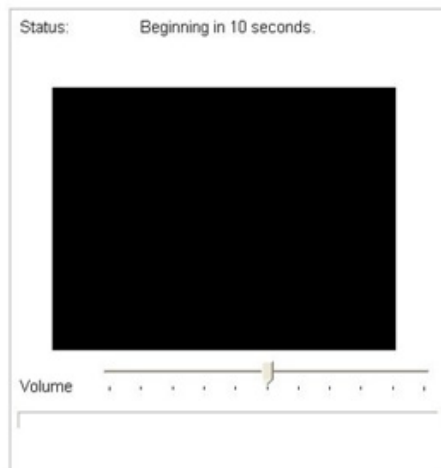
- ☐ To suggest a professional goal that the employee should aim for in the future.
- ☐ To give an example of the employee's ability to work well with others.
- ☐ To show how the employee's knowledge of technology has improved.
- ☐ To explain why the employee should try to increase the amount of work he does.

Play audio file [Multiple Choice Single Answer_Question 2_Prompt](#) in the *Prompts* folder.

Tick your answer choice.

Select Missing Word – Question 1

You will see a video of a man called Marcos talking about his app for tourists. At the end of the video the last word or group of words has been replaced by a beep. Select the correct option to complete the video.



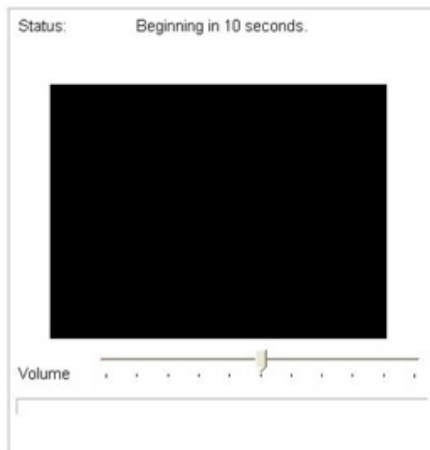
- ☐ the place where they live
- ☐ the world of tourism
- ☐ meeting people from new places
- ☐ the relationship between technology and travel

Play audio file [Select Missing Word_Question 1_Prompt](#) in the *Prompts* folder.

Tick your answer choice.

Select Missing Word – Question 2

You will see a video of someone talking about how to make conversation with another person. At the end of the video the last word or group of words has been replaced by a beep. Select the correct option to complete the video.



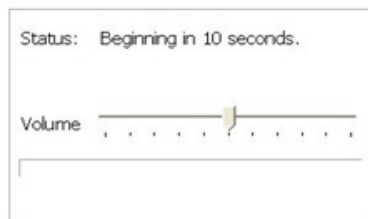
- ☐ tell the truth
- ☐ speak more slowly
- ☐ change the subject
- ☐ repeat what you said

Play audio file [Select Missing Word_Question 2_Prompt](#) in the *Prompts* folder.

Tick your answer choice.

Highlight Incorrect Words – Question 1

You will hear a recording of a radio presenter giving their views of a new film at the cinema. Below is a transcription of the recording. Some words in the transcription differ from what the speaker said. Please click on the words that are different.



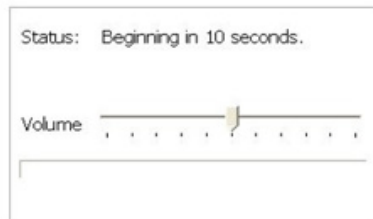
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Play audio file [Highlight Incorrect Words_Question 1_Prompt](#) in the *Prompts* folder.

Circle or note below the words in the text that are different to what you hear.

Highlight Incorrect Words – Question 2

You will hear a recording of a radio presenter giving their views of a new film at the cinema. Below is a transcription of the recording. Some words in the transcription differ from what the speaker said. Please click on the words that are different.



Thank you for contacting All Trust Bank. We are unable to take your call right now but one of our assistants will be ready to help you as soon as possible. To make sure that you are talking to the right person, please choose one of the following options:

Press 1 to check the latest exchange rates, 2 for credit card accounts, and press 3 for all other issues.

We would like you to know that we may record your call for training purposes.

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Circle or note below the words in the text that are different to what you hear.

Write From Dictation – Question 1

You will hear a sentence. Type the sentence in the box below exactly as you hear it. Write as much of the sentence as you can. You will hear the sentence only once.

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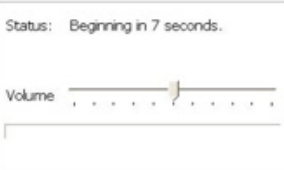
Write the sentence you hear in the space provided below.

Write From Dictation – Question 2

You will hear a sentence. Type the sentence in the box below exactly as you hear it. Write as much of the sentence as you can. You will hear the sentence only once.

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Play audio file [Write from Dictation_ Question 2_Prompt](#) in the *Prompts* folder.

Write the sentence you hear in the space provided below.

Part 3 Listening: Answer Key and Transcripts

Summarize Spoken Text – Question 1

Transcript

When you think of canal holidays in this country, you might imagine an older couple enjoying a slow trip on the water. It's true that canal holidays used to be mostly popular with older people, but now a wider range of tourists are choosing them.

This type of holiday can offer tourists many benefits. For instance, people can certainly relax on a canal holiday so it's great for people who want to enjoy the peace and quiet with their families.

The other reason that canal holidays are becoming more popular is that they offer people the opportunity to travel in a different way. Many people find canal holidays very convenient because they use the boat as both transport and accommodation. They can visit new places for the morning or afternoon and then return to the boat and continue their journey. And many people find being on the boat is just as much fun as visiting other places.

Who knows? Maybe in the future canal holidays will become even more common.

Sample summary

In the past, canal trips were usually holidays for older tourists. However, this is changing. Such holidays offer peaceful family time and a fun and convenient way to travel.

Summarize Spoken Text – Question 2

Transcript

You might ask whether we need another health and fitness app when there are already so many available to download. But I'm going to explain why I think you'll love 'Whole Health'. I started using it a few weeks ago and I immediately realised that it's completely different to all the other products on the market.

Most fitness apps focus on improving people's physical strength. While 'Whole Health' has plenty of exercise videos, it also offers far more. It encourages people to take care of their general health in many different ways.

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The app's sleep function tracks users' sleep patterns and provides helpful suggestions about how users can improve their sleep routines. This can help users understand more about their sleep habits.

There are also recipe videos and meal plans to download so that users can make healthier food choices.

And the feature I liked the most was the breathing exercises, which taught me how to relax for a few moments when life gets busy.

Overall, I highly recommend 'Whole Health'.

Sample summary

The 'Whole Health' app is different from other apps because it does more than help build strength. It also teaches people how to relax, sleep better and eat better.

Multiple Choice, Multiple Answers – Question 1

Transcript

Shaun: Right. You realise I have a meeting with the directors tomorrow afternoon? I wanted it done by then.

Thiago: I'm really sorry. I'm so busy with other projects at the moment. And Accounts didn't get back to me with the figures I need ...

S: OK. Let me deal with Accounts. And I'll see if I can get one of the other trainees to share some of your workload. Just for a few days. Does that help?

T: Yes, it helps a lot.

S: Now, what else can we do to get this report finished? What if I bring in Jasmine to help you out?

T: No, no, I can manage.

S: Look, we don't have much time. Let's speed things up. How about asking Jasmine to help you with some of the figures?

T: Yes. OK.

S: Good. I'll give you three more days. But no more. Don't let me down

Answers

Question: What will the speakers do to get the report ready?

Correct: *Get colleagues to do more work on other projects.* The manager suggests that some trainees should do some of the employee's work on other projects while he focuses on the report, and the employee accepts this suggestion.

Incorrect: *Send some information to the Accounts department.* The manager says that he will 'deal with Accounts' because they need the figures from that department to complete the report, but he doesn't say that he will send some information to the Accounts department.

Incorrect: *Move the directors' meeting to a later date.* Although the manager says he wanted the report to be finished by the directors' meeting 'tomorrow afternoon', he doesn't say that they should move the meeting to a later date.

Incorrect: *Arrange a meeting with the Accounts department to discuss the report.* The manager says that he will 'deal with Accounts' but he doesn't say that they should arrange a meeting with the Accounts department to discuss the report. He is referring to a different meeting.

Correct: *Share some of the report work with another colleague.* The manager suggests that another colleague, Jasmine, should help the employee with the report. The employee isn't happy about the suggestion, but he agrees.

Multiple Choice, Multiple Answers – Question 2

Transcript

Looking at my CV you might think I don't have any relevant experience but I do have experience in managing people. I have to communicate in my job every day, where I'm responsible for a team of forty people, talking to different departments and dealing with difficult customers. I'm good at working under pressure, so you can depend on me to write those reports on time! Err, just a minute Another consideration is that I'm a big fan of social media. I write a blog in my free time, although I don't have that many followers yet. I'm also studying marketing online in the evenings. So, if you hire me, I will help you to find the best solutions for you and your clients.

Answers

Question: What skills does Cindy say she has learnt from her job?

Incorrect: *Writing popular blog posts.* Cindy says that she enjoys writing blog posts in her free time, not as part of her job, and she says that she doesn't have 'many followers yet', which means we can't say her blog posts are popular.

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Correct: *Managing a team.* When talking about her job, Cindy says she has experience in managing people because she is 'responsible for a team of forty people' in her job.

Incorrect: *Creating marketing plans.* Although Cindy says she is interested in marketing, this is something she is studying in the evening, and that might not mean creating marketing plans. She doesn't say that she creates marketing plans as part of her job.

Correct: *Managing deadlines.* When talking about her work experience, she says that she is 'good at working under pressure, so you can depend on me to write those reports on time!'

Correct: *Trying to solve problems with customers.* Cindy says that in her job, she is good at 'dealing with difficult customers'.

Incorrect: *Training staff.* Cindy mentions 'managing people', but she doesn't mention training staff as part of her job.

Incorrect: *Finding new clients.* When talking about her job, Cindy doesn't mention finding new clients.

Fill in the Blanks – Question 1

Transcript and answers

So, earlier today we saw the Green Palace, the building used by presidents until 1878. But now of course, the **official** home used by presidents is over on the other side of the river, and that's where we're going now. The decision to move the president's base was taken for **security** reasons, but the president at that time also preferred that neighbourhood. And did you know that local people call the president's palace the **silver** tent? That should give you some idea of what it looks like if you've never seen it before, although personally, I think it looks more like a huge triangle! But you can judge for yourself when we approach the palace from the **eastern** entrance. That entrance offers the best views.

Fill in the Blanks – Question 2

Transcript and answers

OK, let's discuss our plans for the coming months. And the first thing I'd like to say is that our new **collection** will be quite different, I mean, some of our **current** customers may be surprised when they see the items in the store. Therefore, we need to find ways to meet their needs while **promoting** our items to other customers.

However, I'm confident that even if we're trying to change the **image** of our store, people will still come to us because of our great customer service. But I think we'll need to show the new products in a really **creative** way to get people's attention. Maybe we could use some kind of **theme** to do this. What do you think?

Multiple Choice, Single Answer – Question 1

Transcript

In true dramatic style, our latest production of Brecht's *The Good Person of Szechwan* has just been hit by disaster. An electrical fire destroyed the arts centre where we were performing in London and took with it all our costumes and equipment. Fortunately, nobody was in the building at the time and nobody was injured in the fire.

We know one day the insurance company will eventually pay the compensation to rebuild and replace everything, but we need to complete our world tour now and can't wait around for the money to arrive. Can you help us? We need to raise €10,000 in the next few weeks to replace everything. I promise all donations to our cause will be repaid when we receive the insurance payout.

Answers

Question: Ben talks about the insurance company to _____

Incorrect: *Describe how he will use the money he is asking for.* Ben explains that he needs some money to complete his theatre tour, but this is not the reason why he mentions the insurance company.

Incorrect: *Complain about his financial problems.* Although Ben describes a financial problem that his company has experienced, he does not complain about this, and he doesn't mention the insurance company for this reason.

Incorrect: *Explain why his business costs will increase.* Ben mentions that his business needs some money for its theatre tour but he does not say that the insurance company has increased his business costs.

Correct: *Prove that he will be able to pay back the money he is asking for.* Ben says that the insurance company will eventually pay him some money to replace the damaged costumes and equipment, and he says that he will repay any money he borrows when he receives the payment from the insurance company. This means he is talking about the insurance company to show that he will be able to pay back the money.

Multiple Choice, Single Answer – Question 2

Transcript

O: You've been with us for six months. How do you feel it's gone so far?

T: I think I'm doing well. I don't think there have been any problems, but I'd be interested to hear what you think.

O: Well, in general, we're pleased with your progress.

T: OK. I'm glad to hear that.

O: You're enthusiastic and you work hard. You're great with technology – that's always a benefit. You're warm and in general you have good interpersonal skills. We saw how you tried to help Jasmine after the Miami conference issue – you were very supportive.

T: That's good to know, thanks.

O: And, of course, you have an excellent sense of humour. However, I have to point out some areas for development. It's important to give what we call 'corrective' feedback. To support you in your professional development.

Answers

Question: Why does the woman talk about the Miami conference?

Incorrect: *To suggest a professional goal that the employee should aim for in the future.*

The woman uses the past tense to talk about the Miami conference, so she is not referring to a future situation.

Correct: *To give an example of the employee's ability to work well with others.* The woman mentions how the employee gave support to his colleague after the Miami conference and says that this was an example of his 'good interpersonal skills'. 'Good interpersonal skills' means the employee works well with others.

Incorrect: *To show how the employee's knowledge of technology has improved.* The woman says the employee is great with technology but she doesn't refer to the Miami conference to explain this.

Incorrect: *To explain why the employee should try to increase the amount of work he does.* The woman says that the employee works hard; she does not say that he needs to increase the amount of work he does.

Select Missing Word – Question 1

Transcript

I'm Marcos López and I'm one of the founders of Holidapp. It's the ultimate travel companion. It's like having an audio guide but on your smartphone. You'll never want to buy another guidebook or tourist map again in your life. You'll find out about the places you're visiting whenever you want in a new, original and entertaining way. Our app is free to download and quick and easy to use. Enter the desired location and for just €10 you will get an expert guide to one of over 30 destinations in Europe and the USA. And the list of places is growing longer each month. The guide features audio tours by experts in their towns, from qualified tour guides to local storytellers of all ages with a passion for *(the place where they live)*.

Answers

Correct: *The place where they live.* Marcos is talking about the guides that his app uses and says that all of them are 'experts in their towns', and he says that some of them are 'local storytellers', meaning they care very much about their local area.

Incorrect: *The world of tourism.* Although Marcos is talking about a tourist app, he does not say that the people employed as expert guides are particularly interested in tourism.

Incorrect: *Meeting people from new places.* Marcos says that the number of different places that his app can focus on is growing but he does not say that the people that use his app love meeting others.

Incorrect: *The relationship between technology and travel.* Although Marcos is talking about his app for people on holiday, he does not mention the relationship between technology and tourism.

Select Missing Word – Question 2

Transcript

Let me give you some advice when making small talk. Number one: choose your topic carefully and don't be too negative. Don't talk about personal finances, politics or religion, or more personal topics. Be prepared to listen and remember to show interest in the other person and their opinions. Showing interest is simple. If you're sitting down, move your body forward a little, use eye contact and of course, smile as you speak. Watch the other person's body language and if they start to look bored, (change the subject).

Answers

Incorrect: *Tell the truth.* The speaker is talking about how to show interest in another person during a conversation, but does not suggest that you should do this by always being honest.

Incorrect: *Speak more slowly.* The speaker is talking about how to show interest during a conversation, but she does not suggest that speaking fast or slowly can affect this.

Correct: *Change the subject.* The speaker is talking about how it's important to choose the right topic during a conversation and show interest in the other person, so if they look bored, changing the subject shows that you are interested in their feelings.

Incorrect: *Repeat what you said.* The speaker is talking about how to show interest in another person during a conversation, and what to do when they look bored, but she does not suggest that repeating things will stop the other person feeling bored.

Highlight Incorrect Words – Question 1

Transcript

Regular listeners of this show will know that I prefer watching serious films because they offer viewers the chance to understand some very interesting themes. For that reason, I wasn't expecting much when I went to see a comedy last week. However, I'm happy to say that Animal Palace actually changed my opinion! Firstly, the exciting plot kept me wondering what was going to happen next. In fact, I was surprised about how complex the story was. But I don't mean that as a negative thing. I just mean that the film included a discussion of lots of ideas that were new to me, and that encouraged me to want to learn more. I'd highly recommend this film.

Answers

Regular listeners of this show will know that I prefer watching serious films because they offer viewers the chance to understand some very interesting themes. For that reason, I wasn't expecting much when I went to see a **cartoon** last week. However, I'm happy to say that Animal Palace actually changed my **mind**! Firstly, the exciting plot kept me **guessing** what was going to happen next. In fact, I was surprised about how **complicated** the story was. But I don't mean that as a negative thing. I just mean that the film **involved** a discussion of lots of ideas that were new to me, and that encouraged me to want to learn more. I'd highly recommend this film.

Highlight Incorrect Words – Question 2

Transcript

Thank you for contacting All Trust Bank. We are unable to take your call right now but one of our advisers will be ready to help you as soon as possible. To make sure that you are talking to the right person, please select one of the following options:

Press 1 to check the latest interest rates, 2 for credit card applications, and press 3 for all other issues.

We would like you to note that we may record your call for training purposes.

Answers

Thank you for contacting All Trust Bank. We are unable to take your call right now but one of our **assistants** will be ready to help you as soon as possible. To make sure that you are talking to the right person, please **choose** one of the following options:

Press 1 to check the latest **exchange** rates, 2 for credit card **accounts**, and press 3 for all other issues.

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Answer Key and Transcripts

Write from Dictation – Question 1

Transcript and answer

Some materials are more comfortable to wear than others.

Write from Dictation – Question 2

Transcript and answer

Ponds provide a good environment for animals such as frogs.



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