# **Listening Test 8: Conversation between Angela Mary & Librarian**

## **Part 1**

Now we shall begin.You should answer the questions as you listen, because you will never hear the recording a second time.

Angela: Hello.How can I join the library?

Librarian: Well, you need to make an application.Would you like to do it now?

Angela: Yes, if I can.

Librarian: One moment and I'll get the form.Now, I just need to ask you afew questions before you sign at the bottom.

Angela: OK.

Librarian: Your full name, please?

Angela: Angela mary price.

Librarian: Price.

Angela: Yes, that's right.

Librarian: Okay, and your address?

Angela: Apartment.3 86 Bridge Street Pimlico

Librarian: Bridge Street, That's just near here, isn't it?

ANgela: Yes, not very far.

Librarian: Good.So the postcode must be 2065, right?

Angela: Yes, that's right.

Librarian: Now your telephone number.I need both home and work, if you have them.

Angela: My home number is 876-3514 two and work is 845-6130 seven.Do you need anything else, like ID or something?

Librarian: Yes, your driver's license will do, if you have one.

Angela: Right.It's easy to remember.I know it by heart.4040 AC.

Librarian: I'm afraid I'll also need to see it.

Angela: Okay, here it is.

Librarian: Thanks.. And your date of birth, please?

24 March 1981.

Angela: OK, thanks.That's the most important part completed.But if you don't mind, I'd also like to askyou a few questions for a survey we're conducting.

Librarian: Yes, that's okay.

Now you have some time to read questions six to ten as the conversation continues, answer questions 6 to 10.

Librarian: What kind of books do you like to read? Here's a list to look at.

Angela: Oh, it varies from time to time, but I always like to relax and learn about other countries I might visit one day.I don't like anything too heavy or serious,unless it's about animals or the environment.I'm not really into sport very much.

Librarian: Anything else?

Angela: Well, I do like entertaining at home, you know, dinner parties.So I suppose you'll have something for me in that line.The pictures in those books always make me hungry.Although they never seem to turn outexactly as they look in the books.

Librarian: Fine.I think that's all I need now.Except I need you to sign here on the application form. Oh, and I almost forgot.The membership fee is $20, which is refundableif you no longer stay a member.

Angela: There you are. Do I sign at the bottom here?

Librarian: Yes, that's right.You can borrow books now if you wish.Although your membership card won'tbe ready until next week.So if you want to borrow today, you can pickup your card when you return your first books.That's if you want to take some now.

Angela: I think I will, but I'll have a look around first.

Librarian: Okay.Take your time.

That is the end of part one.You now have half a minute to chat.

## **Part 2**

Now turn to part two.

Part two you will hear a recorded message giving information about an animal park.First, you will have some time tolook at question 11 to 15.

Now listen.Listen carefully to the first part of themessage and answer questions eleven to 15.

Welcome to the Australian Wildlife Park Information Line.The Australian Wildlife Park is very proudly ownedand operated by an Australian family, john and Amanda Brooks, who operate the Australian Wildlife Park with their children, David and Sandra.The family doesn't receive any government assistance.It's solely funded by tourists visiting the park.Thank you for your support and assistance.When the Brooks family purchased the Australian Wildlife Park in 1987, the park housed a small collection of animals and birds on a modestfive acre or two hectare property.A few years later, the park doubled in size.When the family purchased the adjoining property.Also, the collection of animals started to boom.In May 2003, the family designed and builta new park in the public open space,once again more than doubling in size.The park now features about 200 species with more than 2000 head of animals, birds and reptiles.Regarding the entry fee, adults pay $23,children aged three to 14 paid $10.Age pensioners are $17 and students are $16.01.Of the great things about the Australian Wildlife Park is that all of the attractions are included in the entry fee.No extra money is needed around the park,so make the most of your experience.All shows, talks, photo opportunities and animal food are included in your entry fee.In addition, the Australian Wildlife Park is openevery day of the year from 09:00 A.m.To 05:30 p.m., except Christmas Day, 25 December.

Before the final part of the message.You now have 20 seconds to look at questions 16 - 20.Now answer question 16 - 20.

Several attractions are available to visitorsto the Australian Wildlife Park.Firstly, you can meet the koalas between 10:00 A.m.And 04:30 p.m..Here, people can view the koala colony in a natural environment.Another attraction is to feed the kangaroos between 09:00 A.m.And 05:30 p.m..Visitors can take a walk through the kangaroo enclosure, viewing them in a natural environment.Kangaroo food is provided andthe kangaroos are very friendly.Also enjoyable are the wombatsat 11:00 A.m., 02:00 P.m.And 03:45 p.m..There are interactive shows where the team is delighted to introduce you to these popular animals.Other attractions that may interest you are an interactive farmyard suitable for children of all ages.Animal food is provided andthe animals are very friendly.In addition, the working farm iswhere the country comes to town.Visitors can milk a cow, bottle, feed alamb, watch farm dogs gathering the sheep allthe excitement of a real Australian farm. When they ask for volunteers, besure to put your hand up.Everyone can get involved.We at the Australian Wildlife Park hopeall our visitors have an enjoyable time.See you soon.

That is the end of part two.You now have half a minute to check your answers.

## **Part 3**

Now turn to part three.

Part three. You'll hear two university studentsdiscussing a social science lecture they attended

.First you have some time to look at question 21 to 24. Now listen carefully and answer questions 21 to 24.

Girl: you go to the first social science lecture yesterday?

Boy: Yes. Didn't you see me there?

Girl: No.I was trying so hard to understand a lecturer.

Boy: What didn't you understand?

Girl: A lot of it. Really.For example, he said we needed tostudy history as part of the course.But I didn't get why.

Boy: You probably missed it.He said early on that we need to learn from our past mistakes.

Girl: Right.But he also said we need to put ourselves in the place of our ancestors.Why is that?

Boy: I think the point is that it's not enough to know how they lived and what they did.We need to know what they thought.

Girl: I see. And I've written transferable skills in my notes next.But I have no idea what that means.

Boy: If you study social science, you learn skills that you can use in a job.

Girl: Oh, right.Is that all? OK, but why is that?

Boy: The point he made was that in studying social science you use a flexible and adaptable approach to learning.

Before you hear the rest of the conversation, you have some time to look at questions 25 to 30. Now listen and answer questions 25 - 30.

Boy: He also kept mentioning all the other subjects we will need to study as part of the course.I didn't write them all down, did you?

Girl: Some of them.I think I can make sense of my notes.The first one was anthropology, which he said would cover prehistory and archeology as well.

Boy: OK.

Girl: Then there's economics.I wrote down that this was not meant to mean that we will spend all our time looking at economic theory, but more that we need to see how humans behave.

Boy: That's good.I don't think I could handle economic theory.He said something about education too, didn't he?

Girl: Yeah.He said we'll be looking at howcultural information is handed down from one generation to the next through teaching children.

Boy: He said we'd be focusing on geography too,but I can't really remember which aspects. Can you?

Girl: I noted it down, I think.Here we are. Yes.Particularly in relation to urban planning.It's law that I got confused about.I didn't understand why he linked that to economics.

Boy:I think he meant that laws affect the way wealth is distributed.

Girl: That makes sense. Now. What are the science wars?

Boy: Okay, I did get that.The science wars are about how social science collects information in sociology and social work. And in social science generally they canonly study patterns of behavior and observe.If you compare that to the way scientists work in physics or chemistry, it's very different because they use specific experiments that can be tested and which give concrete answers.Social studies is often accusedof being unscientific, that's all.

Girl: Okay.But it still looks like a good course, doesn't it? You dont have any regrets, do you?

Boy: Not at all.I'm looking forward to it.

That is the end of part three.You now have half a minute to check your answers.

## **Part 4**

Now turn to part four.

Part four. You are going to hear a conversation between two students about studying abroad.First, you have some time to look at questions 31 to 40.

Now listen carefully and answer questions 31 to 40.

John: Hey, Mary.How's school going? I haven't seen you in a while.What have you been up to?

Mary: John, good to see you again.I've been really busy the last couple of weeks.I'm applying to study abroad next year.

John: Really?So am I.I think it will be a great experienceto be able to study in another country.What country do you want to go to? At first I wanted to study in Africa, but my parents really don't want me to go there because they think it will be dangerous.So now I'm thinking about goingto Spain, Italy or Japan.

Mary: Actually, I think Africa would be a fascinating place.I would want to go there to visit.Maybe not to study, but definitely I would want to go visit for next year.I want to go to either China or Germany to study, but my parents can't afford any European countries.So, maybe…

John: Why China or Germany?

Mary: Well, I want to go to China because I thinkit's a really interesting country with a long history.Plus it has been changing so much and Ithink it is a great time to be there.I really want to improve my Chinese also, and I've been taking Mandarin courses the last two semesters.I would want to go to Germany becausemy mother is German and I want tol earn more about my cultural background.How about you?Why are the countries you chose?

John: Well, I want to go to a Spanish speaking country.I took Spanish in high school, so I figure if I go to a Spanish speaking country, I'llbe better off knowing some of the language already.But I have already been to Mexico many times and South American countries don't have classes for my major, except for Brazil, but they mostly speak Portuguese there.I want to go to Italy because I want to do a study about ancient Roman civilisation.It has always been a dream of mine togo and see Pompeii and the volcanic ruins.Plus my family has Italian rootsand I love Italian food.I want to go to Japan mainly because my girlfriend was born in Japan and always tells me all of these fascinating stories about Japanese history and culture.I'm a big fan of sumo wrestling also, so I'vealways wanted to see a sumo match in person.I really love sushi and almost all Japanese food.Recently I have started towatch some Japanese baseball too.But of course these are all secondary reasons.My main reason is, of course,my girlfriend and understanding her culture.I don't speak any Japanese though,so that is my major drawback.I think it is much better to go toa country if you can speak the language.

Mary: That's great.When do you have to decide by? I have to finish all my applications this week.I'm really stressed trying to finish everything on top of all my schoolwork.

John: I'm almost done with my applications.I just have to finish the Italy application.I think my last choice is Italy,so I'm doing that one last.How long do you want to go for?I think I'm only going to go abroad for one semester or else I won't be able to graduate on time.I have many classes left until I can finish my degree, and I'm not sure if I will be ableto take them studying out of the country.I think I might be able to study in Spain because my Spanish is fluent, but definitely not in Italy or Japan unless they have classes offered in English.

Mary: I want to go for a year.I've heard that it's better to go fora year because you get a full experienceand get a better grasp on the language.But I understand that most peoplecan't finish their degree in time.It was hard trying to decide whichcountry I would rather go to.But I think my first choice is to go to China.I know Germany will be great also.Either way, I will be thrilled to have the opportunity to study there.What's your first choice?

John: I really don't have one actually.I think I'm like you.Just being able to study in another country will be great.Either Japan or Spain will be awesome.Italy will be awesome too.But I've been there a bunch of times, so I think I prefer to go somewhere else.

Mary: Sounds exciting.We'll have to go to class now.It was great talking to you again.See you around next time.

John: Yeah, sure.See you around.Hope that everything goes well.

That is the end of part four.