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Listening

1. PRE-LISTENING

Discuss.

- Would you like to spend a month travelling in a foreign country? Why / Why not?
- What kind of problems can occur during long journeys by car?

2. LISTENING

A. Listen to the following dialogue between two friends in a café and answer the question below. Choose a, b or c.

Jane tells Kelly about

- a. how terrible her holiday was. ☐
- b. a frightening experience with a happy ending. ☐
- c. how she and her friends were rescued. ☐

TIP

- When answering questions that refer to gist, don't focus on details.
- Try to understand the general meaning of what is being said.

B. Listen again and write T for True or F for False.

1. Jane went to South America with three of her friends. ☐
2. They started their trip up the mountain when the sun rose. ☐
3. The weather got worse and worse as they drove up the mountain. ☐
4. The group had to leave their car because the engine would not start. ☐
5. John carried Jane down the mountain because she wasn't able to walk. ☐
6. Jane injured her leg badly and had to return home. ☐

Speaking

Work in pairs. Make up a story using the pictures and the words/phrases below and your imagination. Then, tell your story to the rest of the class. Start like this: *It was a nice day so Penny and Rolf went for a walk.*

railway slip track unconscious faithful nearby get help in the distance rescue last minute



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Listening

A. Read the statements below and guess whether they are true or false.

1. One out of every three people in the world speaks English.
2. There are just under one billion people learning English.
3. The English language is used at major sporting events around the world.
4. 75 million letters and postcards in English are sent every day.
5. More than 75% of the content of the Internet is in English.
6. Very few non-native speakers of English write articles or blogs on the Internet in English.
7. In the future, Mandarin might be used more than English on the Internet.

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B. Now listen to a radio interview with a professor of linguistics and check your answers in exercise A.

C. Discuss.

- What purposes do you use English for?

Speaking

A. Discuss.

- What are the most popular foreign languages that people learn in your country? Why?
- What is the most common way to learn a foreign language?

B. Look at the pictures and talk about the advantages and disadvantages of each of the ways of learning a foreign language. You can use the words/phrases in the box.

learning environment	presence of teacher
lively discussion	contact with other students
pair work / group work	ask questions
peaceful atmosphere	work at own speed
convenient	immediate feedback
motivation	interaction

TIP

When you are asked to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of something, express your opinion and remember to give reasons. No answer is right or wrong, but it should be justified.



C. Discuss.

- How do you learn best, with a teacher in a classroom or studying on your own?
- What would you change about the way you are learning English, if you could?