



FR.L4 Theme 2.1/2.3: Where I Live and the Environment - Listening Comprehension

Total Marks

AQA 8652 • Calculators not allowed • about 30 minutes

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Accents have been omitted from the French transcripts for print compatibility; write accents correctly if required in your answers. Listen (read) each short transcript and answer the questions in English. Write full sentences for short-answer questions where asked. Total time suggested: 30 minutes.

- 1** Transcript A: Amelia describes her neighbourhood in a short spoken message to her penfriend, describing shops and transport in her town near Manchester.

Salut, je m'appelle Amelia. J'habite dans une petite ville pres de Manchester. Il y a un marche chaque samedi pres de la place et quelques cafes sympas. On a un supermarche et deux boulangeries, mais il n'y a pas de cinema. Le bus passe toutes les vingt minutes pour le centre-ville, et je prends souvent le velo parce que c'est plus tranquille que la route principale.

(Total for Question 1 is 3 marks)

- 2** Transcript B: Short debate extract. Two speakers give short opinions about living in a city or in the countryside. Match the speaker to the opinion they express. Context: classroom debate about city versus countryside life.

- (a) a) Prefers city life because there is always something to do, like festivals and restaurants. (1)
- (b) b) Prefers the countryside because it is calmer. (1)
- (c) c) Says there is less pollution outside the city. (1)
- (d) d) Enjoys cultural events as a reason to live where they do. (1)

(Total for Question 2 is 4 marks)

3 Transcript C: Short news-style item about a new local recycling scheme in a seaside town. Listen (read) and answer the short questions in English about the facts. Context: community radio bulletin in a coastal town called Stowe Bay.

- (a) 1) What colour bins will residents receive for plastic and paper? (1)
- (b) 2) How often will the green bin for organic waste be collected? (1)
- (c) 3) From which day will the new recycling scheme start? (1)
- (d) 4) Which local places will receive workshops to explain recycling? (1)
- (e) 5) Why does the item say recycling is important locally? (1)

(Total for Question 3 is 5 marks)

4 Transcript D: Noah describes his flat and comments on local amenities in a voicemail to a cousin about moving out. Context: Noah explaining his flat in a university town.

Salut, c'est Noah. J'ai demenagé dans un petit appartement près du campus. Il y a deux chambres, une cuisine ouverte et une petite terrasse. Près de la maison, il y a une pharmacie et un poste, mais il n'y a pas de parc. C'est pratique pour les cours, puisque la bibliothèque est à dix minutes à pied, mais parfois c'est bruyant le soir.

(Total for Question 4 is 3 marks)

5 Transcript E: Priya talks about local environmental problems and a simple comparison between town and countryside air quality for a school presentation.

(a) 1) Priya says there are many cars in the morning. **(1)**

(b) 2) She says cyclists are always safe in her town. **(1)**

(c) 3) She claims the countryside is worse for health. **(1)**

(d) 4) She mentions a local campaign to plant trees. **(1)**

(e) 5) She says they have stopped encouraging car-sharing. **(1)**

(Total for Question 5 is 5 marks)

6 Transcript F: Short personal opinion. A teenager, Oliwia, tells a friend about changes she would like in her town's environment and transport.

Bonjour, c'est Oliwia. J'aimerais plus de pistes cyclables et moins de parking dans le centre. Si on plantait plus d'arbres, ce serait plus ombrage et il y aurait moins de bruit. Je préférerais aussi des bus moins chers pour réduire l'usage de la voiture.

(Total for Question 6 is 0 marks)

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Question 1

- **B1** There is a market every Saturday near the square (any equivalent phrasing).
- **B1** There are a supermarket and two bakeries (either both items or two correct items like 'supermarket' and 'bakeries').
- **B1** The bus runs every twenty minutes to the town centre or she often cycles because it is more peaceful than the main road (either point earns mark).
- **Answer: There is a market every Saturday near the square. There is a supermarket and two bakeries. The bus runs every twenty minutes to the town centre, and she often cycles because it is more peaceful than the main road.**

Question 2

- (a) **B1** Kwame
- (a) **Answer: Kwame**
- (b) **B1** Erin
- (b) **Answer: Erin**
- (c) **B1** Erin
- (c) **Answer: Erin**
- (d) **B1** Kwame
- (d) **Answer: Kwame**

Question 3

- (a) **B1** Blue bins
- (a) **Answer: Blue bins**
- (b) **B1** Every two weeks / fortnightly
- (b) **Answer: Every two weeks (fortnightly)**
- (c) **B1** From Monday
- (c) **Answer: From Monday**
- (d) **B1** Schools
- (d) **Answer: Schools**
- (e) **B1** To help protect the coast and local wildlife
- (e) **Answer: To help protect the coast and local wildlife.**

Question 4

- **B1** He moved into a small flat near the campus with two bedrooms, an open kitchen and a small terrace (any two of these details earn marks accordingly).
- **B1** Nearby there is a pharmacy and a post office but there is no park (either pharmacy or post office or the absence of a park earns a mark).
- **B1** The library is ten minutes' walk away and the area can be noisy in the evenings (either point earns a mark).
- **Answer: He moved into a small flat near the campus with two bedrooms, an open kitchen and a small terrace. Nearby there is a pharmacy and a post office but no park. The library is ten minutes away on foot and it can be noisy in the evenings.**

Question 5

- (a) **B1** True
- (a) **Answer: True**
- (b) **B1** False
- (b) **Answer: False**
- (c) **B1** False
- (c) **Answer: False**
- (d) **B1** True
- (d) **Answer: True**
- (e) **B1** False
- (e) **Answer: False**

Question 6