

「2級リスニングテスト」 原稿

ただいまから、2級リスニングテストを行います。これからお話しすることについて質問は受けませんので、よく注意して聞いてください。

なお、リスニングテスト放送中に音飛びや騒音があった場合は、発生した問題のトラックのはじめに戻し、やり直します。しかしながら、万が一、教室監督者が気づかない場合は速やかに手を挙げてお知らせ願います。

このテストには、第1部と第2部があります。英文はそれぞれ一度だけ読まれます。放送の間メモをとってもかまいません。

では、第1部のテストから始めます。これは、対話を聞き、その質問に対して最も適切な答えを選ぶ形式です。対話と質問は一度だけ読まれます。問題は、No. 1 から No. 15 まで 15 題で、解答時間はそれぞれ 10 秒です。

以上、説明が終わりましたので、今から2級のNo. 1を開始します。

(★=男性 A ☆=女性 A ☆☆=女性 B)

☆☆No. 1

☆Excuse me. I'm looking for Cherry Avenue. Is it near here?

★Actually, it's pretty far away. Is that a map you're looking at?

☆Yes. My friend drew me a map to his new house, but I'm having trouble following it.

★I can tell he doesn't know this part of town very well. His map is all wrong.

☆☆**Question:** What is the woman's problem?

☆☆No. 2

☆Excuse me, sir. I'd like to buy a bottle of red wine for my friend's birthday, but I don't know much about wine. Red is her favorite, though.

★Well, these over here are red wines from France. They're quite popular with our customers.

☆Hmm. Those are a little too expensive for me. Do you have anything cheaper?

★Sure. Let me show you some wines that are on sale.

☆☆**Question:** What is one thing the woman says?

☆☆No. 3

★Thank you for calling the Sandwich Company. What can I do for you?

☆Hi. I'd like to order a large tomato sandwich with extra bacon and light mayonnaise on white bread.

★All right, ma'am. I can have that ready in about 10 minutes. Can I have your name, please?

☆It's Andrea. Thanks! I'll be there soon.

☆☆**Question:** What will the woman do next?

☆☆No. 4

★Hi, Casey. How's your sister doing? I heard she's sick.

☆Yeah, Eddie. She's at home in bed with a bad cold.

★That doesn't sound good. Has she seen a doctor?

☆No, but my mom gave her some medicine this morning. Hopefully, she'll be all right in a few days.

☆☆**Question:** What do we learn about Casey's sister?

☆☆No. 5

☆Hey, John. Are you going to Lucy's party this weekend? All of our friends will be there.

★I really want to, but I'm scheduled to work Saturday night.

☆That's too bad. Lucy really wanted you to come.

★I know. I'll be sure to go to the next party she invites me to.

☆☆**Question:** Why will John not go to the party?

☆☆No. 6

★Hey, Laura, do you have plans for Sunday? We're going to go bowling at three, and you should come, too!

☆Oh, bowling is so much fun. But I'm busy on Sunday afternoons.

★That's too bad. What do you do then?

☆I go horseback riding. My cousin and I have been taking lessons together.

☆☆**Question:** What does the girl do on Sunday afternoons?

☆☆No. 7

☆I'm looking for a gift for my four-year-old son. He really likes teddy bears.

★Well, we have many different colors and sizes. What are you looking for?

☆Actually, a really big one would be great. He likes to hug one while he sleeps.

★We should have some that are as big as large pillows. Let me check if we have what you're looking for.

☆☆**Question:** What does the woman want to buy?

☆☆No. 8

★My plant looks a little yellow. Do you think I used the wrong kind of soil?

☆The soil looks too wet to me. How often have you been watering it?

★Every two days. I recently put it in a bigger pot and moved it closer to the window, too.

☆Don't water it too much. Leaves can turn yellow when a plant gets too much water.

☆☆**Question:** What does the woman suggest doing about the plant?

☆☆No. 9

☆James, did you buy the meat for the barbecue?

★Oh, no. I forgot! I'll get it tomorrow on my way home from work.

☆OK. Please don't forget. Everybody is coming at six.

★Can you call me at work tomorrow to remind me? You know how bad my memory is.

☆☆**Question:** What did James forget to do?

☆☆No. 10

☆Welcome to Jessie's Comic Books. How can I help you?

★I'd like to buy some old copies of a comic I used to read when I was a kid. It's called *Wild Cowboys*.

☆Oh, I used to read that comic book when I was young, too. Unfortunately, you'll have trouble finding it at most stores. You should look for used copies online.

★OK. I'll try that.

☆☆**Question:** How will the man try to find a copy of the comic book *Wild Cowboys*?

☆☆No. 11

★Honey, you were running for longer than usual. What took you so long?

☆Well, I was running on Forest Avenue when I saw a big, brown dog. It didn't look very friendly.

★Did it try to bite you?

☆No, but it was scary. I turned around and went the other way for a while. I ended up taking a longer way home, just in case.

☆☆**Question:** What do we learn about the woman?

☆☆No. 12

☆Hello?

★Hi, Liz. It's John. Can I talk to you about your boyfriend?

☆Sure. What is it?

★You know I'm doing a history report with him, right? Well, I feel like I'm doing all the work.

☆I see. Well, he's not lazy, but he's the kind of person that waits to be told what to do. I'll try talking to him for you.

☆☆**Question:** What is one thing the girl says about her boyfriend?

☆☆No. 13

★No! The other team scored again. That's the second time this inning.

☆Yeah. The Gray Sox aren't playing very well. Their defense is so bad.

★They've been bad all season. I can't believe the newspapers were picking them to win the championship at the beginning of the season!

☆I know. Well, I hope they fire the manager soon. The team needs someone who can show these players how to win.

☆☆**Question:** Why are the man and woman upset with the Gray Sox?

☆☆No. 14

☆Ken, are you going anywhere for vacation?

★Maybe. I'm still planning. I'd like to go somewhere quiet—maybe camping in the mountains . . . or an Alaskan fishing trip, something like that.

☆Wow. I didn't know you liked that kind of thing.

★Well, I went to a crowded resort in Mexico last year, and before that I went to Europe. I'd like to try something different.

☆☆**Question:** Where does the man want to go on his vacation?

☆☆No. 15

☆Dan, the town hall meeting is tonight.

★Oh no. Tonight? The baseball game's on TV, and those meetings are always so boring. I don't think I'm going.

☆But honey, I think you should come with me. We're voting on whether to build a new park for the kids. I think we should go.

★Oh, well, maybe you are right. The neighborhood kids do need somewhere to play.

☆☆**Question:** What does the woman tell her husband?

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10 秒です。

では、始めます。

☆☆No. 16

☆Vivian is thinking of selling her old car. It still works well and does not use a lot of gasoline, but it only has two doors. Vivian wants a bigger car with four doors so that her three children can get in and out more easily.

☆☆Question: Why is Vivian thinking of selling her old car?

☆☆No. 17

★For many years, women have been wearing special clothes called corsets to make their bodies look thinner. Many people think that corsets were only worn by women. However, in the 18th century in England, men also wore corsets to look thin. In addition, today corsets are used to help men and women who have pain in their backs.

☆☆Question: What is one thing we learn about corsets?

☆☆No. 18

☆Kana is a part-time waitress, and she usually works until late at night. This weekend, however, the café where she works will be closed because the kitchen is being cleaned. She thinks it is a good chance to get some rest, so she plans to stay home, read comic books, and eat snacks all day.

☆☆Question: What does Kana plan to do this weekend?

☆☆No. 19

★Yumi bought a new video game yesterday after her friend had recommended it to her several times. At first, it was difficult, and the story was hard to understand. However, after a while, Yumi started to enjoy it because there were flying horses in it. She loves animals, and in the game, she had to catch horses and care for them.

☆☆Question: Why did Yumi start to like her new video game?

☆☆No. 20

☆Michael usually rides his bicycle to work. This morning, he came across a car accident on the way. Luckily, no one had been hurt, but Michael ran over some broken glass from one of the cars. All the air went out of his tire, so he took his bicycle to a parking space near a station. After that, Michael had to run to his office with his backpack to be in time for work.

☆☆**Question:** Why did Michael have to run to his office this morning?

☆☆No. 21

★Many people decorate their homes with carpets. Some Persian carpets are very expensive and are given as gifts from parents to children. As a result, these carpets stay in one family for many years. In Siberia, a carpet has been found that is more than 2,500 years old. It is special because it was put into the ground with a prince after he died. Experts still do not know where it was made.

☆☆**Question:** Why was the carpet found in Siberia special?

☆☆No. 22

☆On Sunday morning, Robert went to his grandmother's house. She wanted to put some things, such as her old computer, dishes, and cooking tools, into boxes and move them from her kitchen to a closet. However, the boxes were too heavy for her to lift, so she wanted Robert to carry them for her.

☆☆**Question:** Why did Robert go to his grandmother's house?

☆☆No. 23

★Takeshi is a computer programmer. He spends all day sitting down, so sometimes his back hurts. The other day, he and his boss took a train to go to a meeting with a client. When he arrived at the client's office, he was surprised to see people working at high desks and standing instead of sitting. Takeshi was interested in the desks because he thought they would be good for his back.

☆☆**Question:** How did Takeshi become interested in high desks?

☆☆No. 24

☆In recent years, the terms “cookies” and “biscuits” have sometimes been used to mean the same baked snacks. However, they were originally very different. Bakers used to make cookies to test the temperatures of ovens before baking cakes, and biscuits were originally eaten as food by sailors on very long trips.

☆☆**Question:** In what way were the first cookies and biscuits different?

☆☆No. 25

★Welcome to Bobby’s Electronics Store. We sell everything from cameras and computers to washing machines. Need a new vacuum cleaner? Then, try out the new Super Max. Staff by the stairs on the second floor are demonstrating this incredible new device now. Also, be sure to pick up our free magazine with new special deals at the exit when you are ready to leave.

☆☆**Question:** Where can customers see the new vacuum cleaner?

☆☆No. 26

☆Long ago, some Roman women believed that taking a bath in the milk of donkeys was good for their skin. However, not all women could take care of their skin in this way. Donkey milk was very expensive, so only the richest women could wash in it. Some very rich women kept many donkeys to get milk every day.

☆☆**Question:** How did some Roman women take care of their skin?

☆☆No. 27

★Olivia is planning a birthday party for her grandfather. She searched online for restaurants with no stairs because her grandfather will be 90 years old and cannot walk well. She found one in her area, and her mother suggested that Olivia go to see it before the party. That way, she could make sure that the restaurant would be nice for her grandfather.

☆☆**Question:** What did Olivia’s mother suggest she do?

☆☆No. 28

☆We hope you are enjoying the facilities here at Fitness Life Center, including our new exercise machines. To help you build muscle, we are giving away protein bars for the next hour. Please come to the entrance and help yourself. Each member can take two. We hope you enjoy your day.

☆☆**Question:** Why is this announcement being made?

☆☆No. 29

★When Mr. Jenson came home last night, his daughter's pet cat was in the kitchen. It looked hungry, so Mr. Jenson asked his daughter if she had fed it. She said that she had spent all afternoon at the shopping mall with her friends and had forgotten about her cat. Mr. Jenson was very upset with his daughter.

☆☆**Question:** Why was Mr. Jenson upset with his daughter?

☆☆No. 30

☆Thank you for shopping at Fresh Best Supermarket. We would like to remind drivers to be careful when driving in the parking lot. Last week, a woman and her dog were injured by a car while crossing the parking lot. Please keep your speed below 5 kilometers per hour to make sure our customers stay safe.

☆☆**Question:** Who is this announcement mainly made for?

では、時間です。筆記用具を置いて答えの記入をやめてください。これにて試験終了となります。公正なる試験実施にご協力いただきありがとうございました。質問がある方は、ただちに試験監督者にお申し出ください。

試験監督者に連絡いたします。これより最終の受験者数を確認してください。その後、解答用紙を回収し枚数の確認を行ってください。なお、問題冊子は回収しません。受験者数と解答用紙の枚数の一致を確認してから、解散の指示を出してください。

受験者の皆さんは、身のまわりをよく点検し、忘れものがないように注意してください。

受験者の皆さんが退室するときは、別の教室が試験中の場合もありますので、声を出さず、会場出口まで静かに退出してください。

それでは、解散の指示を出すまで静かにお待ちください。