

Exercise 10.0 Easy interactive stories

Speaker Copy

Instructions for the Speaker

This exercise provides a short paragraph on a common topic, followed by related questions. The topic is not provided to the listener, as they must discern it from listening to the paragraph.

Read the paragraph to the listener without visual cues, then ask them the questions about it.

The task can be adapted to a lower skill level by presenting the paragraph with visual cues, and presenting the questions in the auditory-only condition.

Set A. Breakfast

Breakfast is probably the most important meal of the day. It gives us energy to go through the morning. Most people eat breakfast at about seven o'clock in the morning. I like cereal, toast and juice for breakfast. On Sundays, it's nice to go out to a restaurant for breakfast.

Questions

- 1 What was I talking about?
- 2 What time do most people eat breakfast?
- 3 What time do you eat breakfast?
- 4 Do you like eggs for breakfast?
- 5 What do you like best for breakfast?
- 6 Do you ever go to a restaurant for breakfast?

Set B. Prices

Prices are going sky high. Everything is getting so expensive. Food costs more, clothes are more expensive, and the cost of housing is getting higher every year. The more money people make, the more prices go up.

Questions

- 1 What was I talking about?
- 2 What three things are more expensive?
- 3 Has your food bill gone up?
- 4 How much does a loaf of bread cost these days?
- 5 Do you think prices are too high?

Set C. News

Some people say that television news has affected the sale of newspapers. By the time the newspapers are on the streets, the story has already been on T.V. But, there is usually not enough time on T.V. to report all the details of the news. A newspaper is better for that.

Questions

- 1 What was I talking about?
- 2 Do you prefer T.V. or a paper for the news?
- 3 Do you get the morning or afternoon paper?
- 4 What T.V. channel do you watch, for the news?
- 5 What is the name of your local newspaper?

Set D. Vacations

People work all year for a few weeks' vacation. They may go to the beach, go fishing, go to the mountains or go to visit friends. Some people stay at home to relax. Regardless of what they do on holiday, people usually work hard at not working.

Questions

- 1 What was I talking about?
- 2 Where do people spend their vacation?
- 3 Do you go somewhere or do you stay at home?
- 4 Do you fly, drive or use some other means of transportation?
- 5 How long do you usually have for a holiday?