ACADEMIC SKILLS

Worksheet

Listen for gist

Student name: _____

Class: _____

Date: _____

Practice

1 **Which of the sentences below refers to listening for gist?**

a Thinking about what you're going to listen to.
b Listening to understand the general idea of a text.
c Trying to understand every word.
d Listening and making lots of notes.
e Listening to understand the details of a text.

2 01 **Listen to a lecture about urbanization. Order the main ideas (1–4) as the lecturer mentions them.**

_____ Urban benefits
_____ Urban drawbacks
_____ Rural benefits
_____ Rural drawbacks

3 **Write a sentence in your own words with the gist of the recording.**

> **TIP**
> Look at this structure for a gist sentence:
> *It is about (topic) and (main ideas).*
> This structure, which can fit most types of text, allows you to use only noun phrases to express the gist in a short sentence.

The lecturer talks about _____

_____

4 02 **Now listen to a programme about mindfulness. Write down the gist of the five main points the speaker mentions. The first one has been done for you.**

1 Its origins
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____
5 _____

5 **Compare with a partner. Do you have the same points?**

6 **Use the information to write a sentence with the gist of the programme.**

Reflect

7 **Think about why listening for gist is important and how you can use it in your studies. Compare your ideas with a partner.**

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