

2. NIVELL AVANÇAT C2. COMPRESIÓ DE TEXTOS ORALS (LISTENING COMPREHENSION)

Part 1. MULTIPLE CHOICE. You are going to listen to an interview with the author of a book about a family's experience of living for a year without buying any products with the label « Made in China». Choose the best answer from the options (A, B or C). You will hear the recording twice. The task begins with the example (0).

LISTEN  **Life without Goods Made in China**

0. This conversation takes place ...

a) in a radio studio.

b) in a private home.

c) on TV.

1. Ms. Bongiorni's book is born of her family's...
 - a) boycott of Chinese products.
 - b) experience of trying to live a normal life without certain products.
 - c) decision to keep a New Year's resolution.
2. Ms. Bongiorni and her family made a conscious decision to ...
 - a) buy things that had some Chinese components.
 - b) to avoid buying things that might have Chinese-made components.
 - c) to just avoid buying things that were made entirely in China.
3. Ms. Bongiorni admits that perhaps she and her family might have ...
 - a) been too lenient in the way they approached the experiment.
 - b) undergone a lot of hassle and time-wasting for no results on occasion.
 - c) lapsed just a few times when life became just too complicated.
4. Which of the following is true? On one occasion Ms. Bongiorni ...
 - a) bought some Chinese made shoes for a child.
 - b) ordered an expensive garment from abroad.
 - c) paid an excessive amount for what is a very ordinary item.
5. When it is suggested that the experiment must have had an important effect on family finances, Ms. Bongiorni explains that they ...
 - a) spent a great deal more than they would have expected.
 - b) bought fewer things and therefore saved money.
 - c) spent less on goods imported from countries other than China.
6. Ms. Bongiorni's family had to ...
 - a) come up with ingenious solutions to small domestic problems.
 - b) throw away their blender when they were unable to get a replacement part.
 - c) buy expensive domestic appliances to replace the Chinese ones.
7. The experiment has shown Ms. Bongiorni that she and her family ...
 - a) depend on China for the things they need and want.
 - b) rely on imports from the rest of the world if they want to have an easier life.
 - c) find it satisfying to have learned how connected they are to China.
8. Now that the experiment has finished, Ms. Bongiorni and her family are ...
 - a) happy to find they have come to terms with Chinese products.
 - b) determined to continue to avoid purchasing Chinese goods as much as possible.
 - c) keen to follow a more moderate approach to buying Chinese goods.

Source: NPR radio. <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=12056295>

PART 2. SENTENCE SELECTION. You are going to listen to an interview with a historian about the circumstances that led to the coronation of Victoria as queen of England. You will hear the recording **TWICE**. Decide which sentences are true (✓) and which are false (X) according to what you hear. The activity begins with an example (0).

Young Victoria

		<i>True</i> ✓	<i>False</i> X
0.	EXAMPLE King George IV was succeeded to the throne by his brother William	✓	
1.	Princess Charlotte died while giving birth, and so did the baby.		
2.	Afterwards, absolute panic ensued because irregular unions staged strikes to upset the line to the throne.		
3.	John Conroy's great ambition was to influence the monarchy.		
4.	Victoria was victimized by Uncle Leopold in the household.		
5.	One of the ways in which Victoria's upbringing helped her later in life was that she learned how to combine firmness of will with dignity and correctness.		
6.	The disputes and difficulties in the household during Victoria's childhood caused her as queen to ease the moral tensions created at court.		

PART 3. SENTENCE COMPLETION. You are going to hear a talk about Leonardo DaVinci's famous portrait, the Mona Lisa. You will hear the recording **TWICE**. Fill in the numbered gaps with **ONE** or **TWO** words that you will hear in the recording. The activity begins with an example (0).

LISTEN 

The Mona Lisa's Twin Painting Discovered

The radio presenter explains that there is a **(0)** _____ of the Mona Lisa, which was painted at the same time as the Leonardo masterpiece.

Martin Bailey explains the layer of black paint has recently been **(1)** _____ removed by the conservators and the rest of the painting has been cleaned.

The experts believe that the changes made to the copy **(2)** _____ those that were made to the original and they have concluded that the two paintings were probably created side-by-side on **(3)** _____ situated very near to each other.

The presenter hypothesizes on the possibility that while Leonardo was **(4)** _____ the background of his masterpiece, the other artist was making the same changes to the copy.

Bailey suggests that what added a **(5)** _____ to the painting was the fact that the model was said actually in the studio.

The presenter states that she feels that there is more mystery in the original and this might be due to the fact that the image is **(6)** _____ on our mind.

Source: <https://www.npr.org/2012/02/02/146288063/painting-sheds-new-light-on-the-mona-lisa>