

ŽUPANIJSKO NATJECANJE IZ ENGLESKOG JEZIKA

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SLUŠANJE S RAZUMIJEVANJEM TRANSCRIPT

Good morning. May I have your attention, please? The listening part of the test will start now.

[Note for the teacher: DO NOT stop or pause the recording until you hear the sentence: *This is the end of the listening task. Check your answers one more time and copy them onto the Answer Sheet.*]

Open your tests to page 2. As you can see, the listening task is on this page.

You will have time to look through the sentences before you listen. Write your answers on the test first but don't forget to copy your answers onto the answer sheet when you finish.

Now look at the Listening part. You will hear a report on a radio interview with a ghost hunter called Carlene Belfort. Read the statements that follow. Listen to the text very carefully. Choose the correct answer: T (true) or F (false). There is an example (0) at the beginning.

You will hear the recording twice, and there will be a short pause between the two listenings. You can write your answers during both the first and the second listening.

You now have 20 seconds to look at sentences 1-10.

[A pause of 20 seconds]

You will now hear the speaker.

Carlene Belfort is a professional ghost hunter. This is what she said about her unusual hobby when she was interviewed for the local radio: "When I was about 8 years old, my grandmother died and my family moved into her house. And I kept hearing all sorts of strange noises in the night. I told my parents, and they told me I was imagining things, but I knew it was ghosts. So you could say I started ghost-hunting whenever I walked around the house alone at night! Mediums have the gift to communicate with people who have passed away, or at least they claim to do that. But, I don't claim to have any special psychic powers. Ghost hunters aren't the same as mediums. We use audio recorders, cameras and electromagnetic devices to detect the presence of ghosts. But I think it helps if you have an open mind and a spirit of adventure. Although I don't claim to communicate with ghosts, I do get phone calls from bereaved people who want to communicate with their lost ones, but I have to turn them away.

My clients are those people who hear or see things in their homes and are worried they might be going crazy. They call me in, and I can put their minds at rest. Of course I also get the odd few who are desperate to have a ghost in their homes and interpret every creak in their house as a possible visitor. So, I don't find ghosts everywhere I look. People often ask me how I detect the presence of ghosts. Well, sometimes it is just a feeling. Something that makes you hair stand on end, or there may be a sudden drop in

temperature. But the most conclusive way to do it is to get some sort of proof, so we take photographs, voice recordings and meter readings.

There have been many scary moments in my career. There was one time when I was with my team, and my team-mate's camera stopped working. My camera was still functioning, so I took a picture of my colleague so that we could find out whether it was spirits causing the malfunction. When we looked at the pictures later, we could see three streams of energy attacking the camera around my colleague's neck! That was certainly very spooky, but of course we didn't know that was going on when we took the picture, and when we looked at the photograph we were far away. There are some hair-raising moments when you see things flying across the room on their own accord. But, there's nothing more frightening than being in the presence of true evil.

I am aware that there are a large number of sceptics out there, and I'm sure there are people who believe that ghost hunting is a lot of nonsense and that there is no scientific basis for my work. I can see why people with more scientific minds are unconvinced, as there have been a lot of hoaxes in the past. But now, with better technology we're able to take a lot more data and evidence to back up our sightings, although I realise that some scientists are still not convinced by that. But, if they're not satisfied with the data, I'd like to invite them on a ghost hunt and see how they explain furniture flying across a room! Some people believe that we cheat simply filling up people's minds with a lot of nonsense in return for their money. It's a shame that they see it like that because I'm no different from a plumber or an electrician. If someone has a problem in their house, they call me, and I come over with the right equipment and some skills, and I can solve their problem and put their minds at rest. If there are people who feel their house is haunted they can contact me via my website and arrange for a consultation. And I'm also happy to take people out on hunts if they want a spooky experience."

You have 20 seconds to go through your answers.

[A pause of 20 seconds]

Now listen again.

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You have 10 seconds to go through your answers one more time.

[A pause of 10 seconds]

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[You may now stop the CD.]