

**ADVANCED LEVEL LISTENING COMPREHENSION SAMPLE**

**Task 1**

You are going to hear six extracts about different topics. Match options (a-g) to texts (1-5), you have an extra option you don't need to use. You will hear the extracts TWICE. Now you have 60 seconds to read the options. The first text is an example.

*Which speaker/extract...?*

- a) ... mentions common electoral promises?
- b) ... provides a solution to a long-term problem?
- c) ... talks about an irrelevant decision?
- d) ... ~~explains the multiple and beneficial uses of a single action?~~
- e) ... mentions contrasts in a person's life?
- f) ... provides a solution to solve an everyday problem?
- g) ... talks about a difficult decision?

<b>Example</b>	<b>d</b>
<b>Text 1</b>	
<b>Text 2</b>	
<b>Text 3</b>	
<b>Text 4</b>	
<b>Text 5</b>	

## **Transcripts**

### **Example-Recycling tips**

It's been said that the human race is living well beyond the planet's capacity to support us. One remedy to this problem is to stop buying so much stuff, which is what the recycling-conscious community at "Make it and mend it" would like us all to do. The recent global financial crisis has made everybody more aware of the need to save money, but this is also about saving the planet; by making the best use of the resources we have available we can cut down on manufacturing, reduce waste going into landfill and spread a little hand-made love.

### **Text 1- Taking a driving test**

Well, my idea has to do with terra firme and not outer space; I'm often driving behind people going 40 miles an hour on the fast lane on a high way or people sitting without moving when the light changes to green at an intersection or doing something else that's erratic and then I catch up with them or I pass them and I find out, typically, they are talking on their cell phones. Now in the United States there are various, some States that prohibit driving while talking on the cell phone and others that allow it; but even in the ones that prohibit it people still do it; so my remedy for this which I think would change the road dramatically is that all of these people that wanna talk on the cell phone while driving should be required to pass their driver's exam while talking on the cell phone.

### **Text 2-Preventive care for kangaroos**

Kangaroos at an Israeli zoo get a visit from a dentist; the marsupials were given a special toothpaste that helped eradicate a deathly kangaroo mouth disease; the disease makes kangaroos lose their appetite and they eventually starve to death. Veterinarians have to subdue the bouncy creatures before brushing their teeth. Luckily for the kangaroos the special toothpaste treatment is only needed once.

### **Text 3- Sarah Palin**

"I love Alaska, this is my home..." If this is the start of a run for president, it would certainly be the most unconventional in history. "I would describe myself, my family as just normal average every-day Americans..." Part reality show, part adventure documentary, Sarah Palin's Alaska gives millions of Americans a closer look into her private world. "Oh, is he telling to get the heck out of here?" But for one of America's most high-profile politicians, the question of whether she will run for the White House in 2012 isn't going away. The Conservative right loves her, so does the Tea Party Movement, but traditional Republicans worry she scares off the moderates who usually decide the presidential election.

### **Text 4- The politics of broadband**

The Conservatives have promised that if they got in the Government they would extend super-fast broadband to most of the country, they'd pay for it with part of the licence fee. Roy Cathleen-Jones is our technology correspondent; Roger, how does this compare with what Labour are promising and what is already on offer?

Well, here's the rather eye-catching line in the Conservatives' technology manifesto: "we would be the first country in Europe to extend super-fast hundred megabit per second broadband across most of the population". Now Labour says this is nothing new, that it's already promised this super-fast next generation network to 90% of the population by 2017.

### **Text 5 - Tough decision**

Keith Fitzhugh had a dream to play pro football; he followed that dream to high school and college and he was an incredible player, he even made it to two training camps with the New York Jets before being cut, then this week, because of injuries the Jets called him back but he told them he'd rather keep his current job as a train conductor; it may seem crazy to you, but to Keith, it's all about his family.

**Key:** 1-f, 2-b, 3-e, 4-a, 5-g