



リスニング問題

Part 1

(1)

A: Hello, this is Amanda Smith. I'm staying in room 516.

B: Oh, yes, Mrs. Smith. What can I do for you this morning?

A: I need to get to the airport tomorrow quite early. Could you please call a taxi for me before I check out?

B: Yes, we can surely do that for you, but there is no need to take a taxi. The hotel has its own shuttle bus to and from the airport. It's a free service.

A: Really? Oh, but I have some things which are easily broken. I want to carry them without any trouble.

B: Well ... then, we'd be happy to call one for you.

(2)

Which do you like better, an electronic dictionary or a paper dictionary? I know it is much easier and faster to use an electronic dictionary. Also, an electronic dictionary is so light that you can carry it everywhere. But I think you should not use an electronic dictionary when you begin to learn English. Words are printed in alphabetical order from A to Z in a paper dictionary, so you can learn the alphabet by using it. There are a lot of things you can learn from a paper dictionary when you are a beginner.

Part 2

A: So, Maria, this is your family.

B: Yes. We took this photo at my grandmother's sixtieth birthday just a few weeks ago.

A: Is the lady sitting in the middle of the front row your Grandma?

B: Mmm, that's a nice guess, but actually she isn't. That's our Grandma's sister, Jenny. Grandma is the one to the left, next to our dog Spot.

A: I don't believe she's sixty!

B: She looks forty or forty-five, doesn't she? In fact, her son looks like her very much. That's her son, Uncle Bill.

A: Uh — Which one?

B: This one, the one standing right behind Grandma.

A: And who's the guy in front of you? He's so cool!

B: That's my cousin, Jason.

A: It's a nice picture!

Part 3

Man: Here is the graph about how many books our classmates read in a month.

Woman: Yeah, sadly, the highest percentage of the students read no books. That's the problem we have to solve.

Man: The percentage of the students who read only one book is almost the same, but a little bit lower. Actually 4% lower. I'm sorry to know that almost half of the students read no books or just one.

Woman: The percentage of the students who read two books is just half of the students who read one book.

Man: The good point is about half of the students read two or more books.

Woman: In total, 48%? Yeah, you are right. Twenty percent of the students read five or more books! Actually, many of the students like reading.

Man: That's good. Then, which read more books, boys or girls?

Woman: Let's check the next graph.

Part 4

"Close your eyes and see," I give people this advice when they ask me what it is like to be blind. I say to them, "Just close your eyes and tell me what you see." Well of course, when you close your eyes, you can't really see. You can feel around the world, talk, listen, and walk. You can stand up, sit down, eat, drink, and you can laugh, cry, love, and hate just as well as everyone else. That's the point I want you to understand.

Many sighted people — people who can see — think and act as if I'm not a person like them. Just yesterday my friend Jasmine and I were at a restaurant. The waiter came up to the table and asked Jasmine, "What would you like?" and she gave him her order. And then he asked her, "And what does your friend want?" He asked Jasmine my order instead of asking me. Why? Did he think that I can't hear? Or I can't talk? Or I'm stupid?

I often feel that sighted people misunderstand blind people. I want people to know that blind people don't like to be treated differently. We can't see but can do other things as you can. So please treat us with respect. Please close your eyes and see how we feel.