

## 302 BLIND - Listening Comprehension Scripts

### LISTENING SCRIPT 1



Listen to a conversation between a taxi driver and a customer and choose the correct answer a, b or c.

**Passenger:** Hey Taxi! Ah great. Thanks for pulling over.

**Driver:** Where to?

**Passenger:** Well, I'm going to the National Museum of Art, and . . . .

**Driver:** Sure. Hop in. No problem. Hang on!

**Passenger:** Uh. Excuse me. How long does it take to get there?

**Driver:** Well, that all depends on the traffic, but it shouldn't take more than twenty minutes for the average driver.

**Passenger:** [*Oh*].

**Driver:** And I'm not average. I have driving down to an art, so we should be able to cruise through traffic and get there in less than twelve minutes.

**Passenger:** Okay. Uh, sorry for asking ...

**Driver:** Yeah?

**Passenger:** ... but do you have any idea how much the fare will be?

**Driver:** Oh, it shouldn't be more than 18 dollars . . . not including a . . . uh-**hum** . . . a tip of course.

**Passenger:** Oh, and by the way, do you know what time the museum closes?

**Driver:** Well, I would guess around 6:00 O'clock.

**Passenger:** Uh, do you have the time?

**Driver:** Yeah. It's half past four.

**Passenger:** [*Thanks*]

**Driver:** ...Uh, this is your first time to the city, right?

**Passenger:** Yeah. How did you know?

**Driver:** Well, you can tell tourists from a mile away in this city because they walk down the street looking straight up at the skyscrapers.

**Passenger:** Was it that obvious?

**Driver:** Well . . .

**Passenger:** ...Oh, before I forget, can you recommend any good restaurants downtown that offer meals at a reasonable price?

**Driver:** Umm . . . Well, the Mexican restaurant, La Fajita, is fantastic.

**Passenger:** [*Oh*]

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**Driver:** It's not as inexpensive as other places I know, but the decor is very authentic,

**Passenger:** [*Okay ...*]

**Driver:** ...and the portions are larger than most places I've been to.

**Passenger:** Sounds great! How do I get there from the museum?

**Driver:** Well, you can catch the subway right outside the museum. There are buses that run that way, but you would have to transfer a couple of times. And there are taxis too, but they don't run by the museum that often.

**Passenger:** Okay. Thanks.

## LISTENING Comprehension 2



**Listen to this radio report on the danger of bullying and decide whether the following questions are true or false.**

A new study says that children who are bullied by other kids could have mental health problems when they are adults. The study found that bullied children are more likely to suffer from depression and anxiety in adulthood than children who suffered child abuse. Researchers found that the children who experienced only bullying were 1.6 times more likely than those who experienced only child abuse to have mental health problems or to have tried to harm themselves. Researcher Dr Dieter Wolke said society often thinks bullying is a normal part of childhood. He said: "Being bullied is not a harmless rite of passage or an inevitable part of growing up; it has serious long-term consequences."

Bullying is a big problem around the world. In Britain, about 16,000 children stay at home and do not go to school because they are often bullied. Their exam results suffer and so do their chances of going to university or getting good jobs. Bullied children may also suffer from other problems. They can have serious illnesses, an inability to focus on one thing for a long time, poor social skills, and have trouble holding down a job or staying in a relationship. Catherine Bradshaw, an expert on youth violence, said parents and schools needed to do more about recognising and preventing bullying. She said parents needed to teach their children how to communicate well with other children.