

Listening 1

Listen carefully to a story about a traveller then order the following events

In September 2006 I visited China. I was amazed: it was truly another planet. The country was everything I had read about and more. First, I spent some time in Harbin, a northern city located twelve hours from Beijing. After a while I finally figured out how to order something to eat like fried rice. My pronunciation was terrible but understandable!

A few months later I started using the language to travel throughout the region. I went to Shenzhen, for several days, people frequently came up to me in the streets and said hello. I saw the sights and tried to talk to the people as much as possible there. I learned to walk through the streets with thousands of motorcycle drivers. Eventually, I learned to drive and bought a second hand motorcycle. I visited a temple, ate different types of vegetables. I walked around the streets for hours. I took the metro as far as it would go in each direction and then walked back to the center. I took the ferry to Hong Kong, where I first had the idea of visiting every country in the region. I took a night bus up to Macau, where I walked around for a while and decided against traveling six more hours up to Kuala Lumpur.

I fell in love with the far east and visited many neighboring countries like Japan, Northern Korea and Indonesia.

I lived in China for two years. It was my first extended cross-cultural experience. I learned a lot from this experience. I'm planning to go back there soon and see my friends and visit places that I didn't have the chance to see during my stay.

Listening 2:

You will hear a radio interview with Sheila Rogers who is gifted with supernatural vision. Listen carefully and choose the right answer.

Ronald (host) Hello, and welcome to our show. Today we have a very special guest named Sheila Rogers. Sheila claims to possess unique supernatural gifts and through her talent she recently helped the police find a missing girl lost in the woods. Tell us, Sheila, how did this all come about?

Sheila Hi, Ronald. Well, it all started some time ago while I was listening to a reporter speaking about a missing girl, Mary Paine. As he spoke, I suddenly felt as though I were watching a scene from a film. As I watched, the image of a small lake appeared, followed by an old building, tall trees, and a sign. I could feel the little girl's emotions almost as if I were sharing them. I sensed being in an unfamiliar place and feeling alone and scared.

Ronald Wow, that must have been a very strange experience!

Sheila Indeed, it was. It was a shock to see a place that I had never been to. It was at once both frightening and fascinating. I didn't know the girl, but the images I received were so clear and real.

Ronald So you decided to go to the police. What happened next?

Sheila I told them my story. Of course, they had their doubts at first. So they asked me if I would go through my story again while using a lie detector test. I agreed, and I told them what the girl looked like and that she was very scared. I could see her walking by the lake and I gave a description of the lake as well as of the old building next to it. 'Can you see anything on the sign?' they asked. 'I can only see initials,' I replied, 'the letters O and M.'

Ronald And your story finally proved correct, right?

Sheila Fortunately, yes. Mary was eventually found next to a lake by the 'Old Mill' building, in a location matching my description. She was later returned, a bit upset, but ok, to her very happy and thankful mother.