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Exercise 1 - LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Exercise 1. Listening Comprehension

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Listen to the text and answer the questions.

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The growth in electric vehicle adoption has been supported by both economic and environmental factors.

- ○ True
- ○ False

Most consumers consider electric vehicles cheaper to buy than traditional cars.

- ○ True
- ○ False

Manufacturers have been unable to fully satisfy market demand.

- ○ True
- ○ False

Production delays are entirely due to poor management by car companies.

- ○ True
- ○ False

Charging infrastructure is developing evenly across all regions.

- ○ True
- ○ False

Changes in government policies and energy prices could influence future demand.

- ○ True
- ○ False

Exercise 2 - READING COMPREHENSION (p. 1/2)

Exercise 2. Reading Comprehension

A) Read the text and answer the questions.

Rising housing costs reshape urban living

Housing prices in many European cities are expected to remain high throughout 2026, mainly due to limited supply, rising construction costs and continued demand from both local buyers and international investors. Although interest rates have stabilised after a period of increase, this has not led to a significant reduction in property prices. Experts point out that the shortage of available housing continues to support high price levels, especially in major urban areas.

At the same time, the cost of building materials and labour remains elevated, making it more expensive for developers to complete new projects. As a result, fewer new homes are being built, which further reduces supply. In some cities, local authorities have introduced regulations to control rent increases, but these measures have had mixed results and have not solved the underlying problem.

Many households are now facing increasing financial pressure, with a larger proportion of their income being spent on rent or mortgage payments. Younger people, in particular, are finding it difficult to enter the housing market, leading to a rise in long-term renting. This trend is also affecting patterns of migration, as some workers choose to move to smaller towns where housing is more affordable.

While some analysts believe that the situation may improve gradually, most agree that housing will remain a major economic challenge in the short term, with continued affordability issues for many residents.

Housing prices in major cities are expected to fall significantly in 2026.

- ○ True
- ◉ False

Stable interest rates have caused property prices to drop quickly.

- ○ True
- ◉ False

High construction costs are limiting the number of new housing projects.

- ◉ True
- ○ False

Government controls on rent have completely solved housing problems.

- ○ True
- ◉ False

A growing number of people are spending a larger share of their income on housing.

- ◉ True
- ○ False

Some workers are moving to less expensive areas because of housing costs.

- ◉ True
- ○ False

READING COMPREHENSION (p. 2/2)

B) Read the text again and find the word OR words that mean EXACTLY...

- not enough availability of something → limited supply
- people who put money into something to make a profit → investors
- the money spent to build something → construction costs
- difficulty in paying for something → affordability issues

Exercise 3. VERBS

Exercise 3. Complete the sentences on the following pages using the correct form of the verb.

The CEO [announced] (*announce*) a new strategy after the company's profits declined.

At present the organisation [is expanding] (*expand*) into Asian markets.

They [have developed] (*develop*) several innovative products in recent years.

She works for a firm that [provides] (*provide*) financial advice to international clients.

If interest rates [rise] (*rise*), borrowing will become more expensive.

He [handles] (*handle*) customer complaints in the sales department.

We [are reviewing] (*review*) the company's performance this quarter.

We [need to improve] efficiency to remain competitive.

- must to improve
- need improving
- need to improve

All payments [are processed] (*process*) electronically.

If they reduced costs, they [would increase] (*increase*) their profit margins.

Exercise 4. GRAMMAR

Exercise 4. Choose the correct option for each sentence on the following pages.

The company is expanding rapidly [ ] strong competition. despite / because of / due

Many investors are satisfied [ ] the firm's recent performance. with / about / of

The market recovered at a [ ] rate than analysts had predicted. faster / fastest / fast

The organisation is working [ ] to improve customer support. efficient / efficiently / efficiency

The package, including insurance, [ ], and taxes, costs €500. delivering / deliveries / delivery

The [ ] economy is facing increasing uncertainty. globally / global / globe

New policies aim to support the [ ] in urban areas. unemployed / unemploy / unemployment

We look forward to [ ] your application by the end of the week. recieving / receive / receiving

Companies are required to provide [ ] data about their operations. much / more and more / many

The report, in [ ] the results are presented, was published yesterday. which / that / whose

Exercise 5. CLOZE

Exercise 5. Complete the text using the words given. There are <u>three extra words</u> that do not fit into the text.

I am applying for this role because I would like to improve the ______ I developed during my university studies. Last year, I completed a short ______ course in business management. The course focused on preparing ______ and financial reports, as well as basic budgeting. I found it very useful and practical. I ______ the course with excellent results and received strong feedback from my instructors.

During the programme, I gained experience of working under ______ and meeting tight deadlines. Although this was sometimes demanding, I always finished my tasks on ______ .

Unfortunately, I have not yet had the opportunity to complete a formal work ______ , so I am now looking for a suitable ______ to gain practical experience. I would prefer to work in a small ______ where I can take on different responsibilities and continue learning. In the long term, I would like to ______ within the organisation and build my career.

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stress	firm	staffing	accounts	advance	staffed	completed	recruit	chance
schedule	abilities	full-time	internship					

Exercise 6. VOCABULARY

Exercise 6. Choose the correct option for each sentence on the following pages.

She completed a course in ______. (finance / financing / financial / finances)

The company raised additional ______ to expand its operations. (budget / fund / capital / account)

Our products are cheaper than those of our main ______. (staff / clients / rivals / partners)

Last year, services accounted for 60% of the country's ______. (VAT / GDP / CEO / HR)

The business hopes to return to ______ by the end of the year. (profit / revenue / income / earnings)

He had to cancel his business ______ due to a strike. (flight / journey / trip / travel)

The firm has increased its ______ budget to attract new customers. (market / marketing / marketer / marketed)

The ______ of alcohol is restricted to people over 18. (purchase / buying / buy / bought)

Payment must be made on ______. (reaching / entering / coming / arrival)

Most employees ______ a bonus at the end of the year. (take / make / receive / bring)