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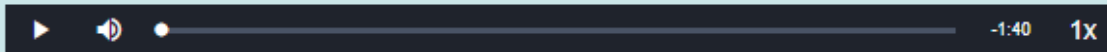
Exercise 1 - LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Exercise 1. Listening Comprehension

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Listen to the text and answer the questions.



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 expressions below. What do they mean?

1. What does **limited supply** mean in the text?

- A reduction in the number of people looking for homes
- A shortage of homes available to buy or rent
- A restriction on the amount buyers can borrow

2. What does **construction costs** mean in the text?

- The money paid to rent a property
- The money spent on building something
- The money earned from selling a property

3. What does **investors** mean in the text?

- People who design and plan new buildings
- People who set rules for the housing market
- People who put money into something to make a profit

4. What does **affordability issues** mean in the text?

- Difficulties paying for housing because of its cost
- Delays in completing new housing projects
- Problems finding housing in a convenient location

Exercise 3. VERBS

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

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

At present the organisation (*expand*) into Asian markets.

They (*develop*) several innovative products in recent years.

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

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

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

We (*review*) the company's performance this quarter.

We efficiency to remain competitive.

must to improve
need improving
need to improve

All payments (*process*) electronically.

If they reduced costs, they (*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.

Many investors are satisfied the firm's recent performance.

The market recovered at a rate than analysts had predicted.

The organisation is working to improve customer support.

The package, including insurance, , and taxes, costs €500.

The economy is facing increasing uncertainty.

New policies aim to support the in urban areas.

We look forward to your application by the end of the week.

Companies are required to provide data about their operations.

The report, in the results are presented, was published yesterday.

Exercise 5. CLOZE

Exercise 5. Complete the text using the words given. There are three extra words 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.

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