

## THEME 7 FACTS ABOUT TURKEY LISTENING SKILL (SPICE UP)

### **A. Listen to the Historic Arc podcast and choose the correct option. (Tapescript 7.1)**

1. Sagalassos is located in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Türkiye.  
a) south-west                      b) north-east                      c) south-east
2. It was taken from the Persians in \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) 390 BC                      b) 420 AD                      c) 332 BC
3. Sagalassos was named as the “\_\_\_\_\_” by the Roman emperor Hadrian.  
a) city centre                      b) first city                      c) holy city
4. The new area of the site was protected by the \_\_\_\_\_ Mountains range.  
a) Nur                      b) Kaçkar                      c) Taurus
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ were preserved very well thanks to the mountains.  
a) stone ruins                      b) marble wrecks                      c) mud bricks
6. Most of the \_\_\_\_\_ were destroyed by natural causes.  
a) ruins                      b) monuments                      c) furniture

### **B. Listen to the podcast again and write true (T) or false (F). (Tapescript 7.1)**

1. Sagalassos was Pisidia's richest city under Persian rule.
2. The city had always been ruled by the Romans.
3. Most of the site's ruins are in Akdağ.
4. The site includes different types of structures.
5. The site has been repaired by foreign craftsmen.

### **C. Listen to three people talking about the attractions and write true (T) or false (F). (Tapescript 7.1 Workbook)**

1. Viola has already booked a room at a luxurious hotel. \_\_\_\_\_
2. She would rather visit historical sites than sunbathe all day. \_\_\_\_\_
3. The Museum of Troy helps its guests understand the life in ancient times. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Travis had difficulty moving around the museum. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Sultanahmet Square is surrounded by historical landmarks. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Susan finds it hard to get around the square on foot. \_\_\_\_\_

## **Tapescript 7.1**

**Daniel Dinn:** Hello, history buffs! I'm Daniel Dinn and this is Historic Arc, the weekly podcast about historical sites. Today, we'll hear about Sagalassos from Duygu Jenkins, an archaeologist and professor. Welcome, Miss Jenkins. Could you tell us where Sagalassos is?

**Duygu Jenkins:** Hi, everyone! Sagalassos is located in the south-west of Türkiye, around Burdur and Isparta. During the Persian Empire, it was known as the wealthiest city of Pisidia, a region in today's Isparta. Sagalassos was taken from the Persians in 332 BC by Alexander the Great and given its greatest years.

**Daniel Dinn:** It must have been spectacular! What about the Roman period?

**Duygu Jenkins:** It was again the most important city during the Roman period. Emperor Hadrian loved Sagalassos so much that he declared it as the empire's centre and renamed it as the "first city" of Pisidia. Even now, the Roman influence can be seen in the architecture of the region.

**Daniel Dinn:** Later, the population was forced to move to Ağlasun, Burdur. When and why did this happen?

**Duygu Jenkins:** In the 13th century, the people of Sagalassos were pushed to Ağlasun by diseases, earthquakes and invasions. Fortunately, the new region was protected by the Taurus Mountains range. Most of the city's ruins now are in Akdağ.

**Daniel Dinn:** What types of architectural ruins can be found in the area?

**Duygu Jenkins:** The bone-white stone ruins were preserved very well here for ages thanks to the mountains. These are a large city centre, a well-preserved amphitheatre, a Doric temple, thermal baths, an agora, a nymphaeum and huge monuments. However, many of those monuments were destroyed by wild plants and corrosion. Luckily, since 2015, the Ağlasun site has been restored by the local stone artisans and conservation architects with the Global Heritage Fund.

**Daniel Dinn:** That's wonderful! Thanks a million for the helpful information and for your time, Miss Jenkins.

## **Tapescript 7.1 Workbook**

**Viola :** Next summer, I'd like to take my backpack and go to this lovely beach where the Caretta Caretta sea turtles lay their eggs. I haven't made a reservation yet, but I'm planning to stay at one of the local guest houses. Lying in the sun for hours may seem quite relaxing to most people, but I'm not that type of person. Instead of getting a suntan, I prefer walking along the ancient ruins and trying different sports activities.

**Travis :** Last year, I visited some of the well-known archaeological sites and museums in Türkiye. This one was my favourite. The museum took me on a journey from the Archaic Ages to the Byzantine Ages. Because of the rich interactive displays and beautiful graphics, I was able to imagine life in the ancient city. Fortunately, there was a long ramp between the floors instead of stairs, so I had no trouble touring the building despite my physical disability.

**Susan :** This historic area is my favourite spot in İstanbul. I suggest everyone sit on one of the benches around the fountains and enjoy the peaceful and historic atmosphere here. You'll be surrounded by the city's most popular attractions, museums, mosques and historical sites. It's easy to walk around the region because it's largely traffic-free.