

## THEME 3 HARD TIMES LISTENING SKILL (YILDIRIM)

### A. Listen to the speaker and tick Yes or No . (Audio 3.1)

1. The speaker used to respect the elderly when he was young.
2. His grandchildren often visit the speaker.
3. Neighbors used to trust each other in the past.
4. Neighbors used to help each other a lot.
5. People usually greet their neighbors when they meet them.
6. People used to be more productive in the past.
7. The speaker thinks people are more hardworking nowadays.

### B. Listen to the speaker again and complete the sentences. (Audio 3.1)

1. While the speaker was waiting for \_\_\_\_\_ during the religious festival last month, they phoned him and said they were going to \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. In the past, some of the speaker's neighbors were just like \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. When the speaker was a child, he and his friends used to make \_\_\_\_\_ they didn't use to buy them.
4. People used to \_\_\_\_\_ mow their own grass and \_\_\_\_\_ in the past.

### C. Listen to the speakers' stories and circle the correct alternative. (Audio 3.5)

1. Speaker 1 was going to Liverpool to visit her **friends** / **grandparents**.
2. When the pilot made the announcement, she was feeling **shocked** / **terrified**.
3. All the passengers on the plane got **relieved** / **happy** when the shaking stopped.
4. When Speaker 2 believed he got lost, he felt **shocked** / **depressed**.
5. The **police officer** / **bus driver** took him to the hotel where he was staying with his family.

### D. Listen to the speakers again and complete the sentences. (Audio 3.5)

1. While Speaker 1 was \_\_\_\_\_ her sister was having a chat with another passenger.
2. As the plane was shaking, some girls were \_\_\_\_\_ and a little boy was \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. While Speaker 2 was \_\_\_\_\_ with his family, the bus moved and he couldn't leave it.
4. When he arrived at the hotel, his family were \_\_\_\_\_ .

### E. Listen to the song and fill in the blanks using the words below. (Audio 3.7)

suddenly / game / seemed / yesterday / wrong / stay

#### Yesterday (by the Beatles)

Yesterday, all my troubles \_\_\_\_\_ so far away

Now it looks as though they're here to \_\_\_\_\_

Oh, I believe in \_\_\_\_\_

Suddenly, I'm not half the man I used to be

There's a shadow hanging over me

Oh, yesterday came \_\_\_\_\_

Why she had to go, I don't know, she wouldn't say

I said something \_\_\_\_\_ now I long for yesterday

Yesterday, love was such an easy \_\_\_\_\_ to play

Now I need a place to hide away

Oh, I believe in yesterday

Why she had to go, I don't know, she wouldn't say

I said something wrong, now I long for yesterday

Yesterday, love was such an easy game to play

Now I need a place to hide away

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**F. Which of the adjectives below CANNOT complete the following sentence? (Audio 3.7)**

The character in the song feels \_\_\_\_\_

A) confused

B) depressed

C) disappointed

D) furious

### **Audio 3.1**

Life was certainly different when we were young. First of all, we used to respect the elderly a lot. They used to play a very important role in society, but now the young aren't respectful towards us. In fact, they usually ignore us. We used to visit our grandparents very often, but my grandchildren rarely come to my house. While I was waiting for them during the religious festival last month, they phoned me to say they were going to a seaside resort. My heart sank.

In the past, we used to know all our neighbors. Some of them were just like our relatives. We used to trust each other. When someone needed help, we used to lend a hand. But now many people don't know their neighbors. They don't even greet them. Although they live in the same apartment block, they don't say hello when they see each other. Why do they behave in that way? As far as I'm concerned, there's something wrong with that.

A couple of decades ago, people were generally more productive. For example, they had a sewing machine at home, and they used to make their own clothes. When I was a child, my friends and I used to make our own toys. Can you believe that? But today, people buy almost everything. And I think people are lazier now. In the past, we used to wash our own cars, mow our own grass and paint our own houses. We used to do much more on our own.

I miss the good old days so much! Of course, change is inevitable, but we shouldn't harm our moral values. We should definitely protect them.

### **Audio 3.5**

**Speaker 1:** It was in 2015. I was travelling on a plane for the first time, so I was really nervous. My sister and I were going to Liverpool to visit our grandparents. In the beginning, everything was going smoothly. While I was reading a magazine, my sister was having a chat with the girl next to her. Suddenly, the plane started to shake. It was going up and down. I got terrified. Next, the pilot made an announcement and wanted us to fasten our seatbelts. Some girls were screaming. A little boy was crying. The atmosphere was terrible. The air hostess asked all the people to calm down. After a while, the weather got better. Finally, the shaking ended, and everybody felt relieved. It was one of the worst days of my life.

**Speaker 2:** I was in my first year at secondary school. My parents took my brother and me to New York during the semester break. That morning, we decided to see the popular sights of the city and got on a bus. About 20 minutes later, my parents wanted to get off. The bus was too crowded. While I was trying to get off with my family, the bus moved and I couldn't leave it. At first, I was shocked. I believed I got lost and my parents would never find me again. I didn't have a mobile phone.

I didn't know my parents' phone numbers, either. I got totally confused. I didn't know what to do. After that, I remembered the name of the hotel where we were staying and told everything to the bus driver. In the end, he took me back to the hotel. When I arrived there, my parents and my brother were waiting for me. I was very happy to see them again. I'll never forget that day.

### **Audio 3.7**

#### **Yesterday (by the Beatles)**

Yesterday, all my troubles seemed so far away

Now it looks as though they're here to stay

Oh, I believe in yesterday

Suddenly, I'm not half the man I used to be

There's a shadow hanging over me

Oh, yesterday came suddenly

Why she had to go, I don't know, she wouldn't say

I said something wrong, now I long for yesterday

Yesterday, love was such an easy game to play

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