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TAPESCRIPTS

ACTIVITY 1

You will hear three extracts from news reports twice. After each listening choose the best answer (A, B, or C) for items 1-6.

A. AMAZON RAINFOREST

Read item 1. Listen and respond.

The Amazon rain forest has two seasons: dry and wet. Scientists believe the trees themselves influence the transition between seasons, and the amount of rainfall.

That's according to Ranga Myneni of Boston University. Myneni told Earth & Sky that, contrary to what you might expect, there are 25% more leaves in the dry season. He said that's because there's a lot of water deep underground even in the dry season.

Read item 2. Listen again and respond.

B. EYE OF A HURRICANE

Read item 3. Listen and respond.

The calm eye of a hurricane has been found to boost or "turbo charge" the intensity of the storm.

That's according to research meteorologist Scott Braun at the Goddard Spaceflight Center.

Braun told Earth & Sky that the storm's eye essentially boosts energy to the hurricane.

This is just one more piece of the puzzle, Braun said, in forecasting the behavior of hurricanes.

Read item 4. Listen again and respond.

C. NEWS ABOUT CHILE

Read item 5. Listen and respond.

It's called a "live stranding" when a whale gets stuck on a waterway and can't find its way out. The whale becomes disoriented in shallow and unfamiliar waters. At that point, if someone notices the whale, human rescuers may try to help guide the lost whale back into the ocean. Which technique is used depends on the whale's species and location. In some cases, rescuers will play recordings of whale songs and calls to the lost whales.

Read items 7-8. Listen and choose the best answer (A, B, or C) for each of these items.

When I was a kid, superheroes were larger than life figures. They usually sported tight shorts and a cape of some kind and were imbued with supernatural powers. They walked among us. Their true identity was hidden until they were needed. Then in the nick of time, they'd run into a phone booth or a bat cave and save us from ourselves. Things haven't changed much. The medium has shifted from comic books and Saturday morning cartoons to blockbuster movies and videogames, but the theme is pretty much the same: humanity continues to get itself into dangerous situations, and superheroes continue to save us usually from ourselves.

Listen again and check your answers

Read items 9-10. Listen and choose the best answer (A, B, or C) for each of these items.

Listening to Ralph Nader speak last week, I was reminded that we do have real life superheroes but unlike their fictional counterparts, these real heroes can't leap tall buildings in a single bound or morph into large

green monsters. What makes them heroes, what makes them able to change the world is their stubbornness and their hard work. Despite the odds they are always willing to get the job done week after week and year after year. Many years ago, Terry Fox's mother, Betty, gave me a lesson in courage that I will never forget. She said that despite what history tells us courage is simply the willingness to continue. What made Terry unique was his incredible ability to put one foot after the other.

Listen again and check your answers

Read items 11-12. Listen and choose the best answer (A, B, or C) for each of these items.

I was reminded of this as I heard Aretha Franklin singing the "Impossible Dream" at Rosa Parks' funeral. Rosa's act of courage that changed the world was simply refusing to stand up. When I look down the list of names that we revere as heroes, what strikes me is that none of them began their journey with superpowers or cool costumes. They were simply ordinary people doing extraordinary things. We live in a moment in history where we need heroes more than ever. The hours are long and the pay is lousy but the good news is that you don't need a goofy costume or special powers to apply. All you really need to do is show up.

Listen again and check your answers

ACTIVITY 3

Read items 13-14. Listen and choose the best answer (A, B, or C) for each of these items.

- So how long does it take you to aahh.. come...you know.. to New York from Boston?
- Ahh.. it takes me about four hours.
- Four hours?
- Yeah
- You must be kidding me. Oh my God!
- I 'm a little bit of a speed driver.
- Oh really?
- I generally drive. Well I like to drive there. It's just ...in the end going through the airportthrough security ...waiting..
- Oh yeah yeah... I know
- It ends up taking four hours at least. Because not just in Boston and then you get to New York... When you get to the airport in New York,
- Oh God yeah
- if you want a taxi, you are waiting in a line for 20 minutes.

Listen again and check your answers.

Read items 15-20 in Column A. Listen and fill in the gaps with one of the two options (A or B) in Column B to make each statement true.

- But I actually found a very good... eh.. good um...little short cut
- oh really?
- One of those parkways, so you don't even have to go through
- wow
- like...ah..you don't have to take 95 or anything like that
- yeah because we use to take 95 and it took us 6 hours.
- Yeah
- I mean 5 hours and if we were speeding... but 4 hours wow...that's that's..
- I have to...

- Yea yeah you have to tell me.
- I have to admit that I now... I grew up in Boston.. I now live a little bit outside the city...
- Oh ok.
- So.. uhh.. add maybe half an hour to 40 from the center of Boston to New York...
- Right yeah yeah...
- But still 4 and a half hours.. you take the Merrick Parkway...
- Ohh ok cool... next time I am there I guess I'll just...
- Ohh I also have a radar detector so...
- Oh gosh no.. yeah you know I mean...
- So I wouldn't worry too much
- Well if the price is right, you can always get away with things... you know what I mean.
- That's true. That's true. And if you know the right people.
- Yeah exactly.

Listen again and check your answers.

ACTIVITY 4

Listen to people reading aloud and say what type of book you believe they are reading from (e.g., a book on engineering, a geography book, etc.)

21. So you are doing the Mongols at school.. umm.. Let's have a look at what it says here. Emm.. ok... "In 1206 the Mongols allied themselves with other similar Turkish groups to form the most vital force in the world. Under Genghis Khan, which means "Prince of all that lies between the oceans," they ravaged Peking in 1215 before turning west and conquering Persia, Armenia, Northern India, and Southern Russia."
22. Bevel? Ahh... I don't know... Let me look it up. Alright a bevel... ok... it says here... a bevel is an instrument used by mechanics for drawing angles and in fixing surfaces at an angle. Ahh.. It consists of two limbs joined together, the stock and the blade, movable on a pivot at the joint, and adjustable so as to include any angle between it and the stock.
23. So here's how it begins..."the old midwife swung her legs over the side of the bed and rubbed her eyes with the heels of her palms. A cruel and implacable light had already invaded the house stamping a brilliant rectangle upon the floor with the door stood open. She moved her feet a little to one side, so that the sun would not scold them."
24. Irrational numbers? Ohh.. I'm not quite sure...let me see what it says here...hold on... alright... to get a better idea of what irrational numbers like, let's first examine rational numbers in decimal form (often called decimal fractions). To convert a decimal number to its decimal form, we divide the numerator by the denominator. However, converting from the decimal form....
25. Ok so far so good... listen to what it says here... umm. Garnish the serving plate with sliced cucumbers. Drizzle a teaspoon of the truffle oil and a teaspoon of both salt and vinegar over the cucumbers. Place the tartar in a small cyclinder in the center of the plate. Top the tartar with a dollop of sour cream and a small teaspoon of caviar. Serve with slices of toast.

Listen again and check your answers.