

Listening (script)

You will hear two people, David and Lin speaking about museums and education. Listen to their answers and mark *A* (if David thinks so), *B* (if Lin thinks so) or *C* (if both David and Lin think so) beside each point in your answer sheet. You will hear the text twice.

Now you have some time to look at questions 1-10.

Pause 1 min

Now listen to the talk and answer questions 1-10

Examiner We've been talking about a museum that you enjoyed visiting, and I'd like to discuss with you one or two more general questions related to this. Let's consider first of all museums and young people. What benefits can schoolchildren gain from visiting museums?

David Oh, OK. Um, well, they can learn about the culture of their country or other countries ... you know ... about customs and the way people lived – what they wore, what they did and all that kind of thing. Museums are sometimes a bit expensive, but if the school pays, it's OK, and there's such a lot to see. The displays can be really good.

Examiner What benefits can schoolchildren gain from visiting museums?

Lin I think the benefits are huge! First of all, they can experience things directly ... you know, they're not in the classroom any more, they're in a different environment, and the exhibits seem much more real ... they see the actual objects, not just pictures of them. Another benefit is that, um, museums often have activities for children to participate in, so that they can learn about things like history, science, the world and so on.

Examiner How do you think most children feel about visiting a museum?

David I think they find them boring. I don't think they really understand what museums are for... they don't find them fun. Like me – I used to prefer to play football. If we had to go to a museum, I wasn't happy about that.

Examiner How do you think most children feel about visiting a museum?

Lin Well, I think some children enjoy looking at all the displays and exhibits ... because when you get inside a museum, it's like going into another world. But I think there are also children who are too, um, restless to look at things. And they see this big, old building and think that it can't be interesting or have anything that would entertain them.

Examiner Are museums more educational now than they were when your parents were young?

David Well, in the past, there was nothing to do there. Because years ago, museums were in very old buildings and they were quiet and people weren't able to touch things.

Examiner Are museums more educational now than they were when your parents were young?

Lin I don't think there's any doubt that museums are much better at educating children now because that's what they are designed to do. In the past, I think museums had a different function, um, they were just places to keep ancient objects, like coins or pots, but now they're ... well, there are many interactive displays.

Pause 15 sec

Now you will hear the talk for the second time.

Text repeated.

Now you have some time to check your answers and transfer them to your answer sheet.

Pause 1 min.

This is the end of the listening task