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# TACTICS for LISTENING

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# Scope and Sequence

Unit	Topic	Listening Skills	Pronunciation & Dictation	Conversation
1 Small Talk page 2	Greetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening for greetings and introductions</li> <li>• Listening for topics</li> <li>• Listening for attitudes</li> <li>• Listening and making inferences</li> <li>• Listening and making predictions</li> </ul>	Reduction of <i>h</i> in <i>he, him, his, her</i>	Seeing someone you know
2 Plans page 6	The weekend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening for details</li> <li>• Listening for plans</li> <li>• Listening for attitudes</li> </ul>	Intonation of tag questions	Making weekend plans
3 Successful Businesses page 10	Qualities of a good business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening for gist</li> <li>• Listening for jobs</li> <li>• Listening for details</li> </ul>	Word stress in complaints	Making complaints
4 Apologies and Excuses page 14	Explanations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening for reasons</li> <li>• Listening for details</li> </ul>	Intonation of yes/no and <i>Wh-</i> questions	Asking for reasons
5 Character Traits page 18	People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening for gist</li> <li>• Listening for praise or criticism</li> <li>• Listening for details</li> </ul>	Linking vowel sounds	Talking about people
6 Travel page 22	Schedules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening for gist</li> <li>• Listening for details</li> </ul>	Reduction of <i>to</i>	Travel stories



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7 Housing page 26	Types of housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening for gist</li> <li>• Listening for negative information</li> <li>• Listening for details</li> </ul>	Reduction of <i>is</i> and <i>are</i>	Talking about your home
8 Can You Believe It? page 30	Unusual news stories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening for gist</li> <li>• Listening for details</li> <li>• Listening for topics</li> </ul>	Intonation of complex sentences	Telling stories
9 Friendship page 34	Invitations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening for gist</li> <li>• Listening for details</li> </ul>	Word stress for emphasis	Describing people
10 Television page 38	TV programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening for topics</li> <li>• Listening for gist</li> <li>• Listening for details</li> <li>• Listening for agreement and disagreement</li> </ul>	Rising and falling intonation for positive and negative stress	Giving opinions
11 Cities page 42	Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening for details</li> <li>• Listening for gist</li> </ul>	Reduction of <i>have to</i> , <i>got to</i> , and <i>had to</i>	Talking about a vacation
12 Urban Life page 46	City Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening for topics</li> <li>• Listening for gist</li> <li>• Listening for details</li> <li>• Listening for suggestions</li> </ul>	Reduction of <i>used to</i> and <i>use to</i>	Talking about cities

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13 Special Days page 50	Celebrations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening for gist</li> <li>• Listening for details</li> <li>• Listening for likes and dislikes</li> </ul>	Reduction of <i>t</i> in numbers	Talking about birthdays
14 Fashion page 54	Clothes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening for gist</li> <li>• Listening for time references</li> <li>• Listening for details</li> </ul>	Reduction of <i>of</i>	Talking about clothes
15 Favorites page 58	Preferences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening for preferences</li> <li>• Listening for topics</li> <li>• Listening for agreement and disagreement</li> <li>• Listening for details</li> </ul>	Intonation of questions of choice	Asking about preferences
16 Phone Messages page 62	Voicemails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening for gist</li> <li>• Listening for attitudes</li> <li>• Listening for details</li> </ul>	Reduction of <i>going to</i> and <i>want to</i>	Leaving a message
17 Past Events page 66	Telling about what happened	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening for gist</li> <li>• Listening for sequence</li> <li>• Listening for attitudes</li> <li>• Listening for making predictions</li> <li>• Listening for details</li> </ul>	Emphasis on time phrases	Talking about time
18 Vacations page 70	Vacation plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening for preferences</li> <li>• Listening for details</li> <li>• Listening for gist</li> </ul>	Linking vowel sounds	Talking about vacations



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19 The News page 74	News reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening for topics</li> <li>• Listening for details</li> <li>• Listening for gist</li> </ul>	Saying large numbers	Talking about current events
20 Opinions page 78	Expressing your views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening for topics</li> <li>• Listening for gist</li> <li>• Listening for opinions</li> <li>• Listening for details</li> <li>• Listening for reasons</li> </ul>	Intonation of words or phrases in a series	A place in your town
21 Famous People page 82	Famous lives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening for gist</li> <li>• Listening for details</li> <li>• Listening for sequence</li> </ul>	Reduction of <i>could you, would you, and did you</i>	Celebrity sightings
22 Food and Nutrition page 86	Eating habits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening for gist</li> <li>• Listening for suggestions</li> <li>• Listening for details</li> <li>• Listening for sequence</li> </ul>	Plural -s endings	Ordering at a restaurant
23 Predicaments page 90	Difficult decisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening for gist</li> <li>• Listening for details</li> <li>• Listening for attitudes</li> </ul>	Word stress in compound nouns	Talking about difficult situations
24 Global Issues page 94	Problems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening for gist</li> <li>• Listening for topics</li> <li>• Listening for details</li> </ul>	Syllable stress in two-syllable nouns and verbs	Talking about problems

Units	Testing Focus	Test-taking Skill	Tasks
<b>1 – 4</b> page 98	Picture-based questions	Predicting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matching statements with a photograph</li> <li>• Matching questions with the appropriate response</li> <li>• Comprehension questions based on a conversation</li> </ul>
<b>5 – 8</b> page 100	Making inferences	Making inferences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comprehension questions based on a lecture</li> <li>• Comprehension questions based on a conversation</li> </ul>
<b>9 – 12</b> page 102	Question-focused listening	Previewing questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comprehension questions based on a conversation</li> <li>• Completing notes based on a conversation</li> <li>• Completing a map based on a talk</li> </ul>
<b>13 – 16</b> page 104	Conversation-based questions	Taking notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matching statements with a photograph</li> <li>• Matching questions with the appropriate response</li> <li>• Comprehension questions based on a conversation</li> </ul>
<b>17 – 20</b> page 106	Negatives in questions and answer choices	Reading questions carefully	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comprehension questions based on a lecture</li> <li>• Comprehension questions based on a conversation</li> </ul>
<b>21 – 24</b> page 108	Listening for organization	Listening for transitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comprehension questions based on a conversation</li> <li>• Completing notes based on a conversation</li> <li>• Completing a diagram based on a talk</li> </ul>