

Proficiency Listening Part 4 – Multiple matching

Teacher's notes, transcript and answer key

The following worksheet is intended to help your students prepare for Part 4 of the Listening paper of the Cambridge Proficiency Exam. The audio files can be downloaded from onestopenglish, and the transcript is included below for your convenience.

Transcript

NARRATOR: Part four consists of two tasks. You will hear five short extracts in which students talk about doing temporary jobs during the summer holidays.

Look at Task 1. For questions 21–25, choose from the list (A–H) what each speaker did in their summer job.

Now look at Task 2. For questions 26–30, choose from the list (A–H) which benefit of having a summer job each speaker mentions.

While you listen you must complete both tasks.

You now have 45 seconds in which to look at Part 4.

SPEAKER 1: My summer job was a lot more fun than I'd expected. It's true the hours were long and the salary wasn't great, so I didn't manage to save much, but I really enjoyed meeting new people and showing them all the sights in my home town. The customers came from all over the world – I even managed to pick up some new words and phrases from other languages! I can't say I'd want to do this as a permanent job, but I think the experience has definitely benefited me. For example, I feel more sure of myself these days. I'd recommend it to anyone looking for a summer job.

SPEAKER 2: During the summer I worked in a charity shop for 20 hours a week. At first I found it quite difficult because I'm an outdoors kind of person really, and I don't like being cooped up inside all the time. My friends thought I was crazy because I worked there for nothing. But for me it wasn't really about the money. I still live at home with my parents and I'm not too worried about saving up or becoming independent in the near future. What the job really enabled me to do though was make a decision about the kind of job I want in the future. And that's priceless.

SPEAKER 3: I got my summer job through a friend. It suited me down to the ground because I hate working outside and I don't mind working in the evenings. In fact I preferred the evening shifts because during the daytime there were often children's parties, and they made a lot of mess, which I had to clear up! The people I worked with were nice, though I'm not sure I'll stay in touch with them long-term. And sometimes it was awkward when a customer complained about the food or argued about the bill, but overall I learnt to handle these kinds of problems quite well.

SPEAKER 4: I applied for a summer job and I was offered a choice between working in the café at our local leisure centre or working in the pool, and I'm so glad I chose the latter. I already had all the necessary qualifications so I knew what to expect. It was basically just a question of keeping an eye on everyone and making sure no one was doing anything dangerous, especially in the children's pool. I think I was already quite confident before I took the job, so that hasn't really changed, but earning some money did make me more self-sufficient – I wasn't so reliant on my parents anymore.

SPEAKER 5: I'm quite lucky because my mum is French and my dad is German. So I'm fluent in three languages. This helped me get my summer job this year, with a big financial company in the city. It was only for six weeks, but I really enjoyed the buzz of all the meetings, deadlines and projects. Sitting in front of a computer eight hours a day is not easy, so I always went outside for a walk at lunchtime. I already knew this was the career for me, so I wasn't surprised that I enjoyed it so much. But what was a surprise was the amazing people I met. I'm sure I'll keep in touch with some of them forever.

Answer key

21. E; 22. B; 23. H; 24. F; 25. A

26. F; 27. G; 28. C; 29. A; 30. H

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You will hear five short extracts in which different people are talking about temporary jobs during the summer holidays.

You will hear the recording twice. While you listen you must complete both tasks.

TASK 1

For questions 21–25, choose from the list (A–H) what each speaker did in their summer job.

- A worked in an office
- B worked as a volunteer
- C taught a language
- D worked outside
- E worked with tourists
- F helped keep people safe
- G worked with children
- H worked in a restaurant

Speaker 1		21
Speaker 2		22
Speaker 3		23
Speaker 4		24
Speaker 5		25

TASK 2

For questions 26–30, choose from the list (A–H) which benefit of having a summer job each speaker mentions.

- A a sense of independence
- B gaining valuable experience
- C dealing with difficult situations
- D being able to save money
- E a new sense of purpose
- F improved self-confidence
- G help in deciding what career to follow
- H making lasting friendships

Speaker 1		26
Speaker 2		27
Speaker 3		28
Speaker 4		29
Speaker 5		30