

Listening and Speaking Level 2



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Complete the sentences with the correct words from the word bank. You do not need to use all the words.

celebrity ridiculous journalist trend critical risky joke admire

1. I really admire Mike. He's a good athlete and he gets good grades, too.
2. Some people agreed with the president's decision, but many people were critical of it.
3. Driving in a snowstorm is risky. You could lose control of your car.
4. Did you see that big hat with the fruit on it? It looks ridiculous !
5. Dave is a journalist for the *Economist* magazine. Last week he wrote a story about changes in the job market.
6. After he appeared in a best-selling novel, he became a big celebrity. Now everyone knows who he is.

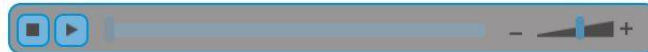
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See answers

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Listen to the lecture. Then choose the correct words or phrases to complete the sentences.



1. Construction of Burj Khalifa began in 2004 .
2. More than 30 contracting companies helped with construction.
3. The workers on the building represented more than 100 nationalities .
4. An observation deck is a place where tourists can stand outside and look down .
5. There is a tall metal spire on top of Burj Khalifa .
6. It takes three to four months to clean the outside of the building.
7. The mechanical floors are a place to keep equipment .
8. The water condensation is caused by the hot air outside and cool air inside .
9. There are fountains and a park all around the building.

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Listen to sections of the lecture again. Pay attention to the main idea of each section. Choose the best answer for each question.

1. What is the main idea of the lecture going to be?

- Burj Khalifa opened to the public in 2010.
- Burj Khalifa is the tallest building in the world.
- ✓ Burj Khalifa is an amazing building with many interesting features.

2. What is the main idea?

- More than 30 contracting companies work on it.
- ✓ There was a lot of international cooperation in building Burj Khalifa.
- There were over 12,000 workers on site every day.

3. What is the main idea?

- Burj Khalifa has the elevator with the longest travel distance.
- ✓ Burj Khalifa holds several records.
- The observation deck is on the 124th floor.

4. What is the main idea?

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4. What is the main idea?

- The spire is over 700 feet tall.
- The spire was constructed inside the building.

✓ The spire looks impressive and also serves an important function.



5. What is the main idea?

- There are seven mechanical floors that house the electrical equipment.
- It takes three to four months to clean the building.

✓ A lot of equipment helps to clean and maintain the building.



6. What is the main idea?

- There are parks and water fountains all around the building.
- ✓ There is a system to collect and use the water condensation.
- Dubai is very hot.

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Choose the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the word in bold.

1. Everyone from builders to homeowners are interested in **eco-friendly** designs.

✓ good for the environment

- healthy for people
- nice and attractive

2. I don't want to work on Saturday. I get paid the same amount, so there's no **benefit** for me.

- decision
- bad effect

✓ good effect

3. To understand **economics** well, you need to be strong in math and social studies.

✓ the study of money and business

- the study of history
- the study of plants and animals

4. I love to walk through the **forest** by my house. It's shady and cool there.

garden

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Choose the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the word in bold.

4. I love to walk through the **forest** by my house. It's shady and cool there.
- a garden
 - ✓ an area of trees
 - a part of a city
5. Her clothes use a **combination** of materials from many different countries.
- ✓ mix
 - single kind
 - small amount
6. There's an interesting **relationship** between the weather and the economy.
- ✓ connection
 - difference
 - agreement
7. We had to have our **roof** fixed after the strong winds from the storm damaged it.

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Resources Progress

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- ✓ top structure of a building
 - main entrance to a building
 - area outside of a house
8. I'm going to a lecture about **sustainable** designs. It should give a lot of information on how to create buildings that save energy.
- ✓ not harmful to the environment
 - beautiful and exciting
 - good for people

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Resources Progress

Listen to the passages. Each passage includes a verb with the word *story*. Choose the collocation (verb + *story*) you hear.

- 1. have a story
 read a story
 want a story
- 2. say a story
 tell a story
 listen to a story
- 3. changing a story
 telling a story
 believing a story
- 4. think about a story
 believe a story
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 believing a story
- 4. think about a story
 believe a story
 hear a story
- 5. write a story
 invent a story
 miss a story
- 6. need a story
 make a story
 write a story

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Match each question with the correct answer.

1. Are you busy now?	Actually, yes. I'm studying for my history exam.
2. Do you want to come see our new garden?	Not now. It's raining!
3. Hi, Rob. What are you doing?	I'm looking for my dictionary. I just had it!
4. Are you taking any classes this month?	Yes. I'm taking Italian at the Language Center.
5. Where are you going?	To the store. Do you need anything?
6. What are you doing this summer?	I'm working full-time. I'm saving money for a new car.
7. Where are you working?	At a software company in Toronto.

Click READ to read about the difference between the present continuous and the simple present. Then choose the correct form to complete each sentence.

READ

- Jack **wants** to be a fashion designer.
- This month he **is studying** at a fashion school in Rome.
- Don't disturb Jack. He **is getting** ready for a big test.
- He always **helps** his classmates with their homework.
- He **likes** fashions from the 1950s.
- His history class **is reading** about the 1970s this week.
- My parents **believe** that people who work hard can be successful.
- Linda is never lazy. She **works** hard on everything she does.
- Elena **is learning** a lot in her literature class this term.
- I **don't understand** the assignment.

Listen to the excerpts from a talk about downtown apartments. How does the speaker draw attention to the main ideas? Choose the best answer.

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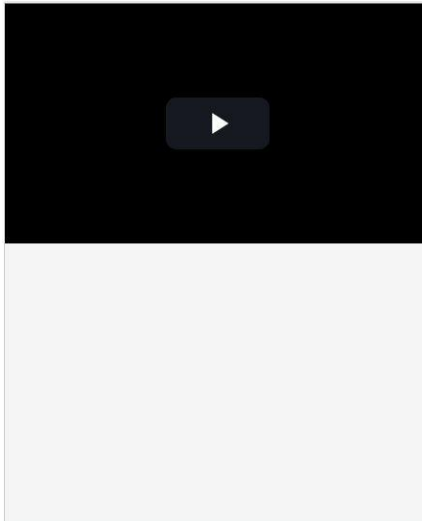
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Read the short article. One key phrase has been identified. It is used twice. Highlight each time a key word or phrase is used. Find 9 more words or phrases to highlight.

More and more **architecture firms** are using **sustainable materials**. Bamboo is an excellent example of a **sustainable material**. It grows very quickly and easily. Bamboo is often used in floors and furniture. **Architects** can use bamboo to replace other types of wood that don't grow as quickly. Another way to increase **sustainability** is to use **recycled products**. Some types of concrete use **recycled materials** like glass and wood chips. Mixing these materials into the concrete makes the concrete more **eco-friendly**. As **architecture firms** focus on **sustainability**, more and more **eco-friendly materials** are being discovered and created.

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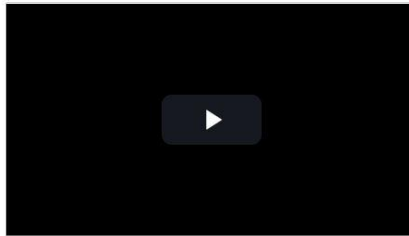
Listen to the video. Then choose the best answer to each question.



1. Where is the Guggenheim Museum located?
 - Bilbao, Spain
 - Paris, France
 - New York City
2. Which word does Gehry not use to describe how he felt after completing the building?
 - my greatest achievement
 - self-conscious
 - basketcase
3. Which phrase is used to describe Gehry's projects?
 - attitudes in the angles
 - in line
 - self-doubting
4. Gehry says that "it takes time to see the evolution." What does this mean?

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4. Gehry says that "it takes time to see the evolution." What does this mean?

- People will understand his project in time.
- It's not possible to ever completely understand the project.
- People look at the projects and in a couple minutes understand them.

5. Which city is not mentioned in the video?

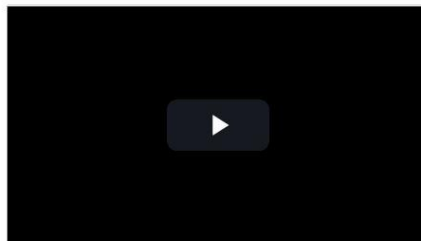
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7. What does Goldberger think is the importance of the Guggenheim?

- Bilbao is becoming a great place to vacation.
- More people are interested in architecture.
- People like old historic buildings.

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