**Study tips**

**Answering multiple-choice questions**

At some point in your Listening test you will listen to a scenario – usually an interview – and will demonstrate your understanding of what you have heard by answering some multiple-choice questions. Let’s practise this particular examination skill here.

**Track 1.2** Listen to the interview with Q, who works for the British Secret Service as an inventor of ... well, it wouldn’t be secret if we told you, would it!

The key skill in being successful with multiple choice is to make sure that the answers you haven’t selected are actually incorrect. There will be three options for you and they will all have a similar format or “feel” to them. Some will be worded as questions and others will require you to complete the sentence. Here’s what we mean:

1. **Q attended which university and at what age?**
   - a) Oxford when he was only 16
   - b) Cambridge when he left school at 18
   - c) Cambridge when he was a little older at 19

   Have a go at this question by listening to the recording again if you like.

   An example of a sentence completion may be:

2. **Q likes his work because**
   - a) he has an active mind
   - b) the job keeps him active
   - c) it means he is an active member of the service

   Here are a couple of questions for you to answer on your own:

3. **When he was at university, Q studied**
   - a) engineering
   - b) research
   - c) English

4. **What do you think Q thinks of Bond?**
   - a) That he is very impressed with the work Q and his colleagues do.
   - b) That he is just another agent and wastes Q's time.
   - c) That he is a team player and shows no signs of arrogance.

   (Hint: Q4 is a tricky one as you will have to use your inference skills.)

With a partner, and using other parts of the interview with Q, create two of your own multiple-choice questions – one of each kind. Now present those to another pair of students. You may like to add a few lines of dialogue, and then come up with some more questions.

Discuss what you have learned about the multiple-choice questions you will be asked in the Listening test.

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**Operation Jungle!**

You are helping a spy who is in the jungle with no access to the Internet or a computer. You can choose one of the following six inventions to send to your spy to help them:

- a knife that can cut through anything, including concrete and steel
- a water bottle that will never run out of fresh water
- a compass that will also send back the spy’s location via satellite to your base
- a radio that charges when moved
- tablets that turn water into petrol
- a book explaining which plants and animals in the jungle can or cannot be eaten

In pairs, decide what to send and why.

What would you change or adapt in your chosen object to make it better?