

News Items 1

You are going to hear 8 news items. They will be read ONCE only. After each news item there will be a pause for you to answer the questions by writing one of the letters – A, B, C or D – in the boxes on your answer sheet. After writing your answer, you may also like to look at the question which follows. When you hear a soft sound, go on to the next question.

- 1 What is the news about chocolate?
 - A It must still be associated with a bad conscience
 - B The best quality is only available to the very rich
 - C Eating it can provide nutritional benefits
 - D It contains an ingredient vital to our health

- 2 What does this news item tell us about fish?
 - A They need to keep a constant pressure in their bladder
 - B They sometimes change direction to take in some air
 - C They need a lot of extra air before surfacing
 - D They regulate the amount of air inside them when required

- 3 What is this news item about?
 - A The resettling of a village population
 - B A step to preserve nature
 - C The testing of a new engine
 - D A new colonial depot for trains

- 4 What are we told in this news item?
 - A The attitude to genetically manipulated food seems to be divided
 - B Lord Melchett was convicted of damaging a maize field
 - C There is unanimous resistance to GM crops in Britain
 - D Lord Melchett and his campaigners attracted hooligans

- 5 Choose the most suitable headline for this report.
- A Travel to Latin America on the Increase
 - B Hispanic Building Boom in New York
 - C Learning Spanish Helps Careers
 - D Spanish Community Faces Crisis
- 6 What would be a suitable headline for the news item?
- A Metric Mistake Caused Heavy Loss
 - B Spacecraft Now Approaching Mars
 - C Metric System Confusing to Students
 - D British Company to Introduce Metric System
- 7 What is reported in this news item?
- A A number of company managers fell asleep at a meeting
 - B Airline pilots are threatening safety by nodding off
 - C A short sleep at work is becoming accepted
 - D Research has proved coffee to be the best stimulant
- 8 What are we told in the last news item?
- A The population of apes may have to be reduced
 - B Apes were first imported to Gibraltar by Winston Churchill
 - C In Morocco, this ape is a mythological animal
 - D Gibraltar's apes first became famous during the Second World War