

## **Audioscript**

### **Listening comprehension**

*For items 1–10 listen to a passage from a lecture and decide whether the statements (1–10) are **TRUE (A)**, or **FALSE (B)** according to the text you hear. You will hear the text twice.*

**You have 20 seconds to study the statements.**

*(pause 20 seconds)*

**Now we begin.**

Lake Baikal is a rift lake, meaning it was made within a deep rift created by tectonic movement along rift lines. It lies in the Russian region of Siberia. Being 25 million years old, Lake Baikal is considered the oldest existing lake in the world. The lake is also known for its size, as well as its remarkably clear water and biodiversity.

Considering its remote and wild locale, it is no surprise that Lake Baikal has a long history of legends, and myths. Some of the earliest legends stretch far back into history to its very creation, saying that the lake was formed by a gigantic rock falling from the sky.

One of the legends deals with a mysterious lake monster. The native people of the region call the creature “Water Dragon Master,” and it is said to resemble some kind of a giant fish. In modern times, there are occasional reports from fishermen of the elusive creatures breaking the surface or of seeing huge black shapes soaring through the crystal clear water below. The mysterious monsters of Lake Baikal are represented in ancient petroglyphs found on the Baikal cliffs. The image carved into the stones shows a large creature with a forked tongue, wicked claws, and plate-like armor along its back. The monster is depicted standing upright, half in water. The lake is home to many unique species of fish and other animals, including the rare freshwater seal, but there is no known species here that matches the size of the Lake Baikal monster.

Large mysterious lake monsters are not the only things said to haunt Lake Baikal. The area has also been known for UFO related stories. There have been numerous reports of strange lights and alien spacecraft over the lake. Various fishermen saw strange lights hovering over the lake, cruising underwater or even spectacularly erupting from below the waves to shoot into the sky above. Scientists insist that all the accounts must have some natural explanation.

**You have 20 seconds to check your answers.**

*(pause 20 seconds)*

**Now listen to the text again.**

*(text repeated)*

**You have 20 seconds to check your answers.**

*(pause 20 seconds)*

*For items 11–15 listen to the dialogue. Choose the correct answer (A, B or C) to answer questions 11–15. You will hear the text twice.*

**You now have 25 seconds to study the questions.**  
*(pause 25 seconds)*

**Now we begin.**

**Carolyn:** So, Dan, the focus today is to clarify the direction you'd like your new business to go in.

**Dan:** Yes, Carolyn, that's right. I've always fancied setting up my own business but until now I haven't had the opportunity but last year I was left some money by an aunt who passed away.

**Carolyn:** Until now you've worked in the service sector in hotels – communicating with everyone and helping people. Is that what you like doing?

**Dan:** Well, I always thought if money were no object, I would buy my own hotel somewhere. But to be perfectly honest I'd like to do something different.

**Carolyn:** So, apart from communicating what else are you good at?

**Dan:** I like fixing things and making things work. I actually wanted to be a mechanic but I got a job in a hotel and I liked that too. I fiddle with cars and bikes in my free time.

**Carolyn:** Ok, Dan. Are you a creative person?

**Dan:** Yes, in some ways I am quite creative. I can see myself cooking in the restaurant. But I can't see myself at the front desk in the hotel anymore.

**Carolyn:** Interesting. We've got quite a bit to work on...

**You have 20 seconds to check your answers.**  
*(pause 20 seconds)*

**Now listen to the text again.**  
*(text repeated)*

**This is the end of the listening comprehension part. You have 1 minute to complete your answer.**