

A2 Key · Listening Parts 4–5: gist and matching

A2 Key strategy notes; invented examples, not official Cambridge items.

So what?

Parts 1–3 ask what exactly? Parts 4–5 ask so what? The answer is the meaning, not the words.

The bakery trick

The detail words are bait

"I love the smell of fresh bread in the bakery."

What is her job? — She is a baker, not a customer who likes bread.

Your turn: the feeling

Your turn

"Oh no, not again..." — the speaker feels...

- A. delighted
- B. surprised and pleased
- C. annoyed
- D. hungry

Ticks and crosses

- 1 The task** Five friends, eight activities (A–H) — match them; three options are left over.
- 2 While listening** A tick for chosen, a cross for rejected, next to each person's options.
- 3 At the end** Write the final letters only when the person finishes speaking.

Decision

The rejected options are the answer list's traps.

Your turn: the rejected dish

Your turn

"Tom wanted the pasta, but they're out of it, so the fish." — Tom has...

- A. the pasta
- B. the fish
- C. nothing
- D. both

One mark, not a disaster

The recovery rule

Missed a gist question? It is one mark, not a disaster.

The next recording starts fresh — so should you.

Try it

- 1 **No recording** Teacher-read rehearsal: your teacher reads the call aloud twice, like the exam.
- 2 **The call** "Hi Dad, I'm at the station. The six o'clock train was cancelled, so I'm taking the seven one. Don't wait dinner for me."
- 3 **The question** Why is she calling? A) to buy a ticket B) to give news about her journey C) to invite her father to dinner.
- 4 **The answer** B — the ticket and the dinner are bait; the purpose is the news.

Decision

Purpose verbs and decisions, never the bait.

Check yourself

- How does she feel? — adjectives and tone, not events.
- I'm calling to apologise — the purpose verb is the answer.
- Ticks and crosses while listening; letters at the end.
- A missed gist question is one mark, not a disaster.