

UNIT 1 Listening practice

- 1 Ⓢ 4.06 Look at the descriptions of three radio programmes. Then listen to the introduction to the radio programme. Which programme are you going to listen to, A, B or C?

A 6.15pm The London marathon

Hugh Oswald looks at the history of the marathon.

B 6.15pm People

The experience of running the London marathon for the first time.

C 6.15pm Charity Focus

We look at how charities benefit from the London marathon.

- 2 Ⓢ 4.06 Read questions 1–5. Then listen to the rest of the radio programme and choose the correct answers.

- 1 What made Susan decide to run the marathon?
 - A It was something she'd always wanted to do.
 - B She wanted to help a charity.
 - C Her friend persuaded her to do it.
- 2 How did Susan feel just before the race began?
 - A She was nervous and thought she wouldn't be able to finish the race.
 - B She felt confident and determined to finish the race.
 - C She was excited and happy to be there.
- 3 What was the worst moment for Susan?
 - A being passed by a person in a silly costume
 - B having to walk part of the race
 - C completing the last four miles
- 4 What helped Susan most during the race?
 - A the other runners
 - B knowing her parents were watching
 - C the support of the crowd
- 5 How did Susan's parents watch the race?
 - A They found a good place and waited for Susan to run past them.
 - B They managed to see Susan at many points along the course.
 - C They waited for her at the finishing line.

- 3 Ⓢ 4.06 Listen again and complete the sentences with a word or phrase from the radio programme.

- 1 Before doing the London marathon, Susan had only run quite short
- 2 By running the marathon, Susan set herself a great
- 3 Susan was overtaken in the race by someone wearing a costume.
- 4 With four miles to go, Susan found some extra
- 5 The spectators at the race were cheering and waving

- 4 Ⓢ 4.06 Listen again and write *true* or *false* for sentences 1–4. Explain your answers.

- 1 A charity helped Susan's friend, Polly, to recover from her illness.
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- 2 Susan was nervous when she saw the TV cameras.
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- 3 Susan had to walk the last four miles.
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- 4 Susan's parents were waiting for her when she reached the end of the marathon.
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