

Written test 3 audio scripts

A (Track 18)

- Barbara** Ugh, Jim! This place is a mess. We really need to get it cleaned up.
- Jim** Well, Barbara, how about we do a good spring cleaning in a few weeks . . . when it gets a bit warmer?
- Barbara** But my parents are coming to visit us next week. You didn't forget, did you?
- Jim** Oops! Well, not exactly, but . . .
- Barbara** What are we going to do about getting ready? You'll have to help me get the cleaning done next weekend.
- Jim** But I won't be here. Remember? I'll be traveling all week for work, and I don't get back until late Sunday.
- Barbara** Oh, no! I thought you were coming back on Saturday.
- Jim** No. Sorry. . . . Maybe what we need is to have a cleaning company come in for a day.
- Barbara** You know I don't like to have other people clean the house. . . .
- Jim** Yeah. Although, to be honest, I've never understood why.
- Barbara** Basically, I don't like having a stranger come into the house. And the other thing is, I like to have things cleaned in a certain way, and it's not easy to get someone to do that.
- Jim** So you'll be doing all the cleaning yourself, then?
- Barbara** I really don't want to do that. I'll be cleaning all weekend. . . . Shoot! So maybe you're right. Even if I don't like it, if we can get someone to come in one day this weekend, that would help a lot. But how do we go about getting someone?
- Jim** Tell you what. Let me worry about that. The first thing to do is . . .

B (Track 19)

1. **Liz** I think I'm generally pretty careful with my money. I don't make a lot, so I have to be. I don't use my credit cards often, and when I do, I pay off the amount right away. So I don't have a lot of debt. The only problem is – I haven't been able to save anything for a rainy day.
2. **Peter** I make pretty good money, but I spend a lot, too. I don't really keep track of my money. I mean, I don't have a monthly budget or anything. The good thing is that I invest in stocks and bonds every month. It's being taken out of my paycheck automatically.
3. **Sonia** I guess you would say I've always been more of a spender than a saver. I love to go shopping. I usually charge things to my credit cards, and I am a few thousand dollars in debt. But I've cut down on my expenses recently, and I hope that in a year or so, I'll have paid everything off.
4. **Dennis** I'm a student, so I don't have a lot of money to spend. My parents pay for my expenses, and I'm taking out student loans to pay for my education. That worries me a little because, by the time I finish my degree, I'll have built up a lot of debt to pay off. But I'm trying not to think too much about that right now.