

## Scripts from Listening Activities

### 01 Listening

- A: Hey Jane, how are you getting to Zhuhai next week?  
B: I'm not sure yet. I may take the train but then again I might take the bus.  
A: Yeah, but the bus takes a long time. The train is faster, and it's not that expensive these days.  
B: Really? Maybe I'll do that then. I'll need to book the tickets in advance.  
A: For sure. I can book the tickets for you. First or second-class?  
B: Thanks! Second, please.  
A: I live near the train station. I'll get your tickets tomorrow, and drop them over to you.  
B: Great. Thanks.  
A: OK. See you tomorrow.  
B: Ok. Till tomorrow. And thanks a million.

**Jane has arrived in Zhuhai. She wants to visit the Fisher Girl Statue. We can hear the sound of a bus.**

- A: Excuse me, does this bus go to the Fisher Girl statue?  
C: No. I only go as far as Jida. You can take a taxi from there.  
A: Ok. Thanks.

### The sound of a car

- A: Fisher Girl statue, please. I have to meet a friend there at 3 o'clock. Can you get me there in 15 minutes?  
D: I'll do my best. We shouldn't have any trouble if the traffic isn't too heavy.  
A: OK. Any idea how much it will cost?  
D: No more than 20 yuan.  
A: Great. Let's go.

### 02 Listening

- Jingming Front Desk: Good evening, sir. What can I do for you?  
Bill: Yeah. I'd like a room for tonight  
Jingming Front Desk: Sure. What kind?  
Bill: Just a standard. That's as much as I can afford.  
Jingming Front Desk: OK. Just a moment please. Let me check availability. Umm, sorry sir, no standard rooms left. How about the business suite? It is a bit more expensive, but it's a double room.  
Bill: Thanks but no thanks. Beyond my budget. I guess I'll find a room somewhere else.  
[...]  
Li: Now what?  
Bill: I guess I'll find a room somewhere else. There's still time anyway. Vacation Inn is out of the question. Eight times more expensive than here. Insane! I figured that AA Inn might be a good bet. What do you think?  
Li: We need to find you a place as soon as possible. AA is too remote, remember?

Bill: Yeah I know. But the standard there is half cheaper than here and ten times cheaper than the Vacation. Let's call them. if they have nothing, I'll stay here.

Li: Okay, your call.

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AA Front Desk: Thanks for calling AA Inn. Dottie speaking. How can I help you?

Bill: Hello. I'd like a room for tonight.

AA Front Desk: Have you made a reservation, sir?

Bill: Umm, no. Can I ... you know... make a reservation for tonight right now? I know I'm kinda late.

AA Front Desk: Shouldn't be a problem, sir. What kind of room would you like?

Bill: Any standard rooms left?

AA Front Desk: Please hold on for a sec. I'll check for you. (...) Yeah, we do.

Bill: Great. I'll have one.

AA Front Desk: Sure. And how long are you staying, sir?

Bill: Just tonight.

AA Front Desk: Okay. May I have your name please?

Bill: Yes. It's Bill Hogan.

AA Front Desk: Ok. And is there a phone number where you can be contacted?

Bill: Yes. My phone number is 12345612345.

AA Front Desk: Alright. Mr. Bill. Your reservation is confirmed. One standard room for tonight. Correct?

Bill: Yes, please!

AA Front Desk: Check-in is before 10 p.m. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call us. Have a great evening, sir.

Bill: Great. Thank you very much.

AA Front Desk: My pleasure. We'll see you later, sir.

Bill: Thanks. Bye.

### 03 Listening

[Phone rings~~]

Mom: Hello?

Bill: Hi Mom, it's me, Bill.

Mom: Hi, sweetheart. I wasn't expecting you to call. Is ... everything okay? How's your vacation in China?

Bill: Yeah, everything is just fine. I'm preparing for sightseeing in Zhuhai. I thought I better call you before I leave in case there's no Internet.

Mom: Huh, thanks. So, are you eating well? Is the food OK? Are you sleeping well at night?

Bill: Yes, mom. Everything's fine. Don't worry.

Mom: Good. So, how's your sightseeing going?

Bill: Well, I'm trying to get tourist information on the Internet. The page is loading very slowly though.

Mom: So, what exactly are you looking for?

Bill: Well, there are a lot of amazing places around Zhuhai, so I'm looking forward to visiting

them.

Mom: Sounds good.

Bill: Yeah. So, what about you? Is everything okay?

Mom: Yeah. I'm fine. Thanks for asking. So, when are you coming home, sweetheart? Daddy and I miss you so much.

Bill: Umm, I'm thinking about staying in China for another two months.

Mom: What? What are you talking about?

Bill: Well, things are going well now. And I'm making new friends here, they're nice. It doesn't mean that I'm staying here forever. I'm still going back. It's just that ... You know, it's hard to leave all my new friends behind.

Mom: Right. Are you dating anyone? You must be dating someone. That's why you wanna stay, right?

Bill: Wow, you always know. Yeah, I met a nice girl. I think she's the one.

Mom: That's very nice!

Bill: Yeah. I'm thinking of bringing her with me when I go home.

Mom: How nice! I'm already looking forward to meeting her!

Bill: I was counting on you to say that!

Mom: Haha. I think you'd better continue your sightseeing preparation. Have you packed everything you need?

Bill: Definitely. Alright, I gotta go though. Good chat, mom.

Mom: You too. You take care.

Bill: Bye, mom.

Mom: Bye honey.

#### 04 Listening

Alice: Hi, Paula, how are you doing?

Paula: I am doing fine, thanks.

Alice: Are you enjoying living in Zhuhai?

Paula: Yes, but the food is very odd here compared to what we have at home.

Alice: well, you know, in china, every region has its own food. In Zhuhai, there are many Guangdong traditional dishes. Foreigners might find these foods very odd, but we Zhuhai people see them as very special. For example, Chinese people love to eat chicken feet? Have you ever tried?

Paula: yes, I have tried, but I didn't like the texture. So I don't eat them very often. Let me try one on you. Have you ever eaten a hamburger?

Alice: Yes. I have eaten a lot of hamburgers in my life. I know that they are not healthy, but I really like hamburgers because they taste so good. I think I am crazy!

Paula: There are lots of foreign restaurants in Zhuhai, but sometimes the food is a mixture of Chinese and foreign food.

Alice: yeah, we like to mix flavors, because if the food is too foreign, Chinese people won't eat it.

Paula: I've heard of Moon Cakes. What are they?

Alice: Moon cakes come in different flavors, both sweet and salty. They are eaten at the time of the Mid-autumn Festival.

Paula: Why are they called Moon cakes?

Alice: Because the moon is at its fullest during mid-autumn Festival. And moon cakes are round like the moon. It is a big family festival in China.

Paula: Ok. What about that dish with tofu and chili pepper? What's that like?

Alice: Oh, you mean Mapo tofu. I don't like it, because it is so spicy. Many people in Zhuhai love this dish, but I just can't stand it. My favorite food is dumpling, have you ever tried it?

Paula: Yeah, but there are so many kinds of dumplings, what kind of dumplings do you like?

Alice: I love every kind of dumpling. Though they look the same on the outside, they are actually so many different feelings. We often eat dumplings in the morning for breakfast.

Paula: Why do you eat noodles or dumplings in the morning? They feel like dinner to me. At home, we normally have cereals with milk, or coffee with toast and bread. Oh, I really miss home!

Alice: heh heh. Maybe we shouldn't talk about food anymore!

Paula: Good idea! Anyway, class is about to start. Let's go!

## 05 Listening

S: Hi, David, what's your favorite dim sum in morning tea?

D: Oh, it is difficult to say. I used to like eating "Chicken Feet" but now I prefer "Rice Rolls" because it tastes good when they are accompanied with "oyster sauce". What about you?

S: You should try eating the "Rice Rolls" with "Hoisin sauce" and it tastes delicious too! My favorite dim sum is "Egg Tart" because I like eggs, and sweet food and it goes well with black tea.

D: Yes, I totally agree with you. The black tea tastes little bitter. I think the Egg Tart can eat with ketchup. You should try!

S: Ketchup? Are you serious? I only eat French fries with ketchup but that sounds interesting to me.

D: Yeah, it is worth to try.

## Unit 6 Listening

1.

Q: Do all the temples look the same?

A: Actually, you know, in the beginning, a temple in China, they will just have the building for the Foxiang (figure of the Buddha). Only the Foxiang. And all people will stand outside. And then they started to make it bigger and bigger cause they can build more, it was hard to build it before.

2.

Q: Many people know Buddhists are vegetarian, is that true?

Gary: You know a lot of Buddhists aren't vegetarian. I am saying most of them aren't, but you know that's a thing, being a vegetarian. The first step is to be 'cibei'(Mercy). Cibei is just a first step. Yea, so if you think of all living things, even mosquitos, which is hard to do because they are going to drink your blood, you know they have a life, they don't want to die either, just like you. So you become a vegetarian.

Q: So won't you kill a mosquito?

Gary: No, I still kill them sometimes. They make me angry. Especially at night when I am trying to sleep. (Zzzzz) Drives me crazy.

3.

Q: Can you tell us what you do every day as a Buddhist?

A: Well, it depends on how diligent you are. You can do your own 'Zaoke' (morning prayers) or like if you live in a temple you have 'Zaoke'. 'Zaoke' was at 4 am and then you had the meditation at 5 to about 7. You are gonna work and eat one meal a day at 11 o'clock. And then work in the afternoon and in the evening you have 'Wanke' (evening prayers). You have 'Tingjing' (read Buddhist scriptures). That's just a normal day. And you go sleep about 10, 11.

Q: But before you mention that you will 'Shaoxiang' (burn incense) every day.

A: Yea, when you do 'Zaoke' and 'Wanke' you 'Shaoxiang' 'Baifo' (pray)

Q: So you do the 'Zaoke' by yourself in your house?

A: Oh, now I am too lazy I don't do the 'Zaoke' anymore. I just 'Niangjing' anytime.

### David and Mei are in a Cantonese restaurant

M: David, anything you like?

D: How about Egg Tart, Rice Roll, Chicken feet and Pan Fried Turnip Cake?

M: Sure! You can tick it on the order form!

M: What do you think about this Turnip Cake? Delicious?

D: Yes, pretty good!

M: You can also try some chili sauce! It goes well with Pan Fried Turnip Cake. Have a try!

M: David, you should not stand your chopsticks up in the food. It will offend people around you.

D: Oh! Sorry, I should be more sensitive to Chinese table manners.

## 07 Listening

Journalist: When was Zhuhai International Circuit opened?

Carmen: The circuit was completed and opened in 1996.

Journalist: Who owns the circuit?

Carmen: The track was first owned by the Zhuhai government, because it was the government that built the circuit. Then, the circuit was sold to a Malaysian company. So now, it's owned by the Malaysian company.

Journalist: How does your company make money?

Carmen: Well, we have three kinds of business here. First, we take care of customers' race cars. Second, since we are a racing school, we provide classes to teach our customers how to drive. Besides, we also have mechanics who serve the race cars.

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Journalist: Hi Nick. We know you were a racer. Can you tell how people protect themselves?

Nick: Sure. On the track, each racer is required to wear racing clothes and helmet made of special material. These can save their lives. However, you cannot be 100% safe. Things are getting better and better now compared to 1970s.

Journalist: Why did you come to Zhuhai?

Nick: Well, actually, I was working in Hong Kong first. Then, I met Jimbo, and later we

became friends. We both love motorcycles, and one day he told me about the circuit here. I was very excited. Then, he brought me here.

Journalist: So, is your company the oldest in Zhuhai International Circuit?

Nick: No. Before I had my team here, there were a lot of French people. You know, formula cars originated in France. France is a racing country. So is England and Germany.

Journalist: As a former racer, can you tell us an unforgettable story you have had?

Nick: Yeah, wow, I've got a terrible one. I was attending an Asian international event, competing with high level racers from Japan, Malaysia, Thailand and so on. They are really good racers. And I fell off the motorcycle.

Journalist: Oh my God. What caused that?

Nick: Well, I didn't warm up properly, and the tires were new.

Journalist: Oh, no.

Nick: Well, at the time, I thought "ok, I'm done, that's it. My life is over." Fortunately, my neck was damaged but not broken.

Journalist: So what happened next?

Nick: I started to get feeling back. It took me two years to recover and get my body back into shape.

## 08 Listening

Lily: Hey, Tommy. How about getting on a bus and riding around Zhuhai? Just for fun.

Tommy: Yeah, OK, where you wanna go?

Lily: How about the New Summer Palace, and then Bailiandong Park, and ...

Tommy: Not the New Summer Palace again. I've been there twice already. Let's go somewhere else.

Lily: Okay. Let's get off at Bai Lian Xin Cun. We can listen to some Guangdong trad music in the park.

Tommy: Cool. And then get something to eat?

Lily: We can go to Pizza Hut. Jiu Zhou Cheng will be our stop.

Tommy: Why do you always call bus stops by name?

Lily: Didn't you know? Every bus stop in China has its own name. Makes it easy to arrange where to meet.

Tommy: Wow, what a clever idea. I must suggest that to the folks back home.

Lily: (laughs) Ok, after the pizza, we can take the bus to Baihuogongsi bus stop, and go for a walk along Xiangzhou Harbor.

Tommy: Sounds great. Let's get going.

## 09 Listening

### Listening Task

One day a fish named Nimo swims into a new part of the ocean....

Fish A: Hey, I have never seen you before. What's your name?

Fish B: I am Nimo and I am from the area near Lovers' Road.

Fish A: Hello, Nimo. I am Summer. I heard that it is a beautiful place and I always wanted to go for a visit.

Fish B: Not any more... it's not the sea it used to be. It totally changed.

Fish A: What?! How could it be possible?

Fish B: This is all because of the foolish people. They have poured all the waste water into our sea. Not only our hometown is destroyed but also our food is poisoned.

Fish A: I see. That's why you come here. But where's your family?

Fish B: All my family members died except me. They died of the poisoned food.

Fish A: Oh, I am so sorry to hear that. Since you come here, you are one of us. We will treat you as our family. Also, one of the city council members has put a proposal forward of establishing a marine conservation area. If this proposal is approved, it will improve people's awareness of protecting the sea and I hope there will be no more water pollution again.

Fish B: I hope so.....

## 10 Listening

Tommy: Excuse me. I have a stomachache.

Nurse: Go to Registration. Then, go upstairs and see the doctor.

Lily: Thanks. Come here, Tommy. You need to get registered first.

(After getting to the registration office)

Lily: Where can we find the doctor's office?

Nurse: Go upstairs and then turn right. The doctor's office is in the corner. Put your registration on the desk and wait in line.

Lily: Thank you.

(Sees the doctor)

## 11 Listening

Jennifer: Hey! Guys, long time no see. How are things?

Leah: Everything is fine. What about you? Jennifer, I heard that you study in UIC.

Jennifer: Oh my God! Leah!! It is amazing! What impresses me most is High Table Dinner.

Leah: What is High Table Dinner? I have never heard about that kind of thing.

Jennifer: Um...High Table Dinner is a traditional event in UIC. Famous experts are invited to give a speech to students. The guests sit at the table on a raised platform. Female students wear evening gown and male students wear Tuxedo. After the speech, they take photographs together.

Leah: Sounds good. I also have fun in my university. We have a lot of leisure time to go out and have fun. There are many beaches near our university, so we have plenty of activities, such as barbecue, cycling, watching sunrise and sunset....

Alison: (interruption) Barbecue is my favorite. I envy you two guys so much. In my university, everybody is studying all the time.

Jennifer & Leah: Oh, Alison, poor you!

## 12 Listening

Australian: My country is an island surrounded by many small islands. It is famous for koalas and kangaroos.

American: I am from a young country . We eat turkey on Thanksgiving Day.

Canada: I come from the country of maple leaves. We love maple trees. The natural sense in my country is very beautiful.

Egyptian: My country's civilization is one of the oldest in the world. It is famous for pyramids and deserts

Brazilian: We love festivals and football! My country is the biggest country in Latin America and contains the Amazon tropical rain forest.

Mei: What do you think of Zhuhai now that you live here?

David: It is too warm. I lived in Harbin before. it was freezing.

Mei: What do you usually do on the weekends?

David: I like birdwatching. Qi'ao mangrove reserve in Zhuhai is an ideal place for birdwatching. I often go there for birdwatching if the weather is nice on weekends.

Mei: After living several years here, what do you like most of Zhuhai?

David: I love the long coastline in Zhuhai. The sceneries along the coastline are beautiful.

Mei: Have you experienced any culture shocks in Zhuhai?

David: All the time, particularly crossing the road, it still frightens me. Everyone in China drives on the wrong side!