

Organising a group project

Listen to people organising a group project and answer the questions to practise and improve your listening skills.

Before listening

Do the preparation task first. Then listen to the audio and do the exercises.

Preparation task

Match the times (a–f) with the words (1–6).

Words

- Three till five
- Four o'clock
- Before ten
- After ten
- Ten to five
- Twenty to eight

Times

- a. 9.30
- b. 7.40
- c. 4.50
- d. 10.15
- e. 4.00
- f. 3.00–5.00

Tasks

Task 1

Are the sentences true or false?

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| 1. They want to start the project soon. | True | False |
| 2. The first meeting will be for two hours. | True | False |
| 3. Mornings before ten are good for everyone. | True | False |
| 4. Everyone is free at four. | True | False |
| 5. They're going to have the meeting in the library. | True | False |
| 6. Robert will leave the meeting early. | True | False |

Task 2

Match the sentences (a–d) that mean the same thing (1–4).

Sentences

1. I can do 4.
2. I can't do 4.
3. I can always do 4.
4. We all agree to meet at 4.

Sentences

- a. I'm free every day at four.
- b. I'm free at four.
- c. I'm not free at four.
- d. We're going to meet at four.

Discussion

Where do you like to study with friends?

Transcript

Cara: So for our group project, do you want to start this week?

Selim: Yeah, I want to start early so we have enough time.

Robert: Me too, but I've got a big maths project too.

Cara: How about we meet first to plan what we're going to do? Just for an hour.

Robert: Good idea, Cara.

Cara: When are you free?

Robert: I can always do mornings before 10.

Cara: Robert ... Uh ...

Selim: I'm sleeping before 10!

Robert: OK! OK, so when are you two free?

Cara: Wednesdays are good for me. But not very early, please!

Selim: I can't do the mornings on Wednesdays but I have 3 till 5 free.

Robert: I can do 4 o'clock, just before my maths class.

Cara: Great, 4 then. Where shall we meet?

Selim: The library?

Robert: I don't know. The library isn't a good place for a planning meeting as we can't talk in there.

Cara: How about the university café? It's near the library. We can talk in there. And eat cake.

Selim: Cake is good.

Robert: OK, so Wednesday at the café. I need to leave at ten to five to go to my maths class.

Cara: No problem. Planning will take less than an hour.

Selim: OK! See you Wednesday for cake.

Robert and Cara: See you, Selim!

Answers

Preparation task

1. f
2. e
3. a
4. d
5. c
6. b

Task 1

1. True
2. False
3. False
4. True
5. False
6. True

Task 2

1. b
2. c
3. a
4. d