



## DNM ENGLISH PRACTICE 20-05-2020

## Section One Listening and vocabulary

## Office party planning

Match the definitions (a–h) with the vocabulary (1–8)

VOCABULARY	DEFINITION
1. To reassemble	A. to find or locate something
2. To source	B. to take something apart
3. To stretch	C. to put something back together again
4. To be fixed on something	D. to creatively think of new or interesting ideas
5. To hoist	E. to raise or lift something up
6. To dismantle	F. to allow something that would not normally be allowed
7. To exceed	G. to go beyond a pre-defined limit
8. To be inventive	H. to have already decided on something, without further flexibility

## Task1: Are the sentences true or false?

1. Ayako wants a baby grand piano for the Christmas party.
2. The baby grand piano will easily fit through the building doorway.
3. Sam suggests a solution for the problem.
4. Ayako has around 50 per cent flexibility with the budget.
5. Ayako is fixed on the idea that it must be a baby grand piano.
6. Ayako accepts the upright piano when Sam suggests it.

## Task 2 Put the words in order to make sentences.

1. a good That sounds like plan.
2. idea this work, then. So won't
3. being I Sorry if wasn't clear.
4. an option? Would be this
5. it That might sounds work. like
6. of over Could some send it? me you photos
7. it and call I'll you me about back. Let think
8. I'll wait call your for

## An interview about two books

Match the definitions (i-p) with the vocabulary (9–16)

VOCABULARY	DEFINITION
9. flawed	I. to completely surround yourself with
10. a narrator	J. showing distress or anxiety
11. troubled	K. having a fundamental weakness or imperfection
12. to immerse yourself in	L. Something you naturally feel or want to do
13. to mistreat	M. having a fundamental weakness or imperfection
14. an instinct	N. the person telling a story f. the most important information about something
15. wrongdoing	O. to treat badly
16. the lowdown	P. bad or illegal behavior

**Task 2 Choose the best answer.**

1. The presenter and Helen differ on ...
  - a. how they see the characters in the book.
  - b. what they think about the quality of the writing.
  - c. how much they enjoyed reading the book.
  
2. Helen enjoyed Her Mother's Daughter because ...
  - a. it's totally different from the books she writes herself.
  - b. it's totally different from her own life.
  - c. it has a happy ending.
  
3. What is Her Mother's Daughter about?
  - a. The problems a mother has with her husband and children.
  - b. The way a mother's childhood affects her when she has children herself.
  - c. A child who does something shocking that her parents can't understand.
  
4. Why are sad books about families popular, according to Anna?
  - a. They make us feel as if our own families are better than the ones in books.
  - b. All families have similar problems, they're just less dramatic.
  - c. People have small families nowadays so they like reading about other families.
  
5. What aspect of "We Need to Talk About Kevin" will people be able to relate to?
  - a. what it's like to bring up teenagers
  - b. how we feel when people we know are killed
  - c. how it feels to be a victim
  
6. What do the two books have in common?
  - a. They're both about happy homes.
  - b. They're both about how parents affect their children.
  - c. They're both about how parents worry about their children.

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