

LCT 2023



(Audiotrack: QR-Code rechts / Aufgaben S. 1)

Part 1: Voice mail message

Hey Tom, this is Marvin! The Elizabeth Line is now fully open. We said we would travel along it and see the sights, remember? What about next Friday, 9th June? I'm not working on that day. I'll meet you at the train station at 8:30 am. OK? Bring your jacket, the weather forecast isn't too good. Bye!

Part 2: Conversations

Conversation 1: Planning the morning

(Audiotrack: QR-Code oben / Aufgaben S. 1)

- Tom: Hi Marvin, ready for our big day out?
- Marvin: Sure, Tom, I'm looking forward to it. OK, let's look at the Tube map and see where we are going. So here we are in Maidenhead, ... here. Look, the Elizabeth Line is this purple line here. It runs all the way from Reading, west of London, to Shenfield in the east. That's over 100 km! I read online that the Elizabeth Line stops at 41 stations and that they had to build ten new stations. Altogether it took 14 years to build the new train line and cost over £19 billion. It was so expensive.
- Tom: Yeah, you're right, but it has made travelling to London so much easier. My sister lives in West Drayton ... here, and she travels to Bond Street in London every day. It used to take 50 minutes, but now it only takes 23. That's great if you work in London. And Liverpool Street Station to Paddington Station now takes ten minutes instead of twenty. It's so quick!
- Marvin: So where are we going to go first?
- Tom: I think we should get out at Slough first. It's raining now, so I thought we could go to the Ice Arena and go ice-skating. You can also try ice-karting there, which sounds fun. It's like go-karting but on ice.
- Marvin: OK, and afterwards let's travel into Central London. We could get out at Farringdon and go to Smithfield's meat market for lunch. It's apparently the biggest meat market in the UK. They have been selling meat there for over 800 years! It's impressive! You can get anything there. If we get there at around 12 pm, we could have lunch there.
- Tom: I'll just go online and see when it's open. Oh! That's strange. It opens at midnight and closes at seven in the morning.
- Marvin: What? Who wants to go shopping at 3 am? Oh, I think I know why it is only open at night. It is a market more for butchers and supermarkets who buy meat to sell the next day. Tourists can still go there and see what the market is like, but not during the day.
- Tom: Let's go to Slough first and wait and see. Hurry up, Tom! The train is about to leave!

Conversation 2: On the train

(Audiotracks: QR-Code S. 14 / Aufgaben S. 1)

- Tom: That was fun, wasn't it? I loved the ice-skating. Let's go into London now. I think we should go all the way to Stratford and go to Olympic Park.
- Marvin: What can you do there?
- Tom: Well, the park is quite nice but the highlight is definitely the ArcelorMittal Orbit.
- Marvin: The what?
- Tom: The ArcelorMittal Orbit. It's a tall tower and it is also the world's tallest and longest tunnel slide, so you can slide all the way from the top down to the bottom. It is 178 metres long! The first part of the slide is glass, so you have great views over London, but then you go into darkness and shoot down to the bottom. It's really fast.
- Marvin: Wow! I would like to try that!
- Tom: I read on the website that it is made of steel, most of it recycled steel which came from broken washing machines and old cars. Anyway, after Olympic Park, we could go back to Liverpool Street

Station and go to the Bank of England Museum. There is an exhibition there at the moment about slavery. You can also learn all about the history of English money – from gold bars to coins to bank notes.

Marvin: Hmm, it doesn't sound too interesting. Are you sure you want to go?

Tom: It's free ... My dad quite liked it.

Marvin: Well, if you say so. Can we go to Canary Wharf afterwards? I'll be hungry by then and we could go to the night market. It's only open once a month and it's tonight. It's in Montgomery Square.

Tom: Yeah, good idea. I love it there. The modern skyscrapers are really impressive.

Marvin: You can eat street food, listen to live music and play minigolf. The food trucks are crazy. You can buy American burgers, Italian pizza and Korean bibimbap.

Tom: Bimbim ... what?

Marvin: Bibimbap. It's a special rice and vegetable dish from Korea. I had one before Christmas, it was really spicy. I loved it.

Tom: OK, that sounds like a great plan. When is the last train back to Maidenhead?

Marvin: Hmm, I think at 11 pm. We should get back OK as long as we are not late. There are 12 trains an hour. That's one every five minutes. Oh look, we're just arriving in Liverpool Street.

Part 3: Survey

(Audiotrack: QR-Code S. 14 / Aufgaben S. 2)

Reporter: Many young people all over the world think about getting a tattoo. And in fact, it is really hard to find a modern pop star without a tattoo. Justin Bieber has 56 tattoos and Ed Sheeran has over 60. But what about you? Would you get a tattoo? This morning, I went to the Blue Water Shopping Centre in Kent and asked shoppers what they thought. Here is a selection of their answers.

Gavin: Hi, my name is Gavin and, yeah, I've got some tattoos. Do you want to see? I got my first tattoo on my 18th birthday. My parents weren't happy, but I make my own decisions. If I want to cover my body in tattoos, I will do.

Katelyn: Good morning. My name is Katelyn and I think some tattoos look great. I have a friend who has a tattoo of a butterfly on her arm. It looks really cool. However, when she left school, she really wanted to work for British Airways as a flight attendant, but when they found out that she had a tattoo where passengers would see it, they said no. She was really disappointed.

Maddy: Hi, it's Maddy here. A tattoo? It depends. I have got one and it's important to me. I have got the name of my grandma here on my arm with her date of birth. She used to look after me when I was little and I miss her now she is gone. The tattoo helps me think of her.

Hayden: Morning, my name is Hayden. I have this friend called Jim who got married young. I think he was 22. He had the name of his wife tattooed on his arm. That was really romantic of him. Five years later, they got divorced and they don't talk anymore. He still has her name on his arm. That's dumb.

Marcia: My name is Marcia and I'm a doctor. If you want a tattoo, go to a professional tattoo studio. There are health risks when you get a tattoo. You could get a skin infection or even a blood disease, such as hepatitis. Make sure the tattoo shop is sterile and clean.

Paul: Hi there. My name is Paul. I will never get a tattoo. A tattoo of a snake on your chest and stomach might look sexy when you're 23, but how will you feel when you're 60? We went to Ibiza last year and I saw loads of older people whose bodies were covered in faded, ugly tattoos. A tattoo at 23? Yeah, sure, but you're not young forever.

Amber: Good morning, my name is Amber. A tattoo done in a professional tattoo studio by a popular artist is really expensive. Depending on the size and design, a tattoo can cost thousands of pounds. A complicated shoulder tattoo in colour will take at least ten hours to complete and at £150 an hour, the costs add up.

Adapted from:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/09/18/well/family/when-adolescents-want-tattoos-or-piercings.html> (last accessed on 01.03.2022).

<https://www.mercurynews.com/2012/07/07/teens-shouldnt-have-to-wait-until-theyre-18-to-get-tattoos/> (last accessed on 01.03.2022).

Part 4: Phone call

(Audiotrack: QR-Code S. 14 / Aufgaben S. 3)

Operator: Good morning, this is Animal Search UK, Clive speaking. How can I help?

Caller: Good morning. My name is Tom Arkwright and I would like to report a lost animal, please.

Operator: OK, let's start with your name.

Caller: It's Tom Arkwright. That's A-R-K-W-R-I-G-H-T.

Operator: A-R-K-W-R-I-G-H-T. Thank you. Could I have your telephone number, please?

Caller: Yes, it's 01926 33 210.

Operator: So, that's 01926 33 210. Thank you, Tom. And now for the details about the animal. Have you lost an animal or have you found one?

Caller: I have found one. It's a very bouncy dog. I found him this morning while I was out jogging. It's very friendly but I don't know what to do with him now. – Down boy!

Operator: Well, with a bit of luck, we will be able to locate its owner.

Caller: Oh good.

Operator: What kind of dog is it?

Caller: I think it is a labrador.

Operator: Labrador. And what colour is it?

Caller: It's brown.

Operator: Thank you. Please tell me when and where you found the dog.

Caller: I found him this morning, so Tuesday, March 12th, at eleven o'clock. As I say, I was out jogging in Green Park. I found him near the café.

Operator: OK, thank you. And where is the dog now?

Caller: It's with me and it is very excited! – Stop eating my shoe!

Operator: We'll be in touch as soon as we hear something.

Caller: That's great. Thanks a lot. Bye!