

**Territory-wide System Assessment 2012**  
**Secondary 3 English Language**

**Tapescript Part 2 (9EL1 / 9EL3)**

**Narrator:**        *You are doing a book report on a book called **Fantastic Prison Escapes**.*

Listen to Tony, the radio host, interviewing the author Sheila Boxer and answer the questions. The interview will be played twice. Do as much as you can the first time and answer all questions the second time. You now have 30 seconds to read the questions. (*music 30 secs.*)

The listening will begin now.

**[Tony]**            Good morning. On today's show we have lots of interesting segments. Jonie is going to be baking a fabulous birthday cake. We will also learn about how to decorate a bedroom with the latest furniture.

To start the show we have a special guest - famous author Sheila Boxer. Her latest book is a work of non-fiction detailing prison escapes over the last 100 years. Good morning and welcome Sheila.

**Sheila**            Good morning Tony.

**Tony**            So, Sheila, you normally write fiction – murder mystery and the occasional romance. What prompted you to write *Fantastic Prison Escapes*?

**Sheila**            I was inspired by a film script which was based on a real wartime escape.

**Tony**            Really? Tell us about that escape.

**Sheila**            Well, the prisoners of war dig two tunnels that they use to escape. At the end of the film is a scene where the hero jumps over a high barbed wire fence on a motorcycle to escape.

**Tony**            Wow, is that what really happened?

**Sheila**            No, that part was just used to make the film more exciting.

**Tony**            So what are some of the escapes that you mention in your book?

**Sheila**            Well, some happened during the Second World War. For example, in Australia over 500 Japanese prisoners escaped on one day.

**Tony**            Wow, that is a huge number! Have there been any more recent ones where

large numbers of prisoners escaped?

**Sheila** Oh yes, recently in Afghanistan, 475 prisoners broke out of a prison there. They also dug tunnels.

**Tony** How was it possible that so many people could escape from a prison at one time?

**Sheila** Well, people think that they had help. Some prison guards were suspected of assisting with the escape.

**Tony** Are there any unusual escapes?

**Sheila** Oh yes, there are some very interesting ones. In one attempt in America, the prisoner's girlfriend hijacked a helicopter and forced it to land in the prison yard where the prisoner was waiting. They took off and were on the run for about two weeks before they were caught.

**Tony** That is so hard to believe!

**Sheila** Most of these unusual escapes have been successful, but the prisoners have always been caught afterwards. One prisoner actually used a can opener to cut the roof and broke free. Another prisoner lost weight and smeared himself with butter and squeezed through the bars!

**Tony** It's amazing what people will do. Now we will take a short break and be back in a moment with.... *(fade out)*

**Narrator:** Now listen to the interview again. *{Repeat []}*

**Narrator:** You have 30 seconds to check your answers. *(music 30 secs.)*

This is the end of Part 2.