

Tapescript

Narrator: **Part 3 / 2**

Paul is talking to his mother about Grandma.

You now have 40 seconds to study the questions below. *(40-second music)*

Now, listen to the conversation between Paul and his mother. When you hear a beep (*beep*), answer the question. The conversation will be played two times. The conversation will begin now.

[Paul: Mum, it's so crowded here. Let me help you carry the flowers. Look, some people aren't just bringing flowers, they're bringing roasted pigs and other food too. It's like they're going on a picnic.

Mum: Yes, this is an important festival for Chinese people. We visit the graves of our ancestors to remember them.

Paul: Do you miss Grandma, Mum?

Mum: I miss her very much. She would be 65 now if she were still with us. She got sick when she was 55. She died at the age of 57 when I was 37. You weren't even born at that time.

Narrator: Question 1: What festival are they talking about? // (*beep*) (*5-second pause*)

Question 2: At what age did Grandma die? // (*beep*) (*5-second pause*)

Paul: Did Grandma come from a big family?

Mum: Not really. She had 3 sisters and a little brother. Her brother died when she was 10 years old. After her brother died, her parents sent her to school. But they asked her sisters to stay at home to do the housework. Grandma was lucky because she was the only person in her family who could go to school. Every day after school, she taught her sisters and the other children in the village to read and write.

Paul: Grandma was not selfish. If I were Grandma, I would simply play with other children after school.

Narrator: Question 3: How many sisters did Grandma have? // (*beep*) (*5-second pause*)

Question 4: What did Grandma do every day after school? // (*beep*) (*5-second pause*)

Paul: Did Grandma learn English at school, Mum?

Mum: No, she didn't. Not many people spoke English at that time. Grandma only learned Chinese and Maths at school. She also had art and music lessons too. She got As in all her subjects and she never got a C. Her family was very proud of her.

Paul: Mum, how did Grandma get to school?

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Mum: Grandma walked to school. She got up at 6:00 a.m. and left home at 6:30 a.m.

Paul: 6:30 in the morning?

Mum: School started at 8:00 a.m. but it took her two hours to walk to school, so she was always late for her first class.

Narrator: Question 5: Which one was Grandma's school report card? // *(beep) (5-second pause)*

Question 6: What time did Grandma arrive at school?

Mum: When Grandma was 15 years old, China was in a war with Japan and all the schools were closed. During that time, Grandma helped her father to grow vegetables. When the vegetables were big enough, they sold the vegetables at the market.

Paul: When did Grandma have her first baby?

Mum: When Grandma was 18, she had her first baby girl, Auntie Mary. When Grandma was 20 years old, Uncle Peter and I were born. We are twins.

Paul: What an interesting story!]

Narrator: Question 7: What did Grandma do during the war? // *(beep) (5-second pause)*

Question 8: Which family photo was taken when Grandma was 18 years old? // *(beep) (5-second pause)*

Listen to the conversation again and check your answers. The conversation will begin now.

Repeat [] the whole conversation without the questions.

This is the end of the Listening Test / Part 2.

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