

## A Guide to Part I of the Michigan Listening Test.

In this part of the exam a dialogue will be heard only once. Three options in picture form, which are related to the dialogue, will be presented to the candidate. You will be expected to answer a question at the end of the dialogue. Each picture, A, B or C may be the correct answer depending on the question asked. For this reason you should listen carefully to the whole dialogue before answering the question.

The dialogues in the exam cover a wide range of topics and a list of all of them cannot possibly be covered. However, a list of the most commonly examined ones is given below:

- **ANIMALS** - pets, farm animals and those encountered in a zoo
- **PRESENTS** - buying presents for and receiving them from others
- **BUYING OR DESCRIBING PERSONAL ITEMS** - clothing, shoes and accessories
- **SHOPPING** - supermarket items, furniture and electrical goods
- **TIME** - times of going to work, waking up, flights and meetings
- **ODD JOBS** - outdoor (gardening) and indoor (do - it - yourself)
- **SEQUENCE OF DOING THINGS** - going first or last to various places (the bank, office, hairdressers, supermarket and other such locations)
- **FILLING IN A VARIETY OF FORMS** - applications for jobs and club memberships
- **PERSONAL APPEARANCE** - style of hair, height, clothes and general appearance
- **DIRECTIONS** - how to get to a cinema, hospital and other locations (often in the form of a brief map)
- **DAYS AND MONTHS** - when an appointment is to be kept or a bill paid
- **WEATHER** - temperatures and different weather conditions (often in the form of a graph)
- **SPORTS** - on TV, at school, scores of games and matches
- **HOBBIES** - reading, drawing and other such activities
- **FOOD** - ingredients, cooking, restaurants and parties
- **LOCATIONS** - where various people, objects, towns, buildings and such like are located
- **FEELINGS AND EXPRESSIONS** - recognizing anger, happiness and laughter
- **FREE TIME** - going out to cinemas, theaters, exhibitions and such like
- **HOLIDAYS** - packing, suitcases, destinations and weather
- **NUMBERS** - bills, hotel room prices, prices of items when shopping, borrowing money (often requiring some form of calculation)

The above list gives an overall impression of what has frequently been examined. Thus, you are advised to increase your knowledge of vocabulary when dealing with the above topics. The following specimens from the exam have been grouped for easier reading and understanding but should under no circumstances be regarded as a complete picture of the listening test. The groups are merely samples written to serve as a guide.

1. **A General example showing multiple questions and answers**
2. **An Implied Picture**
3. **Reversion to an Original Answer**
4. **An Alternative Answer**
5. **Negative Questions**
6. **Sequence Dialogues**
7. **Detailed Pictures**
8. **Hesitation and Uncertainty**

**Exercise 1. A General example showing multiple questions and answers.**

**Topic used: PETS**

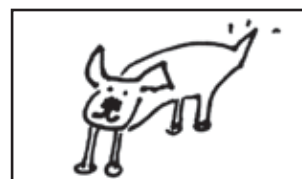
In this example one dialogue will be given with three possible questions and answers.



A



B



C

**F:** Oh, Jim, wouldn't it be wonderful if we had a dog!

**M:** No way, Mary. A dog isn't happy shut up all day in an apartment... and cats can damage your furniture when they feel lonely.

**F:** Mmm... I suppose you're right.

**M:** Look, we could get a goldfish. That's a nice little pet.

**F:** Okay, I suppose it'll do.

**Question 1:** What will they buy?

**Answer 1:** "B" a goldfish

**Question 2:** What did the woman originally want?

**Answer 2:** "C" a dog

**Question 3:** Which pet could cause damage to the furniture?

**Answer 3:** "A" a cat

The above example illustrates the need for you to listen to the whole dialogue before answering

**Exercise 2. An Implied Picture**

**Topic used: PRESENTS**

In a dialogue like this only two of the pictures are definitely stated and the third one is not mentioned (it is implied). Three possible questions and answers will be given.



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**M:** I brought you a little something from my visit to one of the Greek islands

**F:** Oh... what is it? One of those illustrated guide books full of pictures?

**M:** No...

**F:** Oh I know! I bet it's some of the local wine.

**M:** No, it isn't. Look.

**F:** Oh what a surprise! I had no idea you knew I collected these things.

**Question 1:** What was the first item mentioned?

**Answer 1:** "C" an illustrated guide book

**Question 2:** What did the woman think he had brought for her?

**Answer 2:** "B" local wine

**Question 3:** Why was the woman surprised?

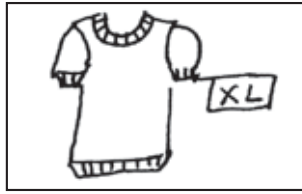
**Answer 3:** "A" shells. The word "shells" is not given in the dialogue but we are told the woman collects something. This answer is implied.

# Listening Test 1 Part 1

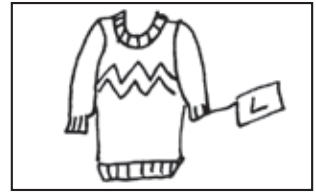
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**F:** Hello, I wonder if you could help me. I'd like to exchange this short-sleeved sweater for a long-sleeved one.

**M:** Of course, no problem. What size would you like?

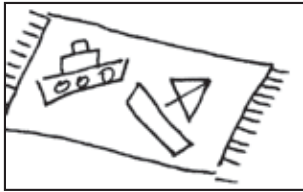
**F:** Large, please.

**M:** Right, one large long-sleeved sweater coming up. Do you want it plain or patterned?

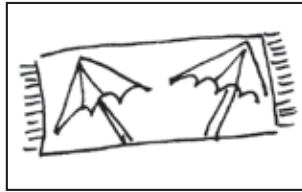
**F:** I'd prefer plain.

**Q:** Which sweater will she get?

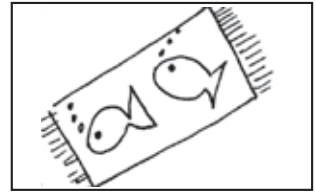
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**F:** Do you like my new beach towel? It's got umbrellas on it.

**M:** Ha, it's very colorful. Mine's got fish on it.

**F:** I got it in the sales and the only other pattern they had left was one with boats.

**M:** I would have preferred that.

**Q:** What would the man have preferred?

3.



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**F:** I'm going camping with some friends this weekend. Would you like to come?

**M:** I'd like to but I'm afraid I can't. I have to work this weekend.

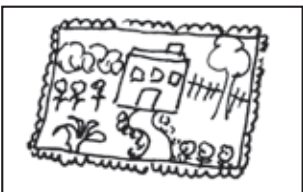
**F:** Saturday and Sunday?

**M:** No, just all day Saturday.

**F:** Well then, come on Sunday. We're all coming back very early Monday morning.

**Q:** When will they come back from camping?

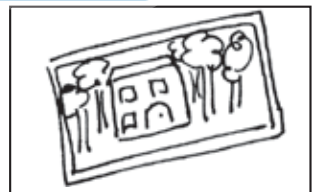
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**F:** Look, Bill, you can see our new house in these photographs.

**M:** Ah, which one is it? I bet it's the one with all those trees around it.

**F:** Er ... no it isn't.

**M:** It must be the one with that large garden. I know you and

Fred love gardening.

**F:** Well, we've only just moved in and we haven't had time to do anything like that.

**Q:** Which is her new house?

5.



A



B



C

**F:** Ben, I told you to buy the cheapest dog food.

**M:** Yes, I know Betty, but I think the dog doesn't like it.

**F:** Sure he does. If he's hungry he'll eat it.

**M:** Yes, but we must take care of him. We've only got one dog.

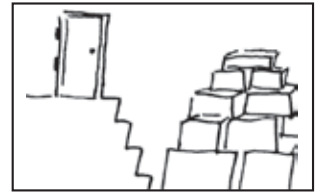
**Q:** What did Betty want Ben to buy?



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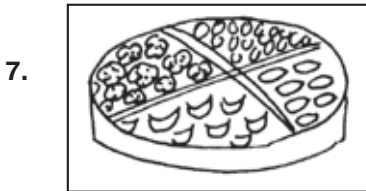
**F:** Frank, we really must tidy up the basement. There are all those boxes down there and they are all over the place.

**M:** OK, as soon as this game is over.

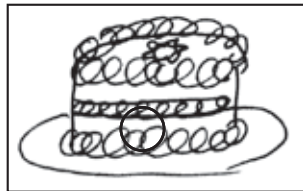
**M:** Well, that's all right. No one can see them. Let's leave them.

**Q:** What will they do?

**F:** Oh really, Frank! We could at least stack them against the wall.



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**F:** What shall we take to the party? Some ice cream?

**F:** Well, perhaps a bottle of wine, then.

**M:** What, in this heat? It'll melt.

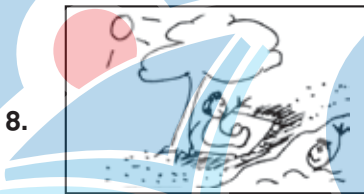
**M:** We took one last time. Let's take them a variety of nuts.

**F:** Mmm... you're right. What about a cream cake?

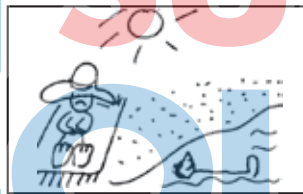
**F:** Great idea!

**M:** No, same problem.

**Q:** What will they buy for their friends' party?



A



B



C

**F:** It's very hot today. I don't want to stay out in the sun.

**M:** In that case, we'll take the beach umbrella.

**M:** Well, if we go to the beach, you can sit in the shade under a tree.

**Q:** What will they do?

**F:** But the beach we go to doesn't have any shade. And a hat isn't enough.

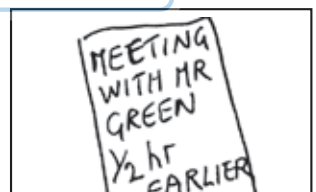
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**M:** Hello, I'm Mr Green. Could I leave a message for Mr Brown, please?

had arranged but at 5:30pm. If he can't make it please tell him to call me at my number 01262524.

**F:** Sure.

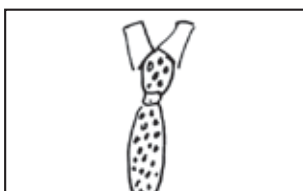
**F:** Will do.

**M:** Tell him I'll meet him half an hour earlier. Not at 6pm as we

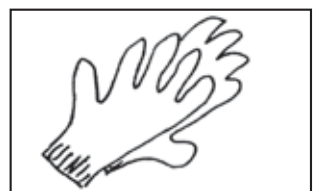
**Q:** What will the message be?



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**F:** That's a lovely tie, Sam. Is it new?

got me a pair of gloves and my son-in-law gave me a new T-shirt.

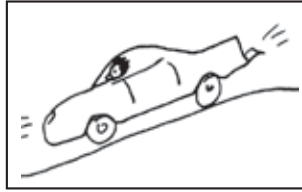
**M:** Yes. My wife bought it for me for my birthday last week. My daughter

**Q:** What did his wife buy for him?

11.



(A)



B



C

**F:** Tom, thank goodness I found you. I can't find my car keys!

coat pockets, too. Call me back and let me know. I'll be in the office all day.

**M:** You usually keep them in your purse. Have you looked there?

**F:** Yes, of course. And I've looked all over the living room, too.

**Q: Where will Tom be?**

**M:** Well, perhaps you left them in the car. Don't forget to check your

12.



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**M:** I suppose you've spent all your money again.

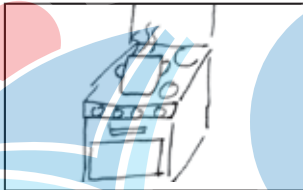
The trouble is I've got only \$50 left.

**F:** Well, my jacket cost \$200, it was reduced from \$300 and my skirt cost only \$100. I haven't bought any shoes yet but I've seen a pair for \$100.

**M:** Well, I'm not giving you any more.

**Q: How much was the skirt?**

13.



A



B



C

**F:** Oh, I've still got a lot of housework to do and your parents will be here any minute.

**F:** No, I've got that covered. But you could wash the dishes.

**M:** Can I help? I can cook a meal.

**M:** Uh ... I'd rather make the bed.

**Q: What will the man do?**

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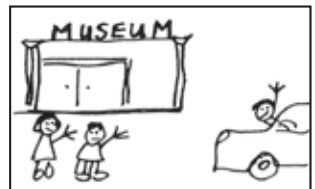
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**M:** Where did you say we were going to meet the kids? Outside the museum?

**M:** Ah yes. It's a new exhibit and we haven't seen it yet. Do you remember we saw the dinosaur exhibit last month?

**F:** No, inside. In the section where they have all that stuff from Egypt. You know, mummies.

**F:** Yeah, it was great.

**Q: Where will they meet the kids?**

15.



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**F:** Hello. I'd like some suntan lotion, please.

the sun very long.

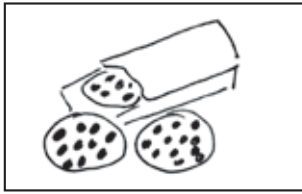
**M:** Do you want full protection... let's say 30 or a medium protection of 15 or 20?

**M:** In that case, I'll give you a number 10 protection.

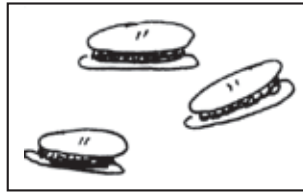
**F:** Well, I want to get brown. I don't need full protection because I never stay in

**Q: Which suntan cream will the woman get?**

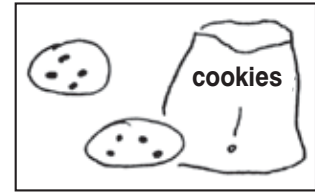
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**M:** Did you buy any of those chocolate-cream cookies?

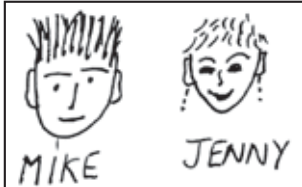
**F:** Uh, no. I didn't find any so I bought some chocolate-chip ones.

**M:** Oh, they aren't any good. They hardly have any chocolate in them.

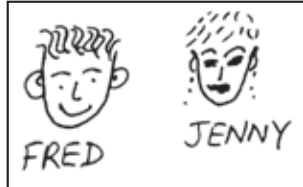
**F:** Oh, I got the double-chip ones.

**Q:** Which cookies did the girl buy?

17.



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**M:** Hi, Jenny! It's Mike. I'm sorry but I won't be able to see you tonight. I'm going to a basketball game with Fred.

**F:** Oh really? That's OK. I'm going to watch it on television.

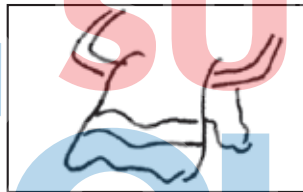
**M:** Oh, great! When I see you tomorrow we can talk about it.

**Q:** Who will go to the basketball game?

18.



A



B



C

**M:** My hands are really dirty from working in the garden.

**F:** Here, you can wipe them on this old towel.

**M:** Uh... I need some soap and water.

**F:** Well, I'll give you some soap but you must use the outside tap because I'm washing some fruit at the kitchen sink.

**Q:** How will the man clean his hands?

19.



A



B



C

**M:** Good morning, Sue. Have you got the latest report?

**F:** Which one sir? The one on price increases or the one about new jobs?

**M:** Oh, I didn't know you'd finished that one on new jobs. Let

me have it. What I'm asking for is the report on telephone calls made from these offices.

**Q:** What does the man want?

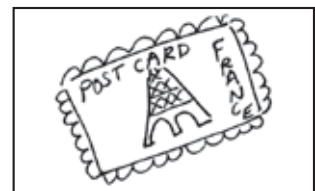
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**F:** I brought you a little something from my trip to France.

**M:** Really? What is it? A beautiful French girl?

**F:** Ha, ha, very funny.

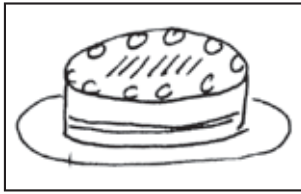
**M:** Is it a French wine?

**F:** No, it isn't. It's a small Eiffel Tower ... It's a lighter.

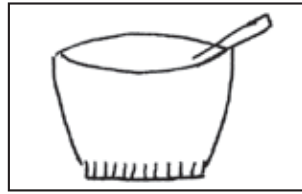
**M:** Oh, great! Thanks.

**Q:** What did the woman bring the man?

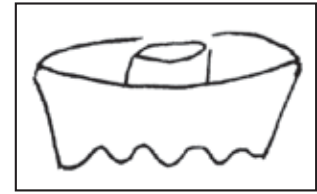
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**M:** Hello, have you got any cake pans? You know, that you make cakes in.

love to eat them!

**F:** Oh yes. You mean the ones with a hole in the middle? They are near those mixing bowls.

**Q:** What does the man want to buy?

**M:** Ah yes, I see them. My sister loves to make cakes. And I

22.



A



B



C

**M:** Mom, I can't find my sneakers.

**F:** No, but they must be outside the kitchen door. You probably took them off there before coming in last night.

**F:** They're probably under your bed, as usual.

**M:** No, they aren't. I looked there and in the bathroom. Have you seen them?

**M:** Oh, I'll go and look there.

**Q:** Where are his sneakers, usually?

23.



A



B



C

**F:** Wow, what a mess!

**M:** Oh, I throw them out when I've read them but I usually keep the magazines longer.

**M:** Oh, I only clean up once a week. My clothes, though, are always tidy and well kept.

**Q:** What does the man usually keep?

**F:** Look at all these newspapers!

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**F:** I'm thinking of having my hair done.

it cut, too?

**M:** Really?

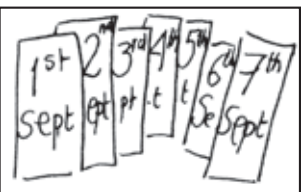
**M:** Short and straight from long and curly! That's a big change!

**F:** Yes. I might have it dyed a different color. Also I'm tired of these curls and I'd like to have it straightened. Should I have

**F:** Mmm... I'll just have it straightened and then we'll see.

**Q:** What does she look like now?

25.



A



B



C

**F:** Hello, may I help you?

**M:** It doesn't seem worth it.

**M:** Hello. I'd like to send this small parcel to Africa. How long will it take?

**F:** It can get there in three days if you pay the super express price.

**F:** Mmm... let me see. About a week. But if you pay double price it might get there in five days.

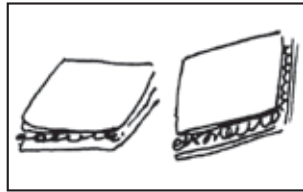
**M:** No, no. I'll send it the ordinary way.

**Q:** How long will it take for the parcel to arrive?

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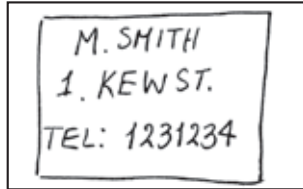
**F:** Oh, I'm so tired all I want to do is fall into bed!  
**M:** Then why don't you?  
**F:** I have to make us some sandwiches first, for lunch tomorrow in the office.  
**M:** That isn't necessary. I've got a business lunch tomorrow.

**F:** Oh good. But I need a couple of sandwiches.  
**M:** I'll make them for you.  
**Q:** What will the woman do?

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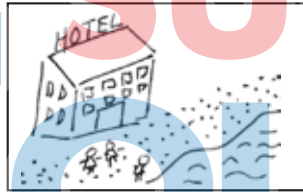
**M:** Hello, I'd like some cards printed for me with my name, address and phone number on them.  
**F:** Sure, no problem. How about your e-mail address?  
**M:** Uh... I haven't got a computer.  
**F:** Well, what about your fax number?  
**M:** I haven't got a fax machine.

**F:** I suppose you'll want your office phone number printed.  
**M:** That shouldn't be necessary.  
**Q:** What will the cards look like?

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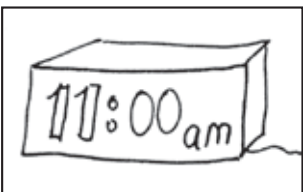
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**F:** We had a lovely holiday. The hotel was right on the beach.  
**M:** Great! But I prefer a hotel away from the beach because of the noise.  
**F:** Yes, but it's easier for us, especially with our small children. They like to play in the sand.

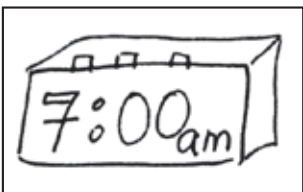
**M:** Ah yes. Well, I stayed in a hotel on a cliff. I had a great view.  
**Q:** Where did the man stay?

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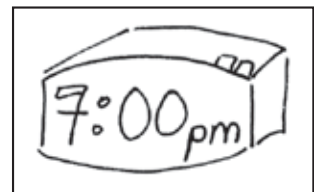
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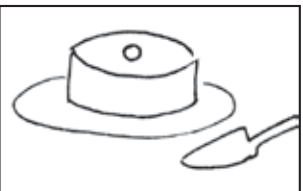


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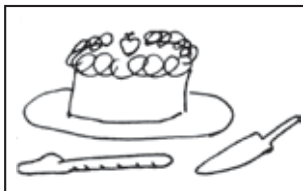
**F:** It's chilly in the morning now, isn't it?  
**M:** Yes, it is. You need a jacket first thing in the morning.  
**F:** It still gets warm during the day, though. Summer hasn't gone yet.  
**M:** Yeah, and sometimes the nights are still warm enough to sit

out and eat.  
**Q:** What time might someone need a jacket?

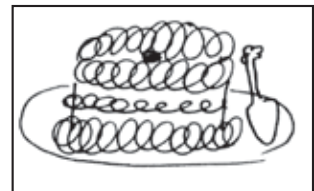
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**M:** Would you like to end our meal with a piece of this lovely cake?  
**F:** No, thanks. It's too rich for me with all that whipped cream that it's covered in.

**M:** Are you sure you won't try a little piece?  
**F:** No way... I prefer plain cakes.  
**Q:** What does the cake look like?



# Listening Test 1 Part 2

In this part of the listening test, you are going to listen to an interview with Ann Smith, who is an expert in matters of luck. The program will present the following information:

- what luck is
- popular lucky charms
- the history of lucky charms
- unlucky things

You will hear the interview in several parts. After each part, you will hear 2-4 questions. You are to choose the most appropriate answer from the three choices given. Mark your answers on a separate answer sheet. There will be twenty questions marked 31 to 50. Listen carefully.

31. A: "Superman"  
B: "Supermind"  
C: "The Shopper's Mind"
32. A: lucky charms  
B: how lucky she is  
C: how good and charming people can be
33. A: glasses to help people see better  
B: magazine articles  
C: objects that may bring luck
34. A: as something that never happens  
B: as something that people need to open their eyes to  
C: as a passing hope
35. A: by attracting lucky people to us  
B: by seeing more people  
C: by opening our mind towards luck
36. A: chance favors the prepared mind  
B: I'm preparing to change my mind  
C: I love to prepare many flavors
37. A: "chance", "luck", and "fortunately"  
B: "change", "luck" and "fortune"  
C: "change", "look" and "unfortunately"
38. A: horses and rabbits  
B: a horseshoe, a bracelet and a rabbit's foot  
C: lucky feet and shoes
39. A: a white stone  
B: a red stone  
C: a white stone in the shape of a head
40. A: the Day of Mexico  
B: the Day-of-the-Dead  
C: the Power of Mexico
41. A: pocket-size  
B: life-sized  
C: oversized
42. A: they are part of tradition  
B: they are part of fashion  
C: they make up part of a person's need
43. A: by giving us more work  
B: by giving us a feeling of comfort and increased confidence  
C: by making us appear more successful
44. A: those who believe teeth may bring luck  
B: dentists  
C: people afraid of losing their teeth
45. A: from the near past  
B: from our modern world  
C: from long ago
46. A: the gods of glory and metal  
B: the gods of wood and fire  
C: the gods of horseshoes and luck
47. A: touch the unpainted side of the wood  
B: touch wood only from Holland  
C: touch wood only from different countries
48. A: black cats and witches  
B: companions and ladders  
C: accidents and heads
49. A: they don't remember the correct dates in history  
B: they haven't got the right books  
C: they haven't got enough time
50. A: "Unlucky Rules"  
B: "Unlucky Roots"  
C: "Lucky Roulette"