

Transcript & Vocabulary for Listening Test #9

This is listening test #9.

Remember that you can find the transcript to the dialogues in today's listening test as well as the vocabulary from the test on my website www.accelerateenglish.com/podcast

Dialogue #1

Show up = to appear somewhere

- I thought Karen was going to attend the meeting yesterday, but she didn't show up.

Take off = to leave from a place

- I just want to say goodbye to everyone. Unfortunately, I have to take off now.

Hang out (with someone) = to spend time with someone

- I always enjoy hanging out with my two brothers. We're like best friends.

Catch up (with someone) = to become updated about the latest news in each other's lives

- It was really nice catching up with you. I'm glad to hear that everything is going well for you.

Did the speaker enjoy his conversation with his ex-girlfriend?

I was at my friend's birthday party yesterday when suddenly my ex-girlfriend **showed up**. I had no idea that she was invited. I was going to **take off** as soon as I saw her, but she stopped me and said hello. We ended up talking and it was surprisingly really nice to **catch up with her**. I found out that she's still single like me, and we decided to **hang out** on Saturday at the park. Maybe we'll end up back together, who knows?

Answer: Yes, he said that it was surprisingly nice to catch up with her

Dialogue #2

Drop by (a place) = to visit a place, usually because you are already conveniently in the area

- I'm going to the museum in your area tomorrow. If you're at home, I'll drop by your house for a bit.

Pick (something) up = to receive something from someone at the other person's location

- Can I come to your house today to pick up my jacket? I forgot it there yesterday.

Drop (something) off = to give something to someone at the other person's location

- Don't worry about coming here. I'll drop the jacket off at your house later today. I want to get out of the house anyway.

Let (someone) in = to allow someone access to a place

- I might be in the backyard when you come to my house, but my wife will let you in.

Did the speaker successfully get his tuxedo for his wedding?

I had a busy morning. Our wedding is tomorrow so I had to go to the wedding site to **drop off some decorations** for the ceremony and then I had to go to the dry cleaners to **pick up my tuxedo** when they opened at 8am. I almost had a heart attack because when I arrived, the door was locked and there was nobody to **let me in!** Thankfully the owner was just a little late and showed up a few minutes later to **let me in** so that I could **pick it up**.

Answer: Yes, someone showed up to let him in so that he could pick it up.

Dialogue #3

Take (a task) on = to accept and begin a task, assignment, or project

- My boss asked me if I would take on a big assignment and I agreed even though I'm very busy.

Fall behind = to not be able to manage your workload

- I'm going to check my emails occasionally while I'm on vacation because I don't want to fall behind

Get caught up (on work) = to complete any delayed or unfinished work-related tasks

- I stayed at the office a few extra hours last night to get caught up on work. Now I feel better.

Be on top of things = to be in control and organized with your work

- I admire my coworker Jessica because she's always on top of things. On the other hand, I'm always struggling to get things done.

Is the speaker managing his currently workload successfully?

I recently **took on a big project** at work and it's been requiring all of my time, so I've **fallen behind** on some other tasks. When it comes to my job, I like to **be on top of things**, so this situation has made me very stressed lately. That being said, if I can spend the whole weekend working, I think I'll be able to **get caught up**.

Answer: No, he's fallen behind and isn't on top of things right now