

## Transcript & Vocabulary for Listening Test #6

This is listening test #6.

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](http://www.accelerateenglish.com/podcast)

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### Dialogue #1

Turn someone/something down = to reject someone's offer

- My friend offered to sell me his used guitar for \$1,000 but I turned him down. I want to get a new one.

Lend someone a hand = to help someone

- My sister needed my help with painting her living room, so I lent her a hand.

Have a lot on your plate = to be busy with a lot of tasks to perform

- These days I don't see my friends very often. With taking care of my newborn son and running my business, I have a lot on my plate, so it's hard to make plans with them.

Pitch in = to contribute to something

- My siblings and I wanted to send my parents on a European cruise for their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It was expensive but we all pitched in so it wasn't too bad.

Is the speaker going to help with his friend's new business?

One of my friend's recently asked me to work in his new restaurant. I seriously considered his offer but in the end I turned him down because I have a lot on my plate with my current job. Having said that, I did offer to lend him a hand with setting up the restaurant before it opens, and I'll pitch in any way that I can.

Answer: Yes, he'll lend his friend a hand and pitch in any way that he can

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### Dialogue #2

To take over (something) = to assume control of something from another person

- I'm teaching my son how to drive but whenever we have to go on the highway, I take over the driving. He's not ready for the highway yet.

To screw (something) up = to do something wrong

- I screwed up and sent a private email to the wrong client. It had a lot of confidential information in it. I don't know how I can fix it.

To come to realize = to become aware of something

- When I was learning English, I was worried about every mistake that I made but then I came to realize it's okay to make mistakes as long as I can communicate my message clearly.

To hand (something) over = to delegate or pass something to another person

- When my grandfather got too old to maintain the farm, he handed the job over to my dad and me.

To burn out = to become sick from working too much

- She's always at the office from morning until night. I'm worried that if she doesn't slow down she's going to burn out.

Has the speaker learned to delegate more tasks to other people?

As a manager, I know that I shouldn't try to do everything myself but sometimes I find myself taking over a task because someone isn't doing it properly. I just think why should I let someone else screw it up when I can do it better? However, I've come to realize that sometimes I need to hand over responsibility to others and let them do it, even if it means fixing their own mistakes. Otherwise, I'll burn out completely.

Answer: Yes he has come to realize that he needs to hand over responsibility to others or he'll burn out completely

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### Dialogue #3

Get people on board = to get people to join or support something

- My coworkers and I are trying to put a soccer team together. So far we've gotten ten people on board.

Fall through = to not happen in the end

- My wife and I had plans to go out to dinner tonight with our friends, but our plans fell through because their daughter got sick, so they have to stay at home.

Go on = happen

- The city is very busy because there are many things going on this weekend, including a marathon through the city and a music festival.

Put something off = postpone something until later

- The beach volleyball tournament is scheduled for this afternoon, but if the weather is bad we'll put off the tournament until tomorrow.

Will the speaker's plans happen this summer?

My friends and I had been trying to plan a camping trip up north this summer, and we had gotten several people on board, but unfortunately, our plans fell through. Everyone just has too much stuff going on in their personal lives right now, so we've decided to put it off until next year.

Answer: No, their plans fell through so they will put it off until next year.