

## Transcript & Vocabulary for Listening Test #5

This is listening test #5.

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### Dialogue #1

To back out of (something) = to cancel a previous commitment that was made

- I wanted to go to USA with my friends but I had to back out of it because I didn't have enough money.

Something's come up = an expression that mean something happened recently that was unexpected.

Usually this means it will somehow affect plans that have been made.

- I know that I told you I would be there around 2pm but something's come up so I'll be a little delayed. I expect to arrive around 3pm now.

To call (something) off = to cancel plans

- We planned to have an outdoor golf tournament yesterday but we called it off because of the storm.

To be out of the question = not possible / not an option

- Where would you like to meet? Unfortunately, my house is out of the question because it's currently being renovated so there are people inside doing work.

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Answer: Friday, because he has to back out of dinner tonight and the next few days are out of the question.

## Dialogue #2

To be drawn to something = to be attracted to something

- I was drawn to the piano from an early age. My aunt had a piano in her house and I loved to listen to her play it. Now I know how to play it myself.

To be stunning = to be very impressive

- The dress that she wore to the party was stunning. She was the most beautiful person in the room.

Above all = a phrase to introduce the most important factor to consider

- It's important to win the game but above all, you have to respect the rules and play fair.

To catch your eye = to get your attention

- A pair of shoes in the store window caught my eye while I was walking past. I ended up going into the store and buying them.

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Answer: above all, the speaker likes the expression of the woman in the painting because it catches his eye.

### Dialogue #3

To take the plunge = to finally do something risky after hesitating to do it

- I was always nervous about moving to the city but I'm finally taking the plunge. I bought an apartment in the city and I'm moving into it next month.

To look forward to (something) = to feel positive anticipation or excitement about something in the future

- My wedding is next week and I'm really looking forward to it. It will be the best day of my life.

The way I see it = an expression to introduce your perspective on something

- Some people think voting in an election is a waste of time, but the way I see it, it's a citizen's responsibility to vote in order to protect democracy.

In all honesty = an expression to introduce an honest opinion

- I know a lot of people love the summer weather but in all honesty, I hate it. It's too hot for me.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Time

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Answer: the speaker says that in all honestly, his main concern is food poisoning