

# 2 Eating and meeting

## Listening Part 2

- 1 Look at the exam task instructions. What is the recording about?
- 2 Look at questions 1-10 and decide what type of information, e.g. adjective, you need for each gap.

### Exam task

**1.03** Now listen and do the exam task.

Leonie decided to make friends with people online because she nearly always works **1**.  
 Leonie's home is more than **2** from the nearest town.  
 When Leonie moved into her cottage, there was no **3** there.  
 Leonie registered on a **4** website. In her personal profile, Leonie said she was looking for someone who enjoyed **5**.  
 Leonie described herself as a **6** person.  
 Nobody interesting contacted Leonie through the website until **7** last year.  
 Leonie says she wanted to be friends with Hannah because their **8** was similar.  
 Leonie and Hannah often go to the **9** together.  
 Leonie's friend Nina now works as a **10**.

## Grammar

### Past tenses

- 1 Complete the text with the correct alternatives. (Part 1 of this story is in Student's Book Unit 2.)

### Meeting at the station (Part 2)

As I ran down the road I hardly **(1)** noticed / was noticing that it **(2)** snowed / was snowing, and when I got to the station I **(3)** kept / was keeping on running until I reached the platform where I hoped to catch the train Sophie was leaving on. But it **(4)** already went / had already gone.

Furious with myself for missing her, I was about to leave the station when suddenly there was an announcement saying that so much snow **(5)** fell / had fallen this side of Upton Junction, the next station, that the line was blocked in both directions. Which meant that Sophie's train **(6)** didn't go / wasn't going anywhere, at least for a while.

I remembered there **(7)** used to be / was being a bus to Upton, but when I asked about it at the information office they told me it no longer went there. It **(8)** was seeming / seemed there was no way I could catch up with Sophie, and I left the station. But right outside I spotted a row of bicycles for hire.

Fortunately I **(9)** 'd been / 'd been going to a cashpoint earlier and I had plenty of money on me, so I chose a bike and a few seconds later I **(10)** would pedal / was pedalling as fast as I could in the direction of Upton.

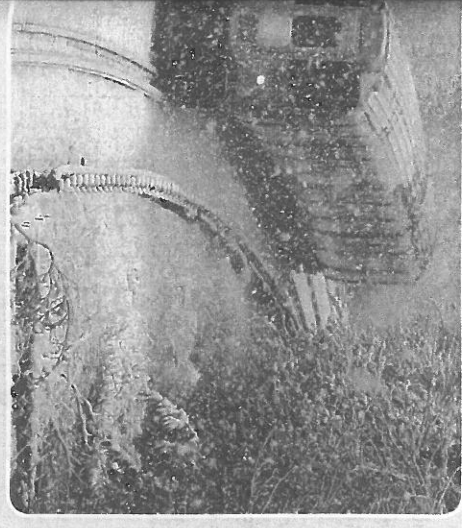


It was mostly uphill and the weather was very cold. By the time I **(11)** was riding / 'd been riding for 15 minutes my hands were frozen solid. There was both ice and snow on the road, and on one particularly sharp bend I completely lost control of the bike and **(12)** crashed / was crashing into a wall.

The front wheel was bent and I **(13)** realised / was realising immediately that I would have to continue on foot, but I could also see I **(14)** cut / 'd cut my leg quite badly in the accident. Leaving the damaged bike behind, I slowly and painfully **(15)** walked / used to walk the last four miles, eventually arriving in the small town of Upton at around ten o'clock. Just then I heard the train approaching.

I ran as fast as I **(16)** could / 'd been able to down the brightly lit but empty street that **(17)** was leading / led to the station, but seconds before I reached the platform the whistle blew and the train pulled out. With a feeling of sadness, I **(18)** 'd been watching / watched its lights disappear into the darkness, and then stepped into the waiting room to get warm.

As I **(19)** had done / did so, a friendly voice to my left said 'Hi'. It was Sophie. 'I saw you from the train,' she said, 'so I **(20)** was deciding / decided to get off and wait for you. There's another train due here at eleven. Shall we get that one together?'



- 2 Correct the mistakes in these sentences written by exam candidates, using suitable past tenses. In sentences 3 and 9 more than one answer is possible.

- 1 When I got dressed, I found I lost my wallet with more than 100,000 yen in it.
- 2 In the letter, Marta was asking him to come to Caracas at the weekend.
- 3 When emails didn't exist, I was writing letters to friends.
- 4 I went downstairs but I didn't realise that my husband started painting the walls.
- 5 The boss of the restaurant didn't used to eat there, but that day was special.
- 6 When I climbed the cliff next to the beach just now I fell and I hurt my leg.
- 7 When she got off the bus, she wondered why Luisa decided to settle in that horrible town.
- 8 The plants in his garden were including vegetables and flowers.
- 9 After she had living in Singapore for three years, she had saved enough money to go to university.
- 10 When Julie came home, she saw that all her jewellery disappeared.