

## LISTENING PRACTICE #1 – CONVERSATION

Here is a transcript of a conversation between two students. Have a couple of friends or classmates read it to you. Then answer the questions. You can also listen to the dialogue at: [www.bridge-online.cz](http://www.bridge-online.cz) (section: testy FCE a TOEFL)

**Female Student:** Hey Tommy, I've got a question for you.

**Male Student:** All right. What's up?

**FS:** I'm having trouble budgeting my expenses on food.

**MS:** Oh yeah? I had that problem when I first started here at the university. Have you thought about picking up a part-time job?

**FS:** Yeah, but I don't really want to, what with my course load, dance and yoga classes and the geology lab I've got Tuesday and Thursday nights.

**MS:** I can understand that. Plus, a job can distract from your studies.

**FS:** Exactly. And I do work over the summer.

**MS:** Well, do you have the University Meal Plan or the Flexi Card?

**FS:** I have the Flexi, but I only have a hundred dollars a month on it; my dad puts on fifty and I put in the other fifty from my summer savings. And, it just isn't enough.

**MS:** Well, you could ask your Dad for more, or put in more yourself. Or use the savings from your summer job to buy the UMP—it provides two meals a day at any campus eatery or cafeteria for up to six bucks each.

**FS:** Hmm. That's a possibility.

**MS:** Or, of course, you could cook at the dorm more often. That always saves money.

**FS:** But I don't have a car for the groceries.

**MS:** Use the campus store—it's not much, but you can always make spaghetti, sandwiches—you know, simple stuff.

**FS:** OK. Maybe that two or three times a week, and the UMP. Thanks a bunch, Tommy!

**MS:** No problem. So...

### 1. What is the woman's problem?

- A. She does not have a car.
- B. She does not have enough money.
- C. She is too busy.
- D. She is having problems with her eating expenses.

### 2. What can be inferred about the difference between the University Meal Plan and the Flexi Card?

- A. The UMP is more expensive.
- B. The UMP allows students to buy food on credit.
- C. The Flexi Card allows students to buy food on credit, whereas the UMP lets students buy individual meals.
- D. The UMP is a better option if students plan to cook at home.

### Ask one of your friends to repeat part of the conversation:

**FS:** Yeah, but I don't really want to, what with my course load, dance and yoga classes and the geology lab I've got Tuesday and Thursday nights.

**MS:** I can understand that. Plus, a job can distract from your studies.

### 3. What did the woman mean by this?

- A. She already has a job.
- B. She is not interested in working right now.
- C. She is too busy.
- D. Her summer job makes her hungry.

### 4. Why does the man suggest she cook at her place more often?

- A. Because McDonald's food is no good.
- B. It will save her a lot of time.
- C. It is much tastier that way.
- D. It is cheaper than eating elsewhere.

### 5. What do the speakers imply is the problem with the campus grocery store?

- A. It does not have a very wide selection of food and foodstuffs.
- B. It is too expensive.
- C. It is too big.
- D. The campus grocery store is too far away to be a practical option.