

EVOLVE LEVEL 5, Mid-term Test 2B

LISTENING 2

Lety: I'm having a serious case of buyer's regret, Jason.

Jason: Uh oh. What did you buy?

Lety: A fitness tracker. It cost me \$400 because it was one of the genuine FitU brand ones. You know the special edition one? It comes with this really neat strap so it looks like a watch. Anyway, I got it because it monitors your heart rate, the number of hours you sleep, your calorie intake ... and also you can watch workouts on screen and get reminders, so it all seemed very cool and I thought it would be of use and put me on the path to healthy living.

Jason: And? It does sound pretty good. So what happened? Didn't it work or something? You can send it back if it's faulty.

Lety: Well, no – it worked just fine. I could see that I'd slept 7 hours and 10 minutes and it told me that 350 calories had been consumed at breakfast and that my heart fitness should be improved and all that good stuff, but after a week, I forgot all about it and left it at home.

Jason: It really wasn't worth the money then.

Lety: No, it absolutely wasn't! Now I just think I was being foolish. I don't really have \$400 to spare so it was a very dumb thing to do.

Jason: Oh, no. You're being too hard on yourself!

Lety: I don't think so. I realize now that my phone can track my sleep, that I can track my calories, and that my walking app tells me how far I've walked or run each day. Also, I can't really see the workouts on screen because it's such a small screen, so I watch them on my tablet. If only I'd kept my \$400! I guess I've learned the hard way.

Jason: OK, if it helps at all, I've got an idea for a brand new gadget. Do you want to hear what it is?

Lety: Sure. Brighten up my day!

Jason: OK, I'm the sort of person who's always in too much of a hurry, and as a consequence, I leave stuff all over the place. I never put anything away. All my pants for work are jumbled up in the laundry basket waiting to be ironed, nothing ever gets folded, and I never hang up my jackets.

Lety: OK, ... go on?

Jason: My new gadget will be wearable, probably on a person's wrist, like a watch or a fitness tracker, and it'll have a camera. Every time the camera sees a pile of clothes or a heap of dirty dishes, an alarm will go off.

Lety: Oh! I get it! Little by little it trains you to become a neat, tidy person who cleans up and has everything in neat, tidy piles and lined up in alphabetical order!

Jason: Exactly! It'll be a life-changing experience!