

English oral comprehension

Video 3 – You are going to listen to a report ‘The UK’s last aerial ropeway uses no power, moves 300 tonnes a day, and will be gone by 2036’ (5’26”).

Listen carefully. Take notes if you wish. You will then have to answer **10 multiple choice questions**.

Time available at the end of the speech: **10 min**.

You will then listen to the speech a **second time** and have **5 minutes** at the end to check and, if necessary, correct your answers.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6RiYXI1Tfu4>

1. How much shale is dug up every year?

- a. 60,000t
- b. 50,000t
- c. 160,000t
- d. 16,000t

2. What defines the correct time to put a full bucket on the rope?

- a. A timer
- b. A Klaxon
- c. The position of an empty bucket
- d. Markers on the rope

3. What powers the ropeway?

- a. Petrol
- b. The weight of rocks
- c. Steam
- d. Elbow grease

4. How much shale can be moved by the ropeway every day?

- a. 100t
- b. 200t
- c. 300t
- d. 400t

5. What is particularly good about the bricks they make?

- a. They look good
- b. They are produced sustainably
- c. They are very large
- d. They are weather resistant

6. Which of the following statements is incorrect:

- a. The rope dates back to the 1920s
- b. It is difficult to find people who can work on this type of equipment
- c. The rope is made out of steel
- d. The technology behind the ropeway hasn't been changed

7. The design of the ropeway was... (tick the correct statement):

- a. Improved recently using computer calculations
- b. Adjusted recently by changing some heights
- c. Designed by people with low-tech instruments
- d. Only supposed to last a few years originally

8. During the financial crisis, the ropeway was:

- a. Shut down
- b. Kept open
- c. Run empty
- d. Used for something else

9. Why will the ropeway shut down in 2036?

- a. Because of concern from local residents
- b. Because of environmental concerns
- c. Because they will have run out of rock to quarry
- d. Because there is no demand for bricks anymore

10. When the ropeway is decommissioned, what needs to happen to it?

- a. It can be left to disappear
- b. It must be dismantled for environmental reasons
- c. It must be dismantled for safety reasons
- d. It will be kept for posterity as part of heritage conservation