

## English oral comprehension

**Video 4 - You are about to watch an excerpt from Good Morning Britain with an interview of UK Shadow Foreign Secretary, Labour MP Lisa Nandy who will discuss COVID and racism in the UK.**

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=qW6umM95r0c> (Duration: 0'26" – 5'53")

- 1. What does the male journalist say about Boris Johnson's statement?**
  - a. The British Prime Minister sounded confused
  - b. His remarks were wittingly contradictory
  - c. He was disgruntled
  - d. He was trying to retaliate to comments made by other politicians
  
- 2. What best describes Lisa Nandy's assessment of action taken by the government?**
  - a. It is overly confident
  - b. A devil-may-care attitude
  - c. They are endangering people by not heeding sound advice
  - d. They are trying to pretend as if nothing is wrong
  
- 3. What does she mean by saying "shifting the burden"?**
  - a. Boris Johnson is shirking responsibility
  - b. Boris Johnson is laying blame on citizens for the crisis
  - c. Responsibility is being placed where it should be
  - d. Front-line workers and essential business are going to receive additional support
  
- 4. What is another expression that reflects the journalist's comments about recent polls?**
  - a. To add insult to injury
  - b. Once more into the fray
  - c. Out of the frying pan into the fire
  - d. Like water off a duck's back

**5. What does Lisa Nandy say when discussing recent elections?**

- a. The nation is divided between England and the rest of the UK
- b. The UK is unlike the rest of the world
- c. She feels there is a rift between expectations and government action
- d. They clearly reflect recent polls

**6. What does Lisa Nandy say about the last year of lockdowns in the UK?**

- a. It has been stressful
- b. The government has been too strict
- c. The parliament should have been consulted more
- d. The government has changed tack for publicity

**7. What is another underlying issue of the COVID crisis according to Lisa Nandy?**

- a. The public and private health system is already overworked
- b. Scheduled medical care will suffer further delays
- c. Medical staff lack resources
- d. More people will fall ill to other illnesses

**8. What is another way of describing the message Lisa Nandy wants to send the Prime Minister?**

- a. Stop mincing words
- b. Stop avoiding the topic
- c. Stop arguing
- d. Stop using false truths

**9. The last question is about a rise in racism in the UK. What is the reference to Gary Neville about?**

- a. He was the subject of racist remarks from the Prime Minister and Home Secretary
- b. He said the government had stoked racism
- c. He blamed the opposition for doing nothing to tackle racism
- d. He highlighted the issue of racism among sportsmen

**10. What is Lisa Nandy's main point about social media?**

- a. They are enablers of hate speech
- b. They only care for money
- c. They are aiding and abetting criminals
- d. They are too protective of offender identities

