

Transcript & Vocabulary for Listening Test #8

This is listening test #8.

Remember that you can find the transcript to the dialogues in today's listening test as well as the vocabulary from the test on my website www.accelerateenglish.com/podcast

Dialogue #1

Find (information) out: to get some information

- If you go to our website, you can find out the prices for all our products.

Deal with (a problem): to try and manage a difficult situation

- The government needs to deal with the high rate of unemployment in the country.

Look into (a problem): to investigate a problem to learn more about it

- I'm not sure why the internet is so slow right now. I'll look into it.

Sort (a problem) out: to resolve a problem

- I had a problem with my credit card, but I went to the bank and they sorted it out.

Did the speaker solve the problem with the room?

One of the guests at our hotel said that there was a strange smell in her room. My supervisor was too busy to **deal with it** so I said I would **look into it**. There was indeed a strange smell. We tried to **sort it out** by cleaning the room, but it didn't work. We never did **find out** where the smell was coming from. Luckily the guest still gave us a good review.

Answer: no, they tried to sort it out by cleaning the room but it didn't work.

Dialogue #2

Get hung up on (something): to spend a lot of time thinking about something, usually something negative

- People often get hung up on their past mistakes, but they should try and forget about them.

Dwell on (something): same as "get hung up on"

- It was a small mistake. Don't dwell on it. Everything will be fine.

Get over (something): to move past something negative and return to your normal state of mind

- I lost \$500 at the casino, and I was upset about it for a few days but eventually I got over it.

Move on (to something): to transition to something new

- Everyone on the team is disappointed that we lost the game yesterday, but we have to move on and focus on our next game tomorrow.

Is the speaker still upset about losing the job opportunity?

I was disappointed when I learned that I didn't get the job that I applied for, but I didn't want to **get hung up on it**. I knew that **dwelling on it** wouldn't do me any good, so I **got over it** and **moved on** to the next opportunity. I'm glad I did.

Answer: no, he got over it and moved on to the next opportunity

Dialogue #3

Look (something) over: to quickly examine something

- Do you want to look over the menu or should we just order the pizza as usual?

Go over (something): same as "look over"

- I went over the contract before signing it.

Point (something) out: to direct people's attention towards something important

- My son pointed out some water on the ceiling. I think there's a leak from upstairs.

Fail to spot (something): to not notice something

- I returned the jacket that I bought because it had a small hole in it. I failed to spot the hole when I bought it.

Did the speaker discover the mistake in his speech?

Before it was time to give my big speech I had my wife **look it over**. I had already **gone over it** several times and it looked perfect to me but I'm glad I asked her because she quickly **pointed out a mistake** that would have been very embarrassing for me to make. I had **failed to spot it** completely.

Answer: no, his wife pointed out the mistake (he had failed to spot it)