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INTRODUCTION

The learner's guide is developed in order to propose students a wide range of listening comprehension activities based on the three video films "A Photographer", "Shopping in the UK", and "Chicago" (English File. Pre-Intermediate. Student's Book / Latham-Koenig C., Oxenden C. – New York: Oxford University Press, 2012. – 167 p.).

The activities to each film include Pre-viewing, While-viewing, and Post-viewing stages. The words and phrases, given in the Pre-viewing, can be translated to any language, depending on the native country of L2 learners (this learner's guide gives the translation into Turkish). While-viewing and Post-viewing offer students different types of exercises aimed to ensure a better comprehension of the videos.

The learner's guide is intended to help pre-intermediate-level students to overcome possible difficulties in listening comprehension and can be used not only in the English classroom but also during students' self-work.

Film 1 - A photographer

(Files 1-2)

Words and phrases	
to take a photo	resim çekmek
to find a job	iş bulmak
equipment	donanım
law school	hukuk okulu
(to have) a law degree from...	-den hukuki diplomasına sahip olmak
choice	karar
to graduate	mezun olmak
to decide	karar vermek
career	kariyer
to inherit	miras olarak almak
to pass away	vefat etmek
(to be) in mint condition	yepyeni, iyi durumda
to treasure	bir şeyin değerini bilmek
barely use	nadiren kullanmak
tough question	zor soru
to shoot a portrait	porter fotoğrafı çekmek
to entertain	eğlendirmek
to distract	dikkatini dağıtmak
to worry about	hakkında endişelenmek
trouble	sorun, dert
exciting	heyecanlı

Pre-viewing activities:

1. Match the words (1-10) to their definitions (a-j):

- | | |
|--------------------------|---|
| 1. choice | a) the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity; |
| 2. to treasure | b) to receive money, property, etc. from somebody when they die; |
| 3. exciting | c) to keep thinking about unpleasant things; |
| 4. trouble | d) to regard or treat as precious; |
| 5. career | e) to die; |
| 6. to inherit | f) something that produces excitement; |
| 7. equipment | g) to take somebody's attention away from what they are trying to do; |
| 8. to distract | h) an act of choosing between two or more possibilities; |
| 9. to worry about | i) a profession or occupation that a person has through his or her life; |
| 10. to pass away | j) a problem, worry, difficulty, etc.; |

2. Fill in the gaps with the correct word.

1. - You're **d**_____ me from my work! Be quiet, please!
2. During the interview I was asked some really **t**_____ **q**_____.
3. Tom **e**_____ us for hours with his stories and jokes.
4. Jane is an indecisive person. It's very difficult for her to **d**_____ what to wear.
5. We're sure you have made the right **c**_____ .
6. Stop **w**_____ **a**_____ your weight and take a piece of this cake!
7. I'm looking for the world's rarest butterflies. If you see one, **t**_____ a **p**_____ of it.
8. My husband has **i**_____ his mother's patience.
9. He **g**_____ from Oxford with a degree in Psychology.
10. These photos are the memories I will **t**_____ for the rest of my days.

3. Write your own sentences with the following words and phrases

1. (to be) in mint condition

2. (to have) a law degree from

3. tough question

4. to pass away

5. equipment

6. to inherit

7. to decide

8. to shoot a portrait

9. career

10. to entertain

While viewing activities

1. Watch the video and match the pictures (1-10) with the sentences below.

(A-J)

1. <input type="checkbox"/>		2. <input type="checkbox"/>		3. <input type="checkbox"/>		4. <input type="checkbox"/>	
5. <input type="checkbox"/>		6. <input type="checkbox"/>		7. <input type="checkbox"/>		8. <input type="checkbox"/>	
	9. <input type="checkbox"/>		10. <input type="checkbox"/>				

- A. Today Gonzalo is taking photographs of a model for a famous fashion website.
- B. Gonzalo now works as a professional fashion photographer.
- C. Photography isn't always easy.
- D. This is Gonzalo. He's a photographer.

E. For Gonzalo every day is different and in a city like New York there's always something new and exciting to photograph.

F. He uses several different cameras and lenses.

G. - It entertains me. It distracts me. It stops me from worrying about my everyday problems or my stress or anything. So, I enjoy it. I enjoy it, you know.

H. At the moment he's living and working in New York.

I. Gonzalo travels a lot and at the moment he is working on three different jobs.

J. - My first camera, um, actually is this one. I inherited it from my grandfather.

2. Watch the video and say what this information refers to.

New York

German

Guatemala

Leica M2

east village

portraits

law school

sports fan

UFM

three jobs

3. Define which of the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

1. Gonzalo is from India.

2. Every day he takes photos of nature.

3. Gonzalo came to New York 2 years ago.

4. He wasn't working for a newspaper.

5. Gonzalo has several different cars.

6. He inherited his Leica M2 camera from his father who was Australian.

7. Gonzalo's favourite things to shoot are portraits, street and sports.

8. He travels a lot and at the moments he is working on three different jobs.

9. Taking photos doesn't entertain him. It also doesn't stop him from worrying about his everyday troubles.

10. There is always something new to shoot in a city like Washington.

4. Fill in the gaps with the words from the box.

<i>lens</i>	<i>to find a job</i>	<i>to travel</i>	<i>fashion</i>	<i>special</i>
<i>professional</i>	<i>stress</i>	<i>quality</i>	<i>several</i>	<i>to pass away</i>

1. The Internet is the best way to _____ a new _____.
2. We _____ to California for the wedding.
3. The water here is of poor _____ .
4. A good camera _____ has a major impact on the quality of your photos.
5. There is something _____ about this place.
6. We all sometimes struggle with the _____ and difficulties of daily life.
7. _____ week generally refers to the womenswear shows that takes place twice per year.
8. She began her _____ career as a musician 25 years ago.
9. Their grandfather _____ 2 years ago.
10. This author has written _____ books about London.

Post viewing activities

1. Answer the questions.

1. Who is Gonzalo?
2. What does he take photo of?
3. Where did he come from and why?
4. Where did he graduate from? Tell about Gonzalo's education.
5. What is his job?
6. What equipment does he use?
7. What is special about Gonzalo's first camera?
8. What are Gonzalo's favourite things to shoot?
9. Does he like his job? Why?
10. What is special about taking photo in New York?

2. Write a short summary of the film using the words and phrases given at the beginning of this part.

**Film 2 – Shopping in the UK
(Files 3-4)**

Words and phrases	
high street	ana cadde
town-centered shop	şehir merkezinde bulunan mağaza
empty	boş
shopper	alışveriş yapan kimse, müşteri
to cover over	kapsamak
square meter	metre kare
to browse	göz gezdirmek
label	etiket
meal	öğün
riverside location	nehir kenarı konumu
experience	deneyim
fashionable	moda olan
brand name	marka adı
arcade	pasaj
jewellery	mücevher
fancy	süslü
luxurious	gösterişli, lüks
unique	benzersiz
silverware	gümüş eşya
precious	değerli
slippers	terlik, ayakkabı
owner	sahip

to modernise	modernize etmek
to be excited about	için heyecanlanmak
to be based	dayalı olmak
store	mağaza
expert	uzman, bilirkişi
to predict	öngörmek
retail	perakende
transaction	işlem
to offer	önermek, teklif etmek
convenience	kolaylık, rahatlık
to continue	devam etmek

Pre-viewing activities:

1. Look at the Word Search Box below. Find and cross out 10 new words from the vocabulary above.



- | | |
|----------|-----------|
| 1. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

2. Fill in the gaps with the words given in the Word Search Box above.

1. Our family spent a _____ weekend at a country hotel.
2. Do you have any _____ working with children?
3. They still haven't found the dog's _____.
4. I turned left after the grocery _____.
5. Gracia is the most _____ area in Barcelona.
6. The stolen _____ valued at £ 100 000.
7. Tom likes the _____ of living close to work.
8. We decided to _____ our house and installed a new sink and dishwasher.
9. Scientists _____ that a comet would collide with one on the planets.
10. I'd recognize your hand writing everywhere - it's _____.

3. Underline the correct variant.

1. She **is** very **excited/based** at becoming a great aunt.
2. The recommended **retail/label** price is £ 99.99.
3. The streets are full of Christmas **slippers/shoppers**. 4. The historical remains of this city **are** now **covered over/browsed** by office buildings.
5. Objects, especially knives, forks, spoons. etc., made of silver are called **jewellery/silverware**.
6. After modernising the house my kitchen is full of **fancy/empty** tools and gadgets now.
7. We're wasting **precious/luxurious time**.
8. The best shops are on the **riverside location/high street**.
9. All these new products **were based/excited** on extensive market research
10. I don't think they need help, but we should **offer/predict** anyway.

While viewing activities

1. **Fill in the gaps and match the paragraphs (1-10) in the order they appear in the video.**



The Burlington Arcade, which opened in 1819, was one of the world's first _____ Lord George Cavendish, the man who built the _____ said it was "for sale of _____ and _____ articles."



As long as places like The Burlington Arcade and The Oracle continue to _____ and _____ they will _____ to be a popular place to shop.



The British _____ has always been a popular place to buy and sell. Recently, however, this has changed. Fourteen per cent of _____ shops are now _____. So, where have all the _____ gone?



However, the Burlington's _____ are going to modernise this traditional shopping arcade. Something they are _____ about is that some global modern _____, like Lulu Guinness and Jimmy Choo, are going to be _____ there, as well as the older specialist stores like Penhaligons and the jewellers Heming of London.



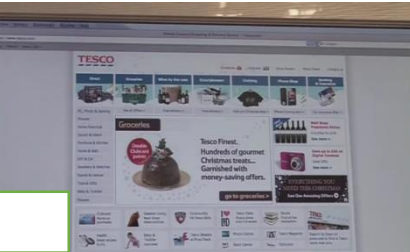


With its glass roof and _____ The Oracle _____ a 21 century shopping _____.



Today, shoppers can still buy _____ and _____ products, such as hand-made gold and _____, _____ materials and even these golden _____.



Today, it has 90 shops on three different levels and _____ 80,000 square metres. Shoppers can _____ their favourite _____ have a _____ or a drink in one of its 22 restaurants, cafes and bars or even watch a film in its 10-screen cinema.

	<p>_____ that this is going to change as online shopping becomes more popular and people start to shop from home. However, at the moment only about 10% of _____ take place online while 31% take place in shopping centres.</p>
	<p>It is an _____ and entertaining place where you can buy of today's most _____ brand names. But shopping centres are not just a 21st century _____.</p>
	<p>The Burlington _____ and The Oracle are two very different shopping centres but both are almost always _____.</p>

2. Watch the video again and say what these numbers refer to.

1999

90

80,000 square metres

22

1819

200 metres

200 years

10% and 31%

3. Choose the correct variant.

1. The British high street has always been a popular place to _____.

- a) walk
- b) buy and sell
- c) have a meal or a drink

6. The arcade is almost _____ long.

- a) 200 metres
- b) 200 years
- c) 80,000 square metres

2. The Oracle offers _____.

- a) a 21st century phenomenon
- b) a 21st century shopping experience
- c) a riverside location

3. Shoppers can browse _____, have a meal or a drink.

- a) a glass roof
- b) the British high street
- c) their favourite labels

4. The Burlington Arcade opened in _____ by Lord George Cavendish.

- a) 1999
- b) 1819
- c) the 21st century

5. Today, shoppers can buy luxurious and unique products, such as hand-made gold and silverware, precious materials and even these _____.

- a) golden teeth
- b) golden slippers
- c) golden clothing

7. The Burlington's owners are going to _____ this traditional shopping arcade.

- a) sell
- b) modernise
- c) demolish

8. The Burlington Arcade and The Oracle are two very different shopping centres but both are almost always _____.

- a) empty
- b) fashionable
- c) busy

9. Experts predict that this is going to change as _____ becomes more popular.

- a) online shopping
- b) specialist stores
- c) The Burlington owners

10. As long as places like The Burlington Arcade and The Oracle continue to offer _____ they will continue to be a popular place to shop.

- a) meals and drinks
- b) convenience and choice
- c) online shopping

Post viewing activities

1. Answer the questions.

1. What places has been popular to go shopping?
2. What are the names of the famous British shopping stores?
3. What can shoppers do in The Oracle?
4. What does The Oracle offer?
5. What is special about The Burlington Arcade?
6. Who was the founder of The Burlington Arcade and what was it for?
7. What unique products can shoppers buy there?
8. What the owners are going to do? Why?
9. What do experts predict?
10. What should these famous stores do to stay popular places to shop?

2. Write a summary of the film using the words and phrases given at the beginning of this part.

Film 3 – Chicago
(Files 5-6)

Words and phrases	
gangster	gangster
population	nüfus
tourist destination	turistik yer
to walk along	yürümek, bir şeyin yanından geçmek
shore	sahil, kıyı
to admire	hayranlık duymak
view	manzara
department store chain	büyük mağaza zinciri
office blocks	ofis binası, iş hanı
skyscraper	gökdelen
tourist attraction	turist çeken şey, turistik merkez
nickname	lakap, takma isim
major city	büyük şehir
weather expert	hava uzmanı
to disagree	aynı düşüncede olmamak
in fact	aslında
scientist	bilim adamı
climate	iklim
to change	değişmek
to be ahead	önde olmak
preparation	hazırlık
climate change	iklim değişimi
to construct	inşa etmek
environmentally friendly	çevre dostu
green area	yeşil alan
hedge	çit
pathway	patika, yol
to invest in	yatırım yapmak
tropical	tropikal
properly	iyice, uygun bir şekilde
to deal with	ilgilenmek
pollution	kirlilik

Pre-viewing activities:

1. Match the words 1-10 to their definitions a-j:

- | | |
|----------------------|--|
| 1. gangster | a) a very tall building in a city |
| 2. pollution | b) to have a different opinion |
| 3. skyscraper | c) the land along the edge of a sea, lake |
| 4. to admire | d) a line of bushes or small trees |

- 5. to disagree
- 6. to invest in
- 7. hedge
- 8. shore
- 9. climate change
- 10. nickname

- e) an informal, often humorous, name for a person
- f) a member of a group of violent criminals
- g) to buy something that is expensive but useful
- h) changes in the earth`s weather, including changes of temperature, wind patterns and rainfall
- i) the process of making air, water, soil etc. dirty
- j) to find someone or something attractive

2. Fill in the gaps with the correct word.

1. This is a city where we really want to encourage **e**_____ **f**_____ transport of all kinds.
2. The 1930s was a period of famous **g**_____ such as Bonnie and Clyde.
3. Europe is the most important **t**_____ **d**_____ in the world.
4. Let`s just sit and **a**_____ this breathtaking view.
5. The Great Pyramids of Giza are highly popular **t**_____ **a**_____.
6. The number of applications to convert **o**_____ **b**_____ into homes increased last year.
7. Careful **p**_____ for the exam is essential.
8. Ten percent of the **p**_____ lived in poverty.
9. On the smaller islands, houses are often **c**_____ of local materials.
10. Our factory **d**_____ directly **w**_____ its customers.

3. Explain the meaning of the words below, for example, using such structure as:

- (a noun) is a ____ which ____
- (an adjective) is similar to, is opposite to, is like ____
- (a verb) we do this when ____

Scientist, building, weather expert, to walk along, to construct, pathway, preparation, major city, environmentally friendly, tropical

While viewing activities

1. Watch the video and match the pictures (1-10) with the sentences below.

(A-J)



A. Many American people call Chicago “The Second City” because for a hundred years it had the second biggest population in the country.

B. They go to the Millennium Park, the newest park in Chicago, they walk along the shore of Lake Michigan, the second largest of the five Great Lakes, and they admire the view from the top of The Willis Tower.

C. Chicago’s other famous nickname is “The Windy City”. People say that it is windier than other major cities but weather experts disagree.

D. This will cause problems but at the moments America’s Second City is one of the first places to properly deal with pollution and climate change.

E. Chicago is the largest city in the U.S. state of Illinois.

F. In fact scientists predict that Chicago will have a very different climate in the future. They say that it won’t be as cold and as windy as it is now but will be warmer and wetter.

G. Today, Chicago is a very popular tourist destination.

H. The Willis Tower used to be called the Sears Tower and for 25 years it was the tallest building in the world.

I. Some of the things it is famous for are pizza, gangsters and sports.

J. The city is constructing new environmentally friendly buildings, planning more parks and green areas and placing big hedges alongside the city's pathways.

2. Define which of the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

1. Chicago Cubs is Chicago's oldest rugby team.

2. Some of the things it is famous for are parks, cafes and shopping stores.

3. Chicago was smaller than New York but, until 1970s, it was bigger than every other American city.

4. Every year over thirty million people visit the city.

5. In 1959 Sears, Roebuck and co., the largest departments store chain in the world at that time, built the tower as apartment blocks.

6. The Willis Tower is still the tallest skyscraper in the U.S and it is taller than the Burj Khalifa in Dubai and Petronas Twin Towers in Kuala Lumpur.

7. Chicago's other famous nickname is "The Warm City".

8. Chicago is also investing in new roads and car parks for electric cars.

9. Chicago is a changing city.

10. Chicago won't be a hotter more tropical place than it is today.

3. Watch again one of the end extracts and fill in the gaps.

1. This will _____ many changes but Chicago is _____ than most other cities in its _____ for climate change. The city is constructing new environmentally friendly _____, planning more parks and green areas and placing _____ alongside the city's pathways. Chicago is also investing in new roads and car parks for _____.

Chicago is a _____ city. The Windy City's famous climate is going to become much _____. Chicago will be hotter more tropical place than it is today. This will _____ problems but at the moment America's Second City is one of the first places to _____ deal with pollution and climate change.

4. Write your own sentences with the following words and phrases.

1. to walk along

2. skyscraper

3. tourist attraction

4. weather expert

5. in fact

6. to be ahead

7. climate change

8. environmentally friendly

9. to invest in

10. to deal with

Post viewing activities

1. Answer the questions.

1. What is Chicago famous for?
2. What sport is played in Chicago? What is the name of Chicago's famous sport team?
3. How do American people call Chicago?
4. Why Chicago is a popular tourist destination?
5. Where do people usually walk along and admire the view?
6. What is the second name of The Willis Tower? Why is it called like that?
7. What is special about the skyscraper?
8. Does Chicago have a nickname? What is it and why is it called like that?
9. Why Chicago prepares for climate change? How does the city prepare for it?
10. What kind of city is Chicago going to be?

3. Say what this information refers to.

Illinois

Wrigley Field

The Second City

1980s

thirty million

the Millennium Park

Lake Michigan

The Sears Tower

25 years

Burj Khalifa

The Windy City

environmentally friendly building

climate change

3. Write a summary of the film using the words and phrases given at the beginning of this part.

Answer Keys

Film 1 – A photographer

Pre-viewing activities

Ex.1

1.h, 2.d, 3.f, 4.j, 5.a, 6.b, 7.a, 8.g, 9.c, 10.e

Ex. 2

1. distracting, 2. tough questions, 3. entertained, 4. decide, 5.choice, 6. worrying about, 7. take a photo, 8. inherited, 9. graduated, 10. treasure

While viewing activities

Ex.1

1. D, 2. H, 3. B, 4. F, 5. J, 6. A, 7.C, 8.I, 9.J, 10.

Ex. 3

1. F, 2. F, 3. T, 4. F, 5. F, 6. F, 7. T, 8. T, 9. F, 10.T

Ex. 4

1. find a job, 2. travelled, 3. quality, 4. lens, 5. special, 6. Stress, 7. fashion, 8. professional, 9. passed away, 10. several

Film 2 – Shopping in the UK

Pre-viewing activities

Ex. 1

owner, modernise, jewellery, convenience, predict, store, luxurious, unique, experience, fashionable

Ex. 2

1. luxurious, 2. experience, 3. owner, 4. store, 5. fashionable, 6. jewellery, 7. convenience, 8. modernize, 9. predict, 10. unique

Ex. 3

1. excited, 2. retail, 3. shoppers, 4. covered over, 5. silverware, 6. fancy, 7. precious, 8. high street, 9. based, 10. offer

While viewing activities

Ex. 1

- 5 – shopping centre, arcade, jewellery, fancy
- 10 – offer, convenience, choice, continue
- 1 – high street, town-centered, empty, shoppers
- 7 – owners, excited, brands, based, stores
- 3 – riverside location, offers, experience
- 6 – luxurious, unique, silverware, precious, slippers
- 2 – covers over, browse, labels, meal
- 9 – experts, predict, retail transactions
- 4 – exciting, fashionable, phenomenon
- 8 – Arcade, busy

Ex. 3

- 1- b, 2 - b, 3 - c, 4 - b, 5 - b, 6 - a, 7 - b, 8 - c, 9 - a, 10 - b

Film 3 – Chicago

Pre-viewing activities

Ex. 1

1. f, 2. i, 3. a, 4. j, 5. b, 6. g, 7. d, 8. c, 9. h, 10.e

Ex. 2

1. environmentally friendly, 2. gangsters, 3. tourist destination, 4. admire, 5. tourist attractions, 6. office blocks, 7. preparation, 8. population, 9. constructed, 10. deals with

While viewing activities

Ex. 1

1. E, 2. I, 3. A, 4. G, 5. B, 6. H, 7. C, 8. F, 9. J, 10. D

Ex. 2

- 1.F, 2.F, 3. F, 4. T, 5. F, 6. F, 7. F, 8.T, 9.T, 10.T

Ex. 3

- Mean, further ahead, preparations, buildings, big hedges, electric cars, changing, warmer, cause, properly

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