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I need some information

Questions

- Read fast. You have just two minutes to answer these questions.
 - Why is the network down on Tuesday afternoons?
 - Who can't rent a room in the house in Hollingworth Street?
 - What does TGIF stand for?
 - Which notice is in the wrong section?
-  Listen to three conversations and match them to the correct notices.
-  Listen to conversation 1 again.
 - What does the woman want?
 - Why won't the man help?
- Work with a partner. Practise asking questions with *What time ...?* Ask about:
 - the mail room (open / close)
 - Paul Peters (leave / arrive)
 - the first aid course (start / finish)
 - the first shuttle bus in the morning
 - the help desk
 - the TGIF party.

Example
 A *What time does the mail room open?*
 B *At eight thirty in the morning.*
-  Listen to conversation 2 again.
 - How long will it take to count the inventory?
 - How long will the course last?



COMPANY NOTICES

Workplace First Aid Course
 Level 2 Training Thursday 20th Nov 9.30-12.30
 Contact Sharon Moss, Safety Officer (ext 2453)

MAIL ROOM
 Opening hours
 Mon-Thurs 8.30am-5pm
 Fri 8am-4pm

NETWORK SUPPORT
 The Help Desk is open Mon-Fri 8am-7pm.
 Please note we perform regular maintenance work on the network on Tuesdays 17.00-19.00.
 During this time there may be some brief downtimes when users will be unable to access the system.

MOTORBIKE FOR SALE
HARLEY DAVIDSON
2002 Blast
 5000 miles, 7 years.
 Single cylinder
 Excellent condition
 One careful owner: £3000
 Contact: Bill Peters (01908 6054723)

FOR SALE & WANTED

WANTED
A second hand piano
 Can collect but must be under £250.
 email: honeybun673892@yahoo.com

LIFTS

MILTON KEYNES
 Do you travel in from the Milton Keynes area every day?
 Looking for people to car pool.
 I generally leave home at 7.15 and get here for 8.30.
 Paul Peters: 01908 6054723

3 seater black sofa
 Cost £1200 new.
 Will accept £600

21" colour television
 £100

Judith Walters, Logistics, 6th floor.

take and last

We use **take** to say how much time we need to do something.

It takes me an hour to get to work.

We use **last** to say how long things continue.

One tank of petrol lasts me three days.

6 Complete these questions with **take** or **last**. Then ask and answer them with a partner.

- How long does it to get to the Lynfield plant?
- How long does *House of Frankenstein*?
- How long do the TGIF parties?
- How long does it Paul Peters to get to work?
- How long do chess club meetings?
- How long do the network downtimes?

7 Listen to conversation 3 again. What's the apartment like?

What and How questions

We often use **what** and **how** with other words.

What size / colour / make / kind of ...?

How far / many / much / long / often ...?

What's it like? is a very general question. It means 'Tell me about it'.

What's your house or apartment like? Tell the class.

8 Complete these questions with **what** or **how**. Then ask and answer them with a partner.

- make is Bill Peter's motorbike and old is it?
- kind of piano does Honeybun want?
- much does it cost to rent the apartment in Alicante in August?
- colour is Judith's sofa and size is her television?
- often do they hold TGIF parties?
- much does Lisa weigh?
- is the Riverside flat like?
- many people can fit into the Alicante apartment?

9 Think of some things you want to advertise and write some notices. Read each other's notices and ask questions.

CLUBS & EVENTS

THANK GOODNESS IT'S FRIDAY
come and celebrate the end of the working week
TGIF party Every Friday.
5.30pm — late!
Duke of York pub across the road
see you there!

This week Friday Nov 21st 6pm
HOUSE OF FRANKENSTEIN
Starring Boris Karloff, 1945, 71 mins.
Tickets £8 in advance, £10 at the door
Next Friday: The Matrix

*Hi, I'm Lisa.
George & I got married at 3.30pm Nov 12th.
Mummy and Daddy (Louise and Peter) thank everyone for the lovely flowers.*

Chess Club meetings
Fridays: 8-10pm
in George and Dragon,
Lynfield Road
Beginners welcome

ACCOMMODATION

Holiday apartment to let in ALICANTE
Sleeps 2 people in 4 with the sofa bed in the lounge. 10-minute walk to the beach. 15-minute drive to the town centre.

July and August: £275 per week
Sept - April: £200 per week
October - April: £250 per week
Call Michael on 01934 3425833, john_anna39@hotmail.com

Room available for rent in three bedroom house for female non-smoker.
Hollingsworth Street
- five minutes walk from the office
No dogs allowed.
Rent: £350 per month (does not include gas, electricity, water, etc.)

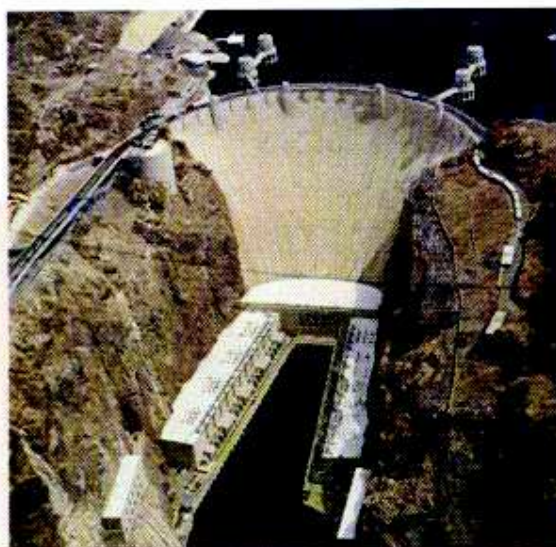
Call 01934 3425833, john_anna39@hotmail.com

Riverside flat Fabulous ground floor flat in the Riverside area.
Beautiful tree-lined street. Very quiet.
Fireplace, hardwood floors, small back garden.
£800 per month.
Call John Simmonds on 01934 3425833, john_anna39@hotmail.com

Numbers

- 1 What dam is this and where is it? When was it built and how long did it take to build?

The Hoover dam is located 50 kms south-east of Las Vegas in the USA. It was built in the 1930s to stop flooding and provide irrigation, domestic water, and power. First they had to reroute the Colorado River through tunnels, and then they had to build the dam itself. It's 221 metres tall, 201 metres wide at its base, and it weighs nearly six billion tonnes. When it was finished, it was the largest dam in the world. Amazingly, the whole construction project was completed in just under five years.



- 2 Listen to some tourists at the dam. What questions do they ask their guide?

- 3 Listen again and underline the numbers you hear.

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 a 4 m kwh | b 4 b kwh |
| 2 a 35,369,000m ³ | b 35,396,000m ³ |
| 3 a 20.5 bar | b 21.5 bar |
| 4 a 2,250,000 m ³ | b 2,500,000 m ³ |
| 5 a 5,218 | b 5,280 |
| 6 a 1934 | b 1943 |
| 7 a 40 °C | b 44 °C |
| 8 a \$500,000 | b \$1,000,000 |
| 9 a \$1 | b \$1.25 |

What do the numbers refer to?

- 4 Find the numbers in 3 that refer to these things and say them aloud.

- The amount of concrete they used
- The average amount of electricity generated by the dam in a year
- The capacity of Lake Mead
- The hourly pay of a crane operator
- The average monthly payroll
- The year most people worked on the dam
- The maximum number of people working on the dam
- The temperature the desert can reach
- The water pressure at the bottom

Numbers

Large numbers

1,000,000 (or 1 m) = a million

1,000,000,000 (or 1 b) = a billion (a thousand million)

1,000,000,000,000 = a trillion (a million million)

Fractions

Notice how we say these fractions:

$\frac{1}{4}$ a quarter $\frac{1}{3}$ a third $\frac{1}{2}$ a half

$\frac{3}{4}$ three quarters $\frac{9}{10}$ nine tenths

We sometimes use fractions when we say large numbers.

2,500,000 Two and a half million

Years

Say years before 2000 in two parts. After 2000, say the number.

1934 Nineteen thirty four

2001 Two thousand and one

Money

We write the currency before the number, but we say it after the number.

\$500,000 Five hundred thousand dollars NOT dollars five hundred thousand

We say smaller units of currency after the number.

\$1.25 One dollar twenty five cents

5 Write these numbers.

Example	Two million	2,000,000
1	Three trillion	.....
2	Two thirds	.....
3	Seven eighths	.....
4	Thirty five and a half thousand	.....
5	Half a billion	.....
6	Two and a quarter million	.....
7	Nineteen sixty six	.....
8	Two thousand and twelve	.....
9	Five hundred dollars	.....
10	Six euros and nine cents	.....

s or no s

Don't add s to words like *hundred*, *thousand*, *million*, etc. after a number.

Six billion tonnes (not *six billions tonnes* and not *six billions of tonnes*)

We use s and of in expressions with no number.
Hundreds of men died.

They used billions of tonnes of concrete.

6 Complete these sentences. Form the correct expression with the number in brackets.

Three and a half thousand people worked on the dam each day. (thousand)

Thousands of people worked on the dam each day. (thousand)

- At its base, the dam is two metres wide. (thousand)
- They spent dollars constructing the dam. (million)
- people worked on the dam. (thousand)
- The average monthly payroll was five hundred dollars. (thousand)
- The dam can generate over ten kilowatt-hours a year. (billion)
- Lake Mead holds more than thirty five cubic metres of water. (million)
- people died building the dam. (hundred)
- Every year, tourists visit the dam. (thousand)

7 Work with a partner.

A – look at the information below.

B – look at file 15 on page 106.

A

- Read this information to your partner so they can make a note of the numbers.



The Colorado River is 2,253 km long. When they were building the Hoover dam, they rerouted the river through tunnels. The tunnels had a total length of 4,860 m and they were over 15 m in diameter. They were lined with 229,359 m³ of concrete. The tunnels could carry over 5,500 m³ of water per second.

- Your partner will read some more information about the dam. Make a note of the missing numbers.

They started laying the concrete in June¹ and finished in May². The dam was built in blocks that varied in size from about³ m² at the bottom to about m² at the top. To set the concrete, they laid more than⁴ km steel pipe in the concrete and pumped icy water through it. The water came from a refrigeration plant that could produce⁵ tonnes of ice a day.

8 Divide into two teams and hold a quiz.

Team A – look at file 22 on page 109.

Team B – look at file 31 on page 113.