

DIAGNOSTIC TEST LISTENING SCRIPT

- Faisal:** The semester is *finally* over, Emma. Thank goodness!
- Emma:** I know, right! This semester felt like the longest semester ever. But at least it's done.
- Faisal:** Indeed. So, are you planning to travel anywhere this summer?
- Emma:** Oh yea... I'm going to fly to Brazil! And I leave tomorrow.
- Faisal:** NICE! Have you ever been there before?
- Emma:** Never. This'll be my first time.
- Faisal:** It's such a great place. I was there two years ago. How long are you going to stay for?
- Emma:** I don't know. I might stay for the whole summer! I might come back in a few weeks.
Who knows? We've got the whole summer off!
- Faisal:** *You* sure do!
- Emma:** What are you doing this summer, Faisal?
- Faisal:** Well, I've decided to take a course in the first summer semester.
- Emma:** Nice. So your summer really hasn't started yet.
- Faisal:** Not yet. But it will in a few weeks. Then I'm flying back to Vancouver for the rest of the summer.
- Emma:** Canada is an absolutely beautiful place in the summer, isn't it? It's so much better than the winter. The peaceful surroundings, the gorgeous nature... so much more interesting than in the winter, right?
- Faisal:** Well, yea. But Vancouver isn't as cold as the rest of Canada in the winter. It's a good place to go to anytime.
- Emma:** I didn't know that. Well, I've always wanted to visit. I've heard it's very multicultural.
- Faisal:** It is. And ... you should come. Cancel your trip to Brazil! Or come back quickly, and meet me in Vancouver.

- Emma:** I should! But I also want to practice speaking Portuguese this summer.
- Faisal:** I didn't know you spoke Portuguese. How many languages do you speak then?
- Emma:** Well, I can speak English—obviously—German, and Spanish. Portuguese will be my fourth, but I only speak a bit of Portuguese. And I don't speak it well enough to have a decent conversation, unlike the other three.
- Faisal:** Oh, but Portuguese must be pretty easy if you already speak similar languages.
- Emma:** Yea, it's not too difficult to learn. I'm actually teaching it to myself... with some help from the Internet, of course.
- Faisal:** Cool. Is that how you learned Spanish?
- Emma:** No, I had to take Spanish in high school and college. So, that's how I learned it. What about you?
- Faisal:** I only speak English and Arabic, but I want to learn Chinese. Maybe I could practice Chinese this summer in Vancouver! Do you think I'll be able to?
- Emma:** I think so. You should find a language exchange partner and take a class. Then, you could travel to China with me next year and translate for me!
- Faisal:** We'll see. First, I have to focus on this summer course. And I've got to meet my friend James in ... three minutes ... downtown. I'm a bit late. Have a great trip!
- Emma:** Have a good summer, Faisal!