

UNIT 3 REVIEW TEST LISTENING SCRIPT

Johan: Good morning, Mr. Smith!

Mr. Smith: Good morning, Johan.

Johan: Mr. Smith is my guest today, and we're talking about the fastest growing outdoor activity in the world today—birdwatching. Welcome, Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith: It's a pleasure to be here.

Johan: Firstly, tell us when you became interested in birds?

Mr. Smith: It started as a hobby when I was very young, and my passion has only grown with the years. I became fascinated with two little brown wrens that made a nest in my baseball cap. I watched them every day until their little babies flew away.

Johan: And that was how it all began?

Mr. Smith: Yes, from then on I started a list. Every time I saw a different bird in our garden I added it to my list. Now, I have over 300 different species! At the beginning, I only wrote down the name, then I added the time of year that I saw them. After that, I started a photo collection, and then I began recording their songs—the way they speak to each other. So now I also have created a type of digital audio and visual library.

Johan: That's incredible.

Mr. Smith: Thank you. But considering there are about ten thousand different species in the world. I'm still far from the end.

Johan: How long have you been doing this for?

Mr. Smith: In the U.S., I've been doing it for thirty-five years, but recently, I've begun traveling to different parts of the world, too.

Johan: And where, in your opinion, is the best bird watching in America?

Mr. Smith: I took my family to Cape May in New Jersey last fall. It's in a very densely populated state, as we know, but in a week, we saw thousands of different birds, all of them were

flying south for the winter. Absolutely ideal for someone like me, and so close to home! But even my family enjoyed it.

Johan: Did you ever expect to become such an expert on birds?

Mr. Smith: No, I didn't. It may come as a surprise to you, but I still feel like I'm an amateur. There are many people who have far more knowledge and experience than me in this field. This is not my day job—I work for a travel agency. I love my job, so I'll have to figure out how to get to the next place on my list to watch birds. It won't be easy because the Amazon isn't a quick vacation!

Johan: Well, thank you for taking the time to share your hobby with us today, Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith: It's been a pleasure.