

[CD track No.01]

No. 1 M: You know, the new sales manager just isn't up to the job(\*1).

F: You're telling me(\*2). I'm surprised he's lasted this long.

M: *I wonder if he knows* his days are numbered(\*3).

F: *He must. I saw him coming out of the president's office yesterday and he looked a bit pale. I think he was* getting dressed down(\*4).

M: I feel sorry for him.

F: Me too. I wouldn't want to be in his shoes(\*5).

**Question:** *What do these people imply?*

- 1 The president is doing a poor job.
- 2 **The sales manager may soon lose his job.**
- 3 The sales manager is poorly dressed.
- 4 The president's office needs new furniture.

[Answer] 2

Notes for Listening Part 1

- \*1 be not up to the job : 仕事に向いていない
- \*2 you're telling me : 全くその通りだ、百も承知だ
- \*3 one's days are numbered : 余命いくばくもない
- \*4 dress down : ~を叱責する
- \*5 be in one's shoes : ~の立場に身を置く

[CD track No.02]

**No. 2** F: Hey, didn't we just pass by that gas station a little while ago?

M: Uh...I think so...maybe...I'm not sure what happened but I think we just went in a circle.

F: Well, why don't you pull over<sup>(\*6)</sup> and ask someone for directions?

M: No...*I think I'm okay now. I must have made a wrong turn somewhere.*

F: Yeah, that's pretty obvious...I wish you'd stop being such a hard  
head<sup>(\*7)</sup>. Look, pull into that next gas station and I'll ask someone.

M: No, *really, I'll be fine. I just need to* get my bearings<sup>(\*8)</sup> *straight*.

**Question:** *Why doesn't the man seek assistance?*

- 1 He isn't really lost.
- 2 He has figured out the way to go.
- 3 He knows where he made a wrong turn.
- 4 **He doesn't want to admit he's lost.**

[Answer] 4

— **Notes for Listening Part 1** —

\*6 pull over : (車を) 路肩に寄せる、停止させる

\*7 hard head : 頑固者、わからず屋

\*8 get one's bearings : 自分の位置を確かめる、方向を確かめる