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## EPREUVE DE BREVET BLANC D'ANGLAIS

### LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Lisez d'abord très attentivement ce qui est attendu de vous et les informations que nous vous demandons de repérer. Concentrez-vous ensuite sur les éléments demandés. L'écoute se fera d'abord dans son intégralité. Ensuite, elle sera fractionnée, ce qui vous laissera le temps de prendre des notes.

Context:

*Walter is at his grandparents', who live in Manhattan. He is looking at a book on old New York.*

1. What type of document is it? / 0.5

It's a **dialogue**  
**conversation**

2. What is the theme of the document? What are Walter and his grand- father talking about? /0.5

The document is about **New York**; they are talking about the **Empire State Building**.

3. About the Empire State Building. /2.5

Time needed for construction: **two years**

Inauguration date:

**1931 (nineteen thirty-one)**

Number of elevators:

**73 (seventy-three)**

Number of floors:

**102 (one hundred and two)**

Number of steps:

**1860 (one thousand, eight hundred and sixty)**



4. Right or Wrong?

/ 2.5

a. Walter's grand-father wasn't there in 1931.

right  wrong

b. They built five floors a day.

right  wrong

c. The elevator men were his enemies.

right  wrong

d. Walter's grand-father never went to the top of the Empire State Building.

right  wrong

e. It took 3 hours to walk down the steps.

right  wrong

5. Fill in the blanks. Listen to a precise passage of the conversation and find the missing words.

/2.5

*Mr Kingsley:* In 1931? Yes. We used to live on East 35<sup>th</sup> **street** then, and I could see the works from my **window**. It was fascinating. At one point they managed to build one floor a day.

*Walter:* One floor a day! How long did it take to build the whole **skyscraper**?

*Mr Kingsley:* Only two years. I used to go there **every day**. I even made **friends** with the elevator men.

6. What does Walter want to do tomorrow?

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He wants to **visit the Empire State building**.

7. What are Walter's feelings?

/0.5

Excited

Depressed

Anguished

Angry

8. L'anglais utilisé dans cette conversation est-il de l'anglais Américain ou de l'anglais Britannique? Justifiez en utilisant certains mots de vocabulaire utilisés

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Il s'agit d'**anglais américain**: on remarque l'emploi de « **elevator** » (on dit « lift » en anglais britannique).

(Vous trouverez page suivante la transcription de l'enregistrement)

Transcription de l'enregistrement :

**Walter :** Gramps, you're a true New Yorker, aren't you ?

**Mr Kingsley:** Yes. I've always lived in New York City.

**Walter:** Here's a nice photo of the Empire State Building. Were you there when it was inaugurated?

**Mr Kingsley:** In 1931? **Yes.** We used to live on East 35<sup>th</sup> street then, and I could see the works from my window. It was fascinating. At one point **they managed to build one floor a day.**

**Walter:** One floor a day! How long did it take to build the whole skyscraper?

**Mr Kingsley:** Only **two years.** I used to go there every day. **I even made friends with the elevator men.**

**Walter:** By the way, how many elevators are there?

**Mr Kingsley:** **73,** I think. And there are **102 floors to the top.**

**Walter:** **Have you often been to the top?**

**Mr Kingsley:** **Many times.** When I was a boy, I used to ride up and down the elevators for fun. But one day, there was a power failure, and I had to walk down.

**Walter:** How many steps are there?

**Mr Kingsley:** **1,860!**

**Walter:** Gosh! How long did it take you to walk down those 1,860 steps?

**Mr Kingsley:** **Over half an hour.** That was a long time ago. In 1933, I didn't use to have rheumatism then.

**Walter:** Gramps, **why don't we go up together tomorrow?** I'd love to see the view.

**Mr Kingsley:** Well, in this weather, we won't see much! We'll look down into the clouds and see the rain falling up!

**Walter:** Really? **That sounds exciting!**