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مرحبا بكم بتأميم التلاميذ الأعلام. بدأ امتحان اللغة الإنجليزية بمهمة رقم في فهم السمع. في بداية كل مهمة سنتمعون إلى قطعة، ثم يطلب منكم أن تجيبوا عن أسئلة.

المهمة رقم واحد.

"Brainpower"

مايا وروني يشتركان في برنامج راديو يسمى "Brainpower" قبل الاستماع إلى البرنامج، تمعنوا في أسئلة المهمة رقم واحد. استمعوا الآن إلى البرنامج. سنتمعون إلى البرنامج مرتين.

(audience applause, music up and under)

Announcer: Hey there and welcome to "Brainpower", the program where we find out how much you know!

Let’s meet this week’s players. Here’s Maya! She's fourteen years old and enjoys playing the guitar.

Hi, Maya!

Maya: Hi!

Announcer: And now let's meet our second player, Ronny! Ronny is also fourteen years old and he likes going to the movies.

Hi, Ronny!

Ronny: Hi!

Announcer: Are you kids ready to start?

Maya and Ronny: Yes!!!

Announcer: Our topic today is (pause) food!

Let’s see how much you know about the food that we eat.

(annouce applause)

Announcer: Get ready!

Announcer: Here's your first question: Which fruit has more sugar, strawberries or lemons?

Maya: (rings answer button) Well, the answer might be strawberries, but that would be too easy. I think that the answer is (pause) lemons!!!

(bell rings)
Announcer: You're absolutely right! Lemons have more sugar than strawberries.

OK, here's your next question. This one's a true or false question. Are you ready?

Maya and Ronny: Yes!

Announcer: True or False: Vanilla is used to make chocolate!

Ronny: *(rings answer button)* Vanilla? In chocolate? I don't think so. False!

*(buzzer rings)*

Announcer: Oh, I'm sorry, Ronny. In fact, vanilla is used to make chocolate, so your answer is wrong.

*(audience: "Awww")*

OK, next question. Which snack food is older, popcorn or potato chips?

Maya: *(rings answer button)* I know this one! Potato chips!

Announcer: Well, it's true that potato chips are almost 150 years old, but popcorn was eaten more than 5,000 years ago in America. So your answer is wrong. Popcorn is older than potato chips.

*(audience: "Awww")*

Announcer: So Maya has one point and Ronny has zero points. But don't worry, we still have one final question for our players, and here it is! Where was the first coffee plant found, in Ethiopia, in Japan, or in Italy?

Ronny: *(rings answer button)* I know this one for sure! It's Ethiopia!

Announcer: That answer is correct! The first coffee plant was found in Ethiopia.

*(audience cheers and applause)*

Good work, kids! Now, Maya has one correct answer and Ronny has one correct answer. Nobody wins this week, so Maya and Ronny will play again next week to find out who wins.
Announcer: Be sure to join us again next week on (pause) "Brainpower"!

(audience applause, music up and under)

لinden: و مايك يتحدثان في المطبخ بعد العودة من المدرسة. قبل الاستماع إلى المحادثة.

استمعوا الآن إلى البرنامج مرة أخرى. إنها فرصة جيدة لكي تراجعوا إجاباتكم.

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انطلاقوا الآن إلى المهمة رقم أنتين.

Linda: Here's my English homework! I was supposed to give it to my teacher this morning, but I forgot to take it with me to school.

Mike: Guess what happened to me yesterday! I was just going to take the dog for a walk when Tom called and asked me to come play basketball at the park. So I went to the park and forgot to take the dog out for a walk.

Linda: That's funny… well, maybe it's not so funny. We always forget things!

Hey, what if you and I start writing things down? Mom said it really helps her remember. Then maybe we won't forget so much!

Mike: That's a great idea, Linda. Let's do it! Mom's always writing everything down – like that note she left on the refrigerator.

Linda: That note is for you, Mike. She wants you to buy some food at the supermarket… milk, eggs, tomatoes… Here, take it.

Mike: OK. Oh, I almost forgot – I need to take the book I was reading last night back to the library.
Linda: So, if you're going out, could you take this CD to my friend Ilana? Her house is close to the supermarket and I don't want to go out again.

Mike: No problem, Linda. I'll just add it to Mom's note. I'll make it a list of things to do!

(break to write – sound of pen on paper)

OK. First I'll take the book to the library. Next I'll take the CD to Ilana. And then I'll go to the supermarket to buy the food that Mom wants.

Linda: Here, she left some money for you on the table.

Mike: OK, so I'll go now – tell Mom I'll be back at about 4:30. She can call me on my cell phone if she needs me.

Linda: OK, see you later!

Mike: Bye!

(outdoor sounds, walking – traffic in the background)

(Mike's cell phone rings.)

Mike: Hello?

Linda: (chuckling, over phone) Hey Mike, you're so funny. Didn't you forget something?

Mike: I don't think so… Oh, no! Where's my list?