

# Activities to do **BEFORE** you listen to the podcast

## A

Match the expressions and their Slovak equivalents.

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|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 1. superstition | a. v prestrojení         |
| 2. interference | b. tráviť čas (s niekým) |
| 3. to hang out  | c. dlžiť                 |
| 4. in disguise  | d. cintorín              |
| 5. daunting     | e. pútavý, fascinujúci   |
| 6. flattery     | f. povera                |
| 7. graveyard    | g. lichotenie            |
| 8. intriguing   | h. požehnanie            |
| 9. to owe       | i. skľučujúci            |
| 10. blessing    | j. zamiešanie sa, zásah  |

## B

Tick the sentences which use an incorrect expression instead of the correct one from exercise A.

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| 1. You own me a bottle of champagne.                                      | 7. They visit the grapevine every November to pay their respect to the dead.         |
| 2. What an intriguing story! I read it in one day.                        | 8. Travelling alone on holiday can be daunting.                                      |
| 3. The dishwasher has been a real blessing!                               | 9. My country will not tolerate any international intervention into our affairs.     |
| 4. She usually goes out in disgust to avoid being bothered by the public. | 10. According to superstition, breaking a mirror will bring you 7 years of bad luck. |
| 5. He thinks he can get his way through flattery.                         |  |
| 6. I have a lot of friends to hang in with.                               |  |

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## C

Circle the correct answer.

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|---|---|---|
| 1. What is Queenie's favourite spot in Bratislava?<br>a) Horský park<br>b) Ondrejský graveyard<br>c) Bratislava castle                      | 5. Which country did they use to stay in every spring?<br>a) Spain<br>b) Morocco<br>c) Japan  | 8. Which tradition did she learn in Slovakia?<br>a) You shouldn't eat meat on Easter Friday.<br>b) You shouldn't pour your own wine.<br>c) You shouldn't walk alone at night. |
| 2. Which of the following Slovak dishes doesn't she mentioned?<br>a) Halušky b) Kapustnica c) Pirohy  | 6. Who is usually her first friend in a new country?<br>a) World schooling partner<br>b) An Airbnb host<br>c) A conference attendee                             | 9. She plans every single month of her life.<br>a) True b) False  |
| 3. She learnt.....in Slovakia.<br>a) the language<br>b) drinking<br>c) singing  | 7. In her opinion, there are many opportunities....in Bratislava.<br>a) to be as green as possible<br>b) to find a job<br>c) to feel comfortable as a foreigner | 10. What is her job?<br>a) She is an online English teacher.<br>b) She is a fashion designer.<br>c) She trains parents to be teachers of their own children.                  |
| 4. How much do you pay in rent for a 80m <sup>2</sup> apartment outside the city centre in Hong Kong?<br>a) 300 USD b) 3000 USD c) 3300 USD |   |   |

### KEY

**A:** 1-f, 2-j, 3-b, 4-a, 5-i, 6-g, 7-d, 8-e, 9-c, 10-h  
**B:** 1 (own->owe), 4 (in disgust->in disguise),

6 (hang in ->hang out), 7 (grapevine ->graveyard), 9 (intervention ->interference)

**C:** 1-b, 2-c, 3-b, 4-b, 5-c, 6-b, 7-a, 8-b, 9-b, 10-c

