

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

A

Match the expressions and their Slovak equivalents.

- | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 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.

- | | |
|---|--|
| 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. | |

Activities to do **AFTER** you listen to the podcast

C

Circle the correct answer.

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

