

PLAYING
THE ENEMY
NELSON MANDELA
AND THE
GAME THAT MADE A NATION
JOHN CARLIN



LISTENING COMPREHENSION EXERCISE

You are going to listen to an interview with journalist and author John Carlin about his book *Playing the Enemy*, which was the basis for Clint Eastwood's film *Invictus*.

Read the statements below carefully and listen to the recording.

Choose the option (a, b or c) that best completes each statement.

Mark (X) the correct option in the space provided. Answers must be based exclusively on the information in the recording.

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Statements

1.	When John Carlin interviewed Nelson Mandela, he thought he was not
<input type="checkbox"/> a)	convinced of the quality of his book.
<input type="checkbox"/> b)	interested in sport.
<input type="checkbox"/> c)	looking very attentive.

2.	John Carlin's book was supposed to be focused on
<input type="checkbox"/> a)	a concrete match
<input type="checkbox"/> b)	South African sports.
<input type="checkbox"/> c)	the South African rugby league.

3.	At the time the book takes place, sports were ___ in South Africa.
<input type="checkbox"/> a)	unequal
<input type="checkbox"/> b)	unimportant
<input type="checkbox"/> c)	unprejudiced

4.	In South Africa, rugby was
<input type="checkbox"/> a)	associated with apartheid.
<input type="checkbox"/> b)	not a very popular sport.
<input type="checkbox"/> c)	popular with blacks and whites alike.

5.	Mandela had to persuade ____ that they were all together in trying for the World Cup.
<input type="checkbox"/> a)	black people
<input type="checkbox"/> b)	both black and white people
<input type="checkbox"/> c)	white people

6.	When Nelson Mandela came out in the stadium, the crowd was
<input type="checkbox"/> a)	first shocked and then enthusiastic.
<input type="checkbox"/> b)	really enthusiastic.
<input type="checkbox"/> c)	totally shocked.

7.	Mandela's political dream was to
<input type="checkbox"/> a)	have the power to act as a king.
<input type="checkbox"/> b)	make South Africa a united country.
<input type="checkbox"/> c)	reverse the apartheid system.

8.	Mandela told John Carlin that during the match he
<input type="checkbox"/> a)	got death threats.
<input type="checkbox"/> b)	had some doubts.
<input type="checkbox"/> c)	suffered from great tension.

9.	When he handed over the cup in the stadium, black and white people were
<input type="checkbox"/> a)	equally happy.
<input type="checkbox"/> b)	fighting in the street.
<input type="checkbox"/> c)	shouting at each other.

10.	John Carlin thinks that after that game
<input type="checkbox"/> a)	Mandela changed his policy.
<input type="checkbox"/> b)	the country started a revolution.
<input type="checkbox"/> c)	the future of South Africa became brighter.

KEY

- 1 c
- 2 a
- 3 a
- 4 a
- 5 b
- 6 a
- 7 b
- 8 c
- 9 a
- 10 c