



Sample Listening *Matching (Sample Task B)*

Recording Transcript

Welcome to South-eastern Pennsylvania State. Here you'll discover Amish communities where life moves at a slower pace, for the Amish people believe in a very simple lifestyle – a lifestyle that excludes modern conveniences such as the automobile.

Here in the town of Paradise, one of the first things that visitors notice is the horse-drawn carriages, also known as buggies, on the road. Trying one of these rides is a good way to step back to a time before train travel.

Speaking of trains, kids ... and kids-at-heart ... visiting Strasburg can get on a steam locomotive. While it's a short ride, it is becoming hard to find old-fashioned locomotives these days. In fact, this is one of only a few places in the United States where you can still ride one. For those of you who would prefer a bird's eye view of the surroundings, head over to the aptly-named Bird Town. There you can get on a ride that will lift you high into the air and float over the countryside. For those of you who have been on a helicopter before, I'm sure you will end up agreeing that it is more fun in a balloon.

Now, you have probably heard of Hershey chocolate. Well, in the town of Hershey you can take a walking tour of the company's production facility. For those looking for speed, you will want to spend some time on some of the rollercoasters at their world-famous park full of every ride imaginable.

Just up the road from here – about a five-minute drive by car – is the town of Greenville. There, you can take a free ten-minute tour of a pretzel factory. Pretzels, which are twisted pieces of bread, are one of the famous Amish foods, along with funnel cakes, which are deep-fried cake. Personally, I wish there was also a funnel cake factory in Greenville.

Finally, if it is antiques and artifacts that you are interested in, make sure you spend at least a day in New Hope. There, those of us in the modern age can walk through the museum and see the heritage of the Native Americans that once lived in this area.

Now, let me have a show of hands of those who would like to take a buggy ride while we are here.