1. Preparing to Listen
You are going to listen to a conversation between three college students in a cafeteria. Adam and Susan are in their 20s. Their friend Helen is a mature student, which means she is going back to college at an older age. Before you listen, think about the following questions.

Have you ever voted in a political election?

Do you think it is important to vote? Why or why not?

2. Listening for Main Ideas
Read statements 1–3. Listen to the conversation. Write T for true or F for false for each statement.

   1. The three friends disagree about voting.
   2. They are discussing local and national elections.
   3. One of the speakers has never voted.

2. Listening for More Detail
Read questions 4–10. Listen to the conversation again and choose the correct answer for each question.

4. Which student has already voted in the current local election?
   a. Adam
   b. Susan
   c. Helen

5. Which student did not know about the elections?
   a. Adam
   b. Susan
   c. Helen

6. Adam doesn't usually vote in local elections because _____.
   a. he is too busy
   b. he doesn't know about the candidates or the issues
   c. he hates politics

7. Susan usually votes in local elections because _____.
   a. local elections are important
   b. woman did not have the right to vote in the past
   c. she enjoys politics

8. Helen believes that _____.
   a. local elections are more important than national elections
   b. national elections are more important than local elections
   c. both local and national elections are important

9. One of the candidates in the local election wants _____.
   a. to cancel an annual parade
   b. to get young people involved in elections
   c. to run for president

10. Helen believes that younger people _____.
    a. don't know about politics
    b. don't like parades
    c. don't care enough about their community