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CONCENTRATION AND DIVIDED ATTENTION

Exercise 3

This activity deals with processing speech under conflicting conditions. It requires divided attention and concentration. Briefly answer one of the questions while the next one is being read to you.

Example 1

What do you think is better, a public health system or a private health system?

What options exist in Spain? (**This question will be asked at the same time the first question is being answered.**)

What are the advantages and disadvantages of each?

What are people's main reasons for "going private"?

What can be done to reduce waiting times for public health services?

Is it immoral for someone to pay extra money to "get to the front of the line" for an operation?

Who should be entitled to free prescriptions?

If people are in the hospital should they be obliged to pay something toward the cost of their care, for example the food they consume? Why or why not?

Example 2

How would you rate the quality and cleanliness of local hospitals?

What kinds of equipment are hospitals lacking? (**This question will be asked at the same time the first question is being answered.**)

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How would you feel if you were taken to hospital in a foreign country?

How do you think you would react if you couldn't speak the local language that is spoken in the hospital?

What do you think is the most difficult part of a doctor's job?

What is your opinion of alternative medicine?

What do you think of cosmetic surgery?

Would you ever consider having cosmetic surgery? Why or why not?

Example 3

What types of technology do you use in a typical day?

What would your life be like without any modern technology? (**This question will be asked at the same time the first question is being answered.**)

What kind of job would you have if you were living with the technology of 100 years ago?

What has been the biggest development in science in the last 10 years?

And in the last 100 years?

Is the dependence that we have on computers a good thing or should we be more suspicious of their benefits?

In what ways has technology changed work and working practices in the past 10 years?

What dangers are there for a society which depends on computer screens rather than face-to-face contact for its main means of communication?

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Example 4

What do you watch more, American or Spanish movies and TV shows?

What representation of America do shows such as Family Guy, South Park, American Dad, The Simpsons etc. give the rest of the world about American life and people? (**This question will be asked at the same time the first question is being answered.**)

Would you like to see a higher percentage of Spanish-made entertainment rather than films and shows that are dubbed into Spanish?

Should Spanish-made shows and movies be made a priority?

Is there any place in particular in the U.S.A. that you would like to visit?

What stereotypes exist of American people?

Why do these stereotypes exist?

Do you think any are true?

Example 5

What's your impression of United States President Barack Obama?

Do you think he and his party will be re-elected for a second term? (**This question will be asked at the same time the first question is being answered.**)

To what extent do you think the rest of the world is copying/following America? (Fashion, trends, society, laws, etc.)

How much influence does US politics and culture have on the rest of the world?

In American 33 states, the death penalty is still used in some cases, how do you feel about this?

How do you feel about America's "gun culture"?

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How do you feel about America's current involvement in Iraq, Afghanistan and the Middle East?

Are you more familiar with American English or British English?

Which one do you find easier to understand?

Which do you encounter more often, and where?