Online Listening Comprehension Test—Upper Intermediate
“Cultural Dimensions”

This online listening comprehension test is for you to evaluate your listening skills and to help you decide what level of English you have. It is meant as a guide only and is not binding. Students are still required to sit a placement test in the first session of each course. Final admission to a particular course depends on your score on the in-class placement test and NOT on this online version. If you need further assistance in determining which courses to sign up for, please contact John Nixon.

Read the questions first and make sure you understand them. Also, look at the score for each answer. Then play the text. Write notes while listening. Take a two-minute break to look at the questions again and your notes. Listen to the text once more. (You should not listen to the audio-text more than twice.)

Please note:
Your score will NOT be automatically calculated. You will need to correct your test yourself by looking at the answers and adding up the points you scored for each question.

Questions:

1. Who is professor Lois Watt? (1point)

2. What is the title of her bestseller from last year? (1point)

3. What is the title of the book she is currently working on? (1 point)

4. What does intercultural research show? What does it mean? (3 points)

5. What do universalists say about rules? (2points)

6. How do they feel about exceptions? (2 points)

7. How do particularists see laws? (2 points)

8. Why is the US or Australia the best place to start your own business? (2 points)

9. Name two collectivist cultures. (2 points)

10. What is collectivism about? (2 points)

11. How does a ‘monochronic’ view of time work? (2 point)

12. Name a polychronic culture. What are such cultures good at? (2 points)

13. What are ‘inner-directed’ people like? (2 points)

14. What do ‘outer-directed’ people believe in? (2 points)