

Listening comprehension: <https://youtu.be/OAA3AIMISrs?t=254>

BERTIE

So I've been told.

(quickly adds)

I can't remember not doing it.

LIONEL

That I believe. Do you _____
when you think?

BERTIE

Don't be _____.

LIONEL

How about
when you talk to _____?

LIONEL (CONT'D)

Everyone natters occasionally,
Bertie.

BERTIE

Stop _____ me that!

LIONEL

I'm not going to call you anything
else.

BERTIE

Then we shan't speak!

Silence. The kettle whistles. Lionel makes himself a cup of
tea.

BERTIE (CONT'D)

Are you _____ for this, Doctor?

LIONEL

A fortune. So, Bertie...when you
talk to yourself, do you _____?

BERTIE

Of course not!

LIONEL

Thus proving your impediment isn't
a _____ part of you. What do
you think was the cause?

BERTIE

I don't know! I don't care! I
stammer. And no one can _____ it.

LIONEL

Bet you, Bertie, you can read
_____, right here, right now.

LIONEL (CONT'D)

And if I win, I get to ask questions.

BERTIE

And if I win?

LIONEL

You don't have to answer.

BERTIE

One usually _____ money.

LIONEL

A bob each to sweeten it? See your shilling.

BERTIE

I don't carry cash.

LIONEL

I had a funny feeling you mightn't.

Logue fishes two coins from his pocket and puts them on the table.

LIONEL (CONT'D)

_____ you. Pay me back next time.

BERTIE

If there is a next time.

LIONEL

(nods)

I haven't agreed to take you on.

BERTIE

I can't _____ this.

LIONEL

Then you owe me a _____ for not trying.

BERTIE

" _____"

There! I can't read

He hands the book back to Lionel.

LIONEL

I haven't finished yet.

Lionel returns the book to Bertie and turns to some recording apparatus on a nearby table.

LIONEL (CONT'D)

I'm going to record your voice and then play it back to you on the same machine. This is _____.

It's the latest thing from America:

a Silvertone.

He hands Bertie a pair of heavily padded earphones. Bertie doesn't want to take them.

LIONEL (CONT'D)

There's a bob in this, mate. You can go home _____!

Bertie reluctantly puts them on. Logue turns a dial. LOUD MUSIC is heard. Bertie takes off the earphones. The music stops.

BERTIE

You're playing music.

LIONEL

I know.

BERTIE

How can I hear what I'm saying?!

LIONEL

Surely a Prince's brain knows what its mouth is doing?

BERTIE

You're not well acquainted with Royal Princes, are you?

Bertie replaces the earphones. Again, the LOUD MUSIC. His mouth moves as he reads, but all that can be h

Finished, Bertie takes off the earphones and the music ceases. Bertie reaches for the coins, but Logue snatches them.

BERTIE (CONT'D)

Hopeless. Hopeless!

LIONEL

You were sublime. Would I lie to a prince of the realm to win twelpepence?

BERTIE

I've no idea what an Australian might do for that sort of money.

LIONEL

Shall I play it?

BERTIE

No.

LIONEL

If you prefer, we'll just get on to the questions.

BERTIE

Thank you Doctor, I don't feel this is for me.

He heads for the door. Logue puts the record in a brown paper dust jacket and hands it to Bertie.

LIONEL

Sir? The recording is free. Please
keep it as a souvenir?

Lionel opens the door for Bertie and closes it behind him

INT. LOGUE'S WAITING ROOM - DAY

Elizabeth looks up at Bertie hopefully.

BERTIE

No

Elizabeth nods and rises. They walk towards the door
together.

ELIZABETH

Ah well.

- 1) What sort of attitude did Bertie (Colin Firth character) have during the scene? Why?
- 2) Why did Lionel play the "bet" game?