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The speakers you will hear in the Listening paper often use different words to those in the questions. For example, you may hear a **synonym** (a word with a similar meaning).

2.1 Match words/phrases 1–8 with their synonyms a–h.

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| 1 a price | a money |
| 2 a location | b to carry |
| 3 funding | c a drawback |
| 4 dangerous | d a fee |
| 5 a solution | e a place |
| 6 to transport | f risky |
| 7 disadvantage | g an impact |
| 8 an effect | h an answer |

The questions may **paraphrase** an idea that you will hear (express the same idea in a different way).

2.2 14 Listen to more extracts from each Listening Section. Complete the first column by choosing the correct answer.

		synonyms/paraphrase	reasons the other options are incorrect
1	What do they decide to organise first? A <u>a place to stay</u> B <u>their airfares</u> C <u>car hire</u>		
2	What change will they make in the garden? A <u>improve the shade</u> B <u>remove</u> plants C add a <u>water feature</u>		
3	What do the students agree they need to do with their project? A do more <u>research</u> B <u>make some cuts</u> C <u>add</u> some <u>visual effects</u>		
4	The scientists are studying A <u>how</u> snow <u>forms</u> in different conditions. B the <u>effect</u> that snow has on our <u>climate</u> . C the <u>effect</u> different clouds have on snow.		



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Answer Key

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2.1

1 d 2 e 3 a 4 f 5 h 6 b 7 c 8 g

2.2

1 A 2 A 3 C 4 B

1 A	<u>a place to stay</u>	accommodation /hotel	✓
B	their <u>airfares</u>	flights	They'll do it in the morning.
C	<u>car hire</u>	transport	They'll borrow a car.
2 A	<u>improve the shade</u>	plant trees	✓
B	<u>remove plants</u>	take out	They don't want to do this.
C	add a <u>water feature</u>	pond	They already have one.
3 A	do more <u>research</u>	(find) information	They have plenty.
B	<u>make some cuts</u>	reduce any of it	They don't want to do this at all.
C	<u>add some visual effects</u>	include graphics	✓

4 A	<u>how snow forms</u> in different conditions	process; is created	They already know this.
B	the <u>effect</u> that snow has on our <u>climate</u>	influences weather patterns	✓
C	the <u>effect</u> different clouds have on snow	impact	They want to do the opposite – see if snow affects clouds.

