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Narrator: *Listening Test*

Protest

Section 2

You will hear the reporter interview two protesters and one factory owner at the site.

The recording will be played twice. Do as much as you can the first time and answer all the questions the second time.

You have 30 seconds to look at your questions.

[30 sec music]

Listen and answer the questions.

- {Reporter: We have two protesters here with us now. Let's hear what they have to say. Can you explain some of the problems you believe this factory could cause, sir?
- Man: Yes. One of the gases this factory will give off is sulphur dioxide. It has been shown that when this gas reacts with moisture on the skin, it can affect your skin and eyes. *[disapproval]* This is totally unacceptable!
Also, there is something called particle pollution which is given off when things burn. These particles are so small that they can get into people's lungs and cause breathing problems and cancer. *[warning]* We are going to be protesting here for a long time if this factory goes ahead and opens!
- Reporter: Yes, serious issues there. And you, madam, are those problems we heard the only problems, or are there others?
- Woman: Direct health problems are bad, but sometimes people forget other environmental problems, too. Acid gases are produced when fossil fuels like coal and oil are burned in factories. When they mix with the clouds, they become acid rain. Acid rain can cause problems for plant growth and can even destroy man-made buildings. The effect is not immediate and may not happen directly here, *[worried and upset]* but it is serious. *(pause) [pleading]* So stop this factory opening!

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Reporter: More very serious points there. Thank you both very much. We have the factory owner here, too. Mr Orwin, how do you respond to that?

Factory owner: *[statement, persuasive and sincere]* Those are some serious points, but this factory is safe. We have tested the water in the river. We have tested the gases given off. We have tested levels of all dangerous gases. We have carried out research and we make sure that the factory is safe. There are no health or environmental issues for people to worry about here. I also think that we need to seriously consider the positive effects ...}

Narrator: Now listen to the recording again.

[repeat recording {}]

You have 30 seconds to check your answers.

[30 sec music]

This is the end of Section 2.