

## TAPESCRIPT

**Narrator:** *Listening Test*

### **House Competition**

#### *Section 1*

*You will hear a teacher, Mr Chan conduct a geography competition between school houses.*

*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.*

Mr Chan: Welcome to the Inter-house Geography Competition. I'm your host Mr Chan. Today we have two teams to compete in the final. On my right we have Louise and Sean from Red House and on the left we have Diana and Steve from Blue House.  
*[sound of applause]*

The rules are very simple. I will ask three questions each. Whoever gets the most correct wins. Each team will have one minute to answer each question. Teammates can talk with each other before they give the final answer.

Ready? Let's begin!

The first question is for Red House: What are the two official languages of the Philippines?

Louise: *[sound pretty unsure]* ... Spanish and Filipino? What do you think Sean?

Sean: I think Filipino is correct, Louise. But the other official language should be the same as that of Hong Kong and so I don't think it's Spanish.

Louise: Mr Chan, our final answer is ...  
*[buzzer sound effect]*

Mr Chan: Time is up, sorry!

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Now, here's a question for Blue House: In some countries, such as the USA, you will find most people following Christianity. What would you find most people following in Thailand?

Steve: Thai?

Mr Chan: Sorry, Blue House. The answer is Buddhism. Over 94% of Thai people are Buddhists.

Red House, your next question: If you associate President Barack Obama with the United States, who would you associate with the UK?

Louise: David Cameron?

Mr Chan: Yes, Red House, you're right! One point to Red.

Blue House, your next question: Typhoons occur in the Pacific Ocean. What are they called in the Atlantic Ocean?

Steve: Hurricanes? What do you think, Diana?

Diana: I think so. Typhoons and hurricanes are quite similar. They both mostly occur during the same months. *[pause]* Mr Chan, the answer is Hurricanes.

Mr Chan: Correct. One point to each house.

Now, Red House, your last question: Does it snow in Africa?

Louise: Yes. It does snow in Africa but mainly on top of high mountains because the weather is often colder.

Mr Chan: Correct! Blue House, you need to get this final question right otherwise you will lose. What is the name of the gemstone that comes from a clam?

Steve: Is it a sapphire, Diana?

Diana: It's not a sapphire, Steve. – think of the river delta next to Hong Kong! Mr Chan, we think the *[fade out]* answer is...

***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 1.***