

Listening comprehension

Professor Robert Atkins is talking about health scares.

Task. Listen and answer the following questions:

1. How does Professor Atkins feel about the frequency of health scares in the media?

- A irritated that the media print nonsense
- B reconciled to health scares being a necessary evil
- C resigned to the media misunderstanding science
- D worried that the health scares might be real

2 What is Alice's attitude to the threat of lethal diseases?

- A She worries that new ones will occur.
- B She is doubtful that they can be contained.
- C She is concerned that they are spread more easily today.
- D She believes they pose less of a danger today.

3 Professor Atkins believes that the concerns people have today arise from

- A a lack of spiritual belief.
- B being misled by scientists and doctors.
- C bewilderment when their assumptions are challenged.
- D worry about how diseases are communicated.

4. What do Alice and Professor Atkins agree about when it comes to health scares?

- A some businesses have a vested interest in promoting them
- B some manufacturers see them as the best form of publicity
- C some doctors are at fault for not criticizing them sufficiently
- D some researchers are looking for publicity

5. What worries Professor Atkins about health scares?

- A They could lead to people taking too many pills.
- B They are more damaging than real diseases.
- C They might make people disregard potential risks.
- D They are difficult to disprove.