

1 Worksheet on Listening Comprehension

Text: Rudy Giuliani, *Opening Remarks to the United Nations General Assembly Special Session on Terrorism*

<http://americanrhetoric.com/mp3clips/911speeches/rudygiuliani911unitednations.mp3>

A BACKGROUND INFORMATION

These tasks deal with a speech delivered by the Mayor of New York City, Rudy Giuliani, on 1 Oct. 2001, a few weeks after the attack on the World Trade Center. Giuliani, who served as Mayor of New York City from 1994 to 2001, spoke in front of the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

B INSTRUCTIONS

You will find Giuliani's speech at "americanrhetoric.com". Please copy and paste this hyperlink into your browser:

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and follow the instructions below.

Before listening, read the questions in (C) carefully. Then listen to **the first ten minutes** of the speech twice (up to 10:17) and make notes while listening. After the second listening (from the beginning), take 10 minutes to answer the following questions in full sentences, where required, and complete the tasks with the help of the notes you have made.

C QUESTIONS AND TASKS

1. After greeting his listeners, Giuliani states the following (do not tick more than 2 options):

- More than 5.000 helpers lost their lives in the 9/11 attack.
- People from 80 different nations were killed.
- New York is the most complicated city in the world.
- The attacks were more fatal than two other historic fights in which the US were involved.

2. What does Giuliani say about the significance of the attack? Complete his sentence:

It was an attack on the very idea of a _____, _____, and _____ society. It was a direct assault on the _____ of the United Nations itself.

3. Giuliani calls the terrorist attacks a danger to the purpose of the United Nations - why?

4. What was the intended effect of the attacks, and what effect did they really have?

5. Giuliani describes the US reaction to the attacks as follows (do not tick more than 2 options):

- The determination of President George W. Bush has unified America.
- The response of many nations makes the US hopeful that they will win in the end.
- The strength of America's response is a principle we understand.
- Americans are not a fun race.

6. Giuliani more or less identifies New York with the USA; he claims that both ... (1 option)

- ... are a shining city upon a hill.
- ... have had more immigrants in a shorter time than any other country or city.
- ... are full of citizens that were forced to leave other countries.

7. What is it that Giuliani calls "tragic and perverse"?

8. Giuliani claims to know what is the best way to stop terrorism. It is:

the spread of the principles of _____, and
the rule of _____ and _____ life.

9. The speaker reminds the United Nations of their tasks (1 option):

- The UN must make it clear that countries that support terrorism or do nothing against it will be made responsible for what happens.
- If they do not take this task seriously, they will fail their task of peacemakers.
- They must isolate any nation who remains a new troll.

10. This passage (up to 10:17) ends with these words:

We're _____ and they're _____. It's as
_____.

(Peter Ringeisen)