Theme: **BUSINESS DISCUSSIONS**

Listening

Task1

Read the questions and answers below. Then, listen to an extract from a discussion about a company's financial situation. Choose the best answer for each question.

https://www.linguahouse.com/esl-lesson-plans/business-english/discussions/audioplayer/ex2amp3

1. What problem is the company facing?

a. clients are paying late b. clients are buying from a cheaper competitor

c. employees want higher salaries

2.Which of the measures below does the speaker NOT propose?

a. imposing penalties b. hiring a credit controller c. offering cheaper prices

3.According to the speaker, it's possible that the company's clients will find the proposed measures

a. rather strict b. acceptable c. flexible

4.Why does the speaker think that clients will probably accept the proposed measures in the end?

a.they have no choice b.they have good relationships with the company

c. competitors are more expensive

Task 2

Now listen to a discussion on the prison system and do the same task.

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	1.	What problem is the speaker discussing?		
		a. too many people are sent to prison	b. not enough criminals are sent to prison	
	2.	After they are released, most ex-prisoners ...		
		a. stop committing crimes	b. continue to commit crimes	
	3.	According to the speaker, teenagers should be given ...		
		a. lighter punishments	b. longer sentences	c. more entertainment

	4.	People who commit very serious crimes should ...	
		a. stay in prison for the maximum period of	b. receive education and training time