**3. Predict what the podcast is about**

In this story, Marcy Markusa interviews Paul Ash about the housing resource centre he founded. It’s called New Journey Housing and it helps newcomers to Winnipeg understand how the housing market works. Can you predict the questions Marcy will ask Paul?

Here are a few examples:

*I think she might ask him…*if he is a newcomer himself.

*She’ll probably want to know…* why he decided to start New Journey Housing.

*I wonder if she’ll ask him*...how the organization is funded.

*I’m sure she’ll ask him*…what the organization does.

*I don’t know have any idea what she’ll ask him.*

**4. Get ready to listen**

In this interview, you will hear:

Marcy Markusa – host and interviewer

Paul Ash – founder, New Journey Housing

In this podcast, both Marcy and Paul speak very quickly. Paul also uses a number of strategies often heard in informal, fast speech. He uses a lot of fillers or hesitators as he searches for the right word. His favourite is *ah*.

Notice Paul’s use of hesitators/fillers when you listen to the podcast? Do you think it make it easier or more difficult for you as a listener when a speaker uses a lot of fillers?

*Play the podcast for the first time.*

Did you notice that Paul also reduces certain words? This is also a typical strategy in spoken English and especially in fast, informal speech. It can make it difficult for listeners to figure out where one word ends and another begins. One example is *y’know*. Did you hear examples of any other reduced words when you listened? For example:  
  
*a lot of* sounds like *a lotta* (line 26 on the transcript)

*what are* sounds like *whaddare (*line 41 on the transcript)

**After you listen**

*a) Review your pre-listening predictions*

Were you able to predict some of the things Marcy asked Paul Ash?

*b) Listen for detail and inference*

Listen to the interview and decide if the following statements are true or false. Sometimes you will need to listen for details and other times you will need to listen for inference.

The first one is completed for you as an example.

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| 1. | There are three new housing projects in Winnipeg for newcomers. | True | False |
| 2. | Paul Ash started New Journey Housing. | True | False |
| 3. | New Journey finds jobs for newcomers. | True | False |
| 4. | New Journey helps newcomers find good housing. | True | False |
| 5. | New Journey Housing is funded by government. | True | False |
| 6. | Paul Ash grew up in a wealthy household. | True | False |
| 7. | Paul Ash can relate to the challenges newcomers face finding good housing. | True | False |
| 8. | Paul got the idea of starting New Journey Housing from friends. | True | False |
| 9. | The main goal of New Journey is to help newcomers understand housing basics. | True | False |
| 10. | The responsibilities of home ownership and renting are very similar around the world. | True | False |

*e) Read about tenant insurance and give advice*

If you drive a car, Manitoba law says you must have vehicle insurance and liability coverage. However, if you rent a home or apartment, there is no law that says you have to have tenant insurance. Many would argue that renters also need insurance to protect themselves and their belongings.

Read Appendix A. Then read each of the scenarios below. Use the sentence starters to give insurance advice to the individuals in each of the scenarios.

***Sentence Starters for Giving Advice***

You really should…. I’d recommend that you….

You really ought to…. It’s a good idea to….

You would do well to….

**Scenario 1**

I live in an apt., but I really don’t have much except for some expensive sporting equipment. What do you think?

**Scenario 2**

I just moved into a rental house. I think I’ll wait a few months before I get tenant insurance. I want to get settled first. What do you advise?

**Scenario 3**

I live on my own in a small apartment. I can’t think of any reason to purchase liability insurance. Do you think I ought to have it?

**Scenario 4**

Our family immigrated to Manitoba a few months ago. We haven’t accumulated many possessions. All we have is just clothes, a TV, and some household appliances. Won’t it cost more to purchase tenant insurance that we may never use than to just replace an item that’s damaged or stolen? What do you recommend?