**Listening Exercise 128**

Military

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Guidelines:

A. Review the questions

C. Listen to the audio twice (control + click the link).

D. Answer the questions

F. Refer to the answers to confirm your responses and gauge understanding



1. Which operational version of this aircraft is the article about?
   1. I
   2. II
   3. III
   4. Test Model
2. Which unique capability is NOT cited?
   1. Highest airspeed
   2. Stealth fighter
   3. Vertical take off
   4. Vertical landing
3. What does the aircraft bring with it?
   1. Cannon, rockets, radar
   2. Sensors, systems, avionics
   3. Thrust, maneuverability, adaptability
   4. Cost, maintenance, complexity
4. How many will be produced?
   1. 1000
   2. 2000
   3. 3000
   4. 4000
5. How many foreign countries are buying the F-35?
   1. 4
   2. 8
   3. 10
   4. 12
6. Which is the best answer for how many years the aircraft will be in service?
   1. 25
   2. 30
   3. 40
   4. 50

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| Aunque despegues y aterrizajes verticales no son nada nuevo, es impresionante ver una nave de 27 toneladas sobrevolar con una suavidad increíble. Descrito como el sistema de armamento militar más costo en la historia, el F-35 de Lockheed Martin, conocido como el Lightning II, tuvo excesivos gastos y retrasos, pero ahora, según Jerry Matthews de la Real Fuerza Aérea, se jacta de unas características que lo colocan como el avión de combate más avanzado. | Although vertical takeoffs and landings are nothing new, it is impressive to see a ship of 27 tons fly with incredible ease. Described as the most expensive military weapons system in history, Lockheed Martin’s F-35, known as the Lightning II, had cost overuns and delays, but now, according to Jerry Matthews of the Royal Air Force, it boasts some characteristics that place it as the most advanced combat aircraft. |
| “Es lo último en la tecnología moderna. Trae consigo sensores, sistemas, y aviónica dentro del avión que ningún otro posee.” | "It's the latest in modern technology. It brings with it sensors, systems, and avionics in the aircraft that on one else has." |
| Una de las características más sobresalientes es su motor de Pratt & Whitney que genera más de 18 toneladas métricas de impulso y puede volar a una velocidad de Mach 1,6 o casi dos mil kilómetros por hora. | One of the most outstanding features is its Pratt & Whitney engine that generates more than 18 metric tons of thrust and can fly at a speed of Mach 1.6, or nearly two thousand kilometers per hour. |
| “Tiene un motor con la habilidad para generar empuje supersónico al igual que características sigilosas y la habilidad para adaptarse y ejecutar despegues y aterrizajes verticales o despegues en pista corta.” | "It has an engine with the ability to generate supersonic thrust as well as stealth features and the ability to adapt and perform takeoffs and vertical landings or short field takeoffs." |
| Lockheed Martin espera vender 3,000 unidades del avión de combate F-35 para 10 diferentes compradores extranjeros. Los requerimientos de la guerra moderna hacen del F-35 una máquina enormemente compleja, la cual necesita constantes revisiones y mejoras. Y se espera que duren hasta 2070. | Lockheed Martin expects to sell 3,000 units of the F-35 fighter aircraft to 10 different overseas buyers. The requirements of modern warfare makes the F-35 an extremely complex machine, which needs constant revisions and improvements. And it is expected to last until 2070. |