

unit **5** Quiz Audio Script

Listening A [Track 06]

Sheila: Hi, Ed. How was Spain?

Ed: Great, Sheila. It was an amazing vacation, and we saw lots of interesting things.

Sheila: Great! What was the most interesting?

Ed: Hmm . . . well, there wasn't just one thing. There were a lot of beautiful plazas, for example. The Plaza de Cibeles in Madrid was one of my favorites. And it has an amazing fountain. I think it's the most beautiful fountain I've ever seen.

Sheila: How about museums?

Ed: Well, museums aren't really my thing, but my wife loves them, so I went to a couple with her. Her favorite was the Prado in Madrid. I know people say the Prado is one of the best art museums in Europe, but I liked the Queen Sofia Museum better. The paintings in the Prado are older – from the 12th through the early 19th centuries. The Queen Sofia Museum is famous for its 20th-century art, and I found that more interesting. My wife also liked the El Greco museum in Toledo.

Sheila: And how did you like it?

Ed: Oh, I didn't go. Two museums in one vacation were a lot for me, so I took a walking tour of the city and then visited the Alcázar.

Sheila: The Alcázar? What's that?

Ed: It's a very old castle with really high walls. It used to be a Roman palace back in the 3rd century. It's also the highest point in Toledo and has the best view of the city. Of all the places I went to, I liked that the best.

Sheila: What about the Plaza de Cibeles in Madrid?

Ed: Well, that was one of the nicest places, but I had the best day at the Alcázar. I loved learning about its history, and the view of Toledo was amazing!