



Hoja de examen / Aufgabenblatt

**Materia / Fach:** English

**Fecha / Datum:**

**Examinado/a / Prüfling:**

**Al Curso / In Klasse:** M3/P3

**Duración / Dauer:** Preparation: 20 minutes / Exam: 15 minutes

**Material / Material:** None

**Proceso / Ablauf:**

1. Read the text aloud with the appropriate intonation.  
[approx. 3 min.]

2. Summarize the text.  
[approx. 3 min.]

3. Present your analysis of the excerpt.  
[approx. 5 min.]

4. Conversation, respectively further questions.  
[approx. 4 min.]

BIRLING. What? Don't interrupt, Eric. I was coming to that. Just because the Kaiser makes a speech or two, or a few German officers have too much to drink and begin talking nonsense, you'll hear some people say that war's inevitable. And to that I say—fiddlesticks! The Germans don't want war. Nobody wants war, except some half-civilized folks in the Balkans. And why? There's too much at stake these days. Everything to lose and nothing to gain by war.

ERIC. Yes, I know—but still ——

BIRLING. Just let me finish, Eric. You've a lot to learn yet. And I'm talking as a hard-headed, practical man of business. And I say there isn't a chance of war. The world's developing so fast that it'll make war impossible. Look at the progress we're making. In a year or two we'll have aeroplanes that will be able to go anywhere. And look at the way the automobile's making headway—bigger and faster all the time. And then ships. Why, a friend of mine went over this new liner last week—forty-six thousand eight hundred tons—forty-six thousand eight hundred tons—New York in five days—and every luxury—and unsinkable, absolutely unsinkable. That's what you've got to keep your eye on, facts like that, progress like that—and not a few German officers talking nonsense and a few scaremongers here making a fuss about nothing. Now you three young people, listen to this—and remember what I'm telling you now. In twenty or thirty years' time—let's say, in the forties—you may be giving a little party like this—your son or daughter might be getting engaged—and I tell you, by that time you'll be living in a world that'll have forgotten all these Capital versus Labor agitations and all these silly little war scares. There'll be peace and prosperity and rapid progress everywhere—except of course in Russia, which will always be behind-hand, naturally. (MRS. BIRLING shows signs of interrupting.)