

News!

1. Listen to the recording. The accent you'll hear is Mark from New Zealand. Really try and focus and concentrate on what you are listening to. Don't panic if you can't understand every word. Try and see if you can understand the general idea. Feel free to take notes and then after you've heard it once, tell me about what you have heard.

2. Now listen again for more specific details and be ready to answer questions about what you have heard.
 - a. What is the city of Vienna going to do?
 - b. What are they trialling?
 - c. How much CO2 does a user have to save to get a reward?
 - d. What is this the equivalent of?
 - e. What will they receive?
 - f. What can a citizen do with their token?
 - g. How many cultural venues are included in the scheme?
 - h. What are they rewarding CO2 reduction with?
 - i. If it is a success, what will Vienna city council do?
 - j. Now let's review some of the vocabulary:
 - to trial
 - a token
 - to roll out

Recording No. 6 – Mark W. – New Zealand:

Vienna is set to reward those who get around the city on foot, by bicycle or by public transport instead of using their cars. The Austrian capital is trialling a smartphone app that uses motion-tracking to measure the distance covered and the CO2 saving made.

When users have saved 20 kilograms of CO2—the equivalent of about two weeks of walking, cycling or using public transport—they receive one “culture token”.

Tokens can be exchanged for free tickets to four cultural venues: the Volkstheater, the Vienna Museum, the Kunsthalle and the Konzerthaus.

“We want to reward CO2 reduction with a cultural experience,” says Vienna city council member Peter Hanke. If the trial is a success, the scheme will be rolled out to the entire capital.