



Worksheet 02-01

Watch the video http://www.spence.saar.de/arcanum/phonetics/listening/videos_etc/02-01-Bertrand_Russell_1959_Interview.mp4 — a television interview with the philosopher Bertrand Russell in his 87th year (1959). If time is short, just watch the end portion, beginning at 24m10s. Listen for the name of the country in which Bertrand Russell nearly died in a plane crash. Watch the video again, and answer the following questions (NOTE: these questions are essentially about the last portion of the video; questions on the earlier part will follow later).

1. What social class do you think Bertrand Russell comes from?
2. What aspects of his accent do you find strange or unusual or amusing or unexpected?
3. When does Bertrand Russell *not* smoke his pipe?
4. How long has he been a pipe smoker?
5. How did smoking save his life?
6. Complete the following sentence (beginning at timecode 25m43):
and he said, “Did you not think about mysticism and logic?” and I said, “No,” and _____.
7. What were Russell’s plans for the publication of his autobiography? Why?
8. How many pieces of advice does Russell have for future generations, and of what nature is each one?
9. What is the first piece of advice?
10. What is the second piece of advice?