

ESOL International

English Listening Examination

Level B2 Independent User

Instructions to learners

Check that you have the correct paper.

Please complete the information on the mark sheet.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

Use black or blue ink. Do not use pencil.

Total marks available: 31

You have **35 minutes** to finish the examination.

Part 1

You will hear ten sentences twice. Choose the best answer in each situation.

Now read the answers. You have two minutes to read the answers.

Now listen to the recording and select the best answer.

Mark the answer on the mark sheet.

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| 1. | a. My wedding.
b. Christmas.
c. My holiday. | 6. | a. Paella.
b. Spaghetti.
c. Chicken. |
| 2. | a. 7.30pm.
b. 7.30am.
c. 8.30pm. | 7. | a. Yes, two sugars.
b. Just a little please.
c. I had one yesterday. |
| 3. | a. A tiger.
b. A cat.
c. A walrus. | 8. | a. I think straight ahead.
b. Beside the tracks.
c. They leave every day. |
| 4. | a. Take an umbrella.
b. Have you got sunglasses?
c. Wear a coat. | 9. | a. You don't need it.
b. Call the bank now.
c. Get a new one. |
| 5. | a. Can you take it again?
b. Here are my keys.
c. That's great! | 10. | a. I haven't got a pumpkin.
b. I like sweets.
c. That would be lovely. |

Part 2

You will now hear two conversations. You will hear them twice. You have two minutes to read the questions for both conversations.

Now listen to **Conversation 1**.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

1. **What is the radio station called?**
 - a. Natter.
 - b. Chatter.
 - c. Chat.

2. **Where does Kim come from?**
 - a. South Korea.
 - b. America.
 - c. France.

3. **What did she win on Mother's Day?**
 - a. Clubcorp Desert Junior.
 - b. US Women's Amateur.
 - c. US Girl's Junior.

4. **Which number club did she start playing golf with?**
 - a. Eight.
 - b. Three.
 - c. Six.

5. **What ranking in the world is she?**
 - a. Third.
 - b. First.
 - c. Second.

Now listen to the conversation again and check your answers.

Now listen to **Conversation 2**.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

1. **Who was the customer speaking to?**
 - a. Ellen.
 - b. Elaine.
 - c. Tara.

2. **What was the first security question?**
 - a. Mother's pet's name.
 - b. Mother's surname.
 - c. Mother's maiden name.

3. **How old were her children?**
 - a. 12 and 16.
 - b. 12 and 18.
 - c. 15 and 16.

4. **Where is the written proof to be sent?**
 - a. Dundee.
 - b. Portugal.
 - c. Dunkirk.

5. **How much benefit is owed?**
 - a. £52.
 - b. £68.
 - c. £120.

Now listen to the conversation again and check your answers.

Part 3

You will now hear two radio broadcasts. You will hear them twice.

You have two minutes to read the questions for both radio broadcasts.

Now listen to **Broadcast 1**.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

- The World Health Organisation is devoted to:**
 - Celebrating the planet.
 - Improving people's health.
 - Supplying water.
- What is on 7th April?**
 - World Water Day.
 - World Health Day.
 - World Planet Day.
- What were the Roman water channels called?**
 - Aquasewers.
 - Aquaducks.
 - Aqueducts.
- What were historic cities described as?**
 - Dirtiest.
 - Cleanest.
 - Poisoned.
- What kind of baths did the Romans build?**
 - Wooden.
 - Public.
 - Fresh.
- Where would the poorest people wash?**
 - In the ditches.
 - In the streets.
 - In the rivers.

Listen to the broadcast again and check your answers.

Now listen to **Broadcast 2**.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

- What type of fuels are coal and oil?**
 - Renewable.
 - Solar.
 - Fossil.
- Who oversees the supply of electricity?**
 - The National Grid.
 - The National Power.
 - The National Station.
- How much more electricity was produced on 25th March?**
 - Six times.
 - Sixteen times.
 - Eight times.
- Why is March the best time for solar energy?**
 - The panels are hot.
 - Because of the angle of the sun's rays.
 - It is less harmful.
- What is the size of the floating solar farm?**
 - Sixteen football pitches.
 - Eight football pitches.
 - 25 football pitches.

Listen to the broadcast again and check your answers.

End of Examination B2 Independent User.

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English Reading Examination

Level B2 Independent User

Instructions to learners

Check that you have the correct paper.

Please complete the information on your mark sheet.

Use black or blue ink. Do not use a pencil.

You may NOT use a dictionary.

There are 31 questions in this examination.

Answer all the questions.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

Total marks available: **31**

You have **60 minutes** to finish the examination.

Text 1

Read the text. Answer the questions on your mark sheet.

<u>The borage plant</u>	1
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Borage is an easy growing annual herb plant with vivid blue flowers and leaves,	3
and flowers that have the flavour and scent of cucumbers. It is considered a	4
herb, but is often grown as a flower in vegetable gardens, where it attracts	5
bees and is considered a good plant to grow with tomatoes, squash, and	6
strawberries. It's even supposed to stop tomato hornworms and improve	7
the flavour of tomatoes growing nearby.	8
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Borage is a tall plant, but you barely notice it because the star-shaped flowers	10
are so bright. They start out pink and turn blue, hanging in downward	11
facing clusters. Even the fuzzy, white buds are attractive. Both the flowers	12
and the leaves can be eaten as they have a cucumber-like taste. Use the leaves	13
while they are young, because as the plant matures, the stalks and leaves	14
become covered with a prickly fuzz.	15
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Borage is an annual plant, which self-seeds but will not become a nuisance.	17
Growing borage plants in full sun will give you the most flowers and the	18
thickest plants.	19
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Borage can become a fairly tall plant, reaching a size of 18 - 36 inches. They	21
can become heavy and droop when they get top heavy with flowers.	22

1. **What does borage plant smell and taste like?**
 - a. Cauliflower.
 - b. Cucumber.
 - c. Tomato.

2. **Borage is supposed to stop what:**
 - a. Hornworms.
 - b. Bees.
 - c. Weeds.

3. **What shape are the flowers?**
 - a. Bud-shaped.
 - b. Star-shaped.
 - c. Sun-shaped.

4. **The borage plant is:**
 - a. Everlasting.
 - b. Bi-annual.
 - c. Annual.

5. **What height can the plant reach?**
 - a. 22-60 inches.
 - b. 9-24 inches.
 - c. 18-36 inches.

6. **There is a spelling mistake on:**
 - a. Line 5.
 - b. Line 10.
 - c. Line 21.

7. **There is a grammar mistake on:**
 - a. Line 12.
 - b. Line 15.
 - c. Line 18.

8. **What word is an antonym of 'attractive' on line 12:**
 - a. Ugly.
 - b. Tall.
 - c. Lovely.

9. **The best word to replace 'matures' on line 14 is:**
 - a. Young.
 - b. Long.
 - c. Grows.

10. **The word 'nuisance' on line 17 means:**
 - a. Pleasure.
 - b. Pest.
 - c. Disease.

Text 2

Read the text. Answer the questions on your mark sheet.

<u>Sir Roger de Grey – British artist</u>	1
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Born in 1918, in Buckinghamshire, he was the nephew of the painter, Spencer Gore. In 1942 he married Flavia Hatt, also a notable artist, and had three children, Spencer, Robert and Emilia.	3
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De Grey was primarily a painter of landscapes, who had studied at Chelsea College from 1936. When the Second World War broke out, he joined the Royal Armoured Corps, where he spent all the war years, returning to the polytechnic afterwards, to _____ the course.	7
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His favourite place to paint landscapes was in the open air, in the summer and then he would rework his canvases indoors, in the winter, when the cold took hold. One of his less well-known, portrait paintings called, ' <i>A girl from Dinnington</i> ', owned by the Charleston Trust, was recently updated with information on the muse, as to who she actually was, a local farmer's daughter called Ella, who he had taught at Newcastle University in the 1950s.	12
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In the year of his first one man show, 1954, he started to teach at the Royal Academy of Art, which led to teaching posts in some of the most prestigious colleges in England, such as, Kings College, Newcastle University, Royal College of Art and City and Guilds of London.	19
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He was the president of the Royal Academy of Art from 1984 to 1993, and it was during that time, in 1991, when he was given a Knighthood for, 'services to British art'.	24
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11. **The text is about a:**
- Landscape writer.
 - Landscape sculptor.
 - Landscape artist.
12. **Where did he study art?**
- Newcastle University.
 - Royal Academy of Art.
 - Chelsea College.
13. **When would he work indoors?**
- In the winter.
 - In the summer.
 - In the spring.
14. **According to the text who owned, 'A girl from Dinnington'?**
- The Royal Armoured Corps.
 - The Charleston Trust.
 - The Royal College of Art.
15. **Which year was he given a Knighthood?**
- 1991.
 - 1936.
 - 1954.
16. **Why has bold been used in this text?**
- To show the favourite place for landscape drawing.
 - To show the title of the painting of de Grey.
 - To show the award given to de Grey.
17. **The word that best fills the gap in line 10 is:**
- Achieve.
 - Start.
 - Complete.
18. **Which line has a spelling error?**
- Line 7.
 - Line 16.
 - Line 24.
19. **In which year did de Grey have his first one-man show?**
- 1950.
 - 1954.
 - 1984.
20. **Which word has the opposite meaning of 'less well-known' on line 14?**
- Famous.
 - Unfamiliar.
 - Recognised.

Text 3

Read the text. Answer the questions on your mark sheet.

Cadbury's Story

In 1824 John Cadbury opened his first store at 93 Bull Street in Birmingham city centre, selling tea, coffee, cocoa and drinking chocolate. Drinking chocolate was seen as a healthy drink. In 1931, John purchased a four-storey factory on Crooked Lane. John was selling almost 30 varieties of drinking chocolates and cocoa.

As the business continued to grow, John asked his brother Benjamin for a helping hand and Cadbury became known as Cadbury Brothers. The Cadbury brothers' business continued to grow, and in 1947 they moved to a larger factory.

The birth of Bournville began when the Cadbury brothers found a large site in a countryside village, buying the land and calling it Bournville. The site had a cottage, a stream and a pear tree, and the tree is still there to this day.

By the 1900s, Cadbury had built their new factory along with a 'model village' for their workers, with more than 300 cottages and houses close to schools and shops.

In 1905 Cadbury first produced Dairy Milk, their most popular product of all time. Though Cadbury is now owned by American company, the village of Bournville will always be at the heart of Cadbury's.

To this day, Bournville remains a village with original history. The factory is still a popular attraction and many of the buildings and cottages built in the late 1800s still stand.

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| <p>21. The purpose of the text is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Persuade you to give to charity.b. Describe the Cadbury story.c. Inform you about a gift. <p>22. In the text, which word has a similar meaning to 'varieties'?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Types.b. Usual.c. Conditions. <p>23. In the text, the words 'helping hand' is used to mean:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Assistance.b. Developer.c. Explorer. | <p>24. According to the text, what is not on the Bourneville site?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Pear tree.b. Stream.c. Church. <p>25. In what year did Cadburys first produce Dairy Milk?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. 1905.b. 1800.c. 1947. |
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Text 4

Read the text. Answer the questions on your mark sheet.

Basketball News

The National Basketball Association (NBA) announced that 108 international players from a record 42 countries are playing in the opening night games for the 2018-19 season.

In particular, the head coach is hopeful that the 'Greek Freak', NBA superstar Giannis Antetokounmpo will play for Greece in September. He stated "unless something extraordinary and very serious arises, I think he will come to the national team. He is aware of everything about the camp, he has the training programme. He has shown interest and I think he will be in the national team for the first games of the next stage."

The Greek National Basketball team is just one of the handful of teams still unbeaten in the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) Basketball World Cup 2019 European Qualifiers, winning all five games in the first stage.

Head coach Thanasis Skourtopoulos, who has been in charge of the team since the start of the qualifiers, said "from the very first moment I made clear that all of the players that are here belong to this team. It is very important to expand the national team base."

But even when Giannis joins the national team, Skourtopoulos promises not to forget the effort and commitment of all players involved in the Qualifiers. "We want to show that we operate properly. And I'm sure there are places in the final games for the players who made a huge effort during the matches if we qualify for the World Cup in China," he said.

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| <p>26. According to the text, the acronym NBA stands for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. National Basket Association.b. National Basketball Association.c. National Baseball Association. <p>27. The word 'extraordinary' in paragraph 2 has a similar meaning to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Amazing.b. Awful.c. Terrible. <p>28. The text suggests that the Greek team has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Lost all of their games.b. Played no games.c. Won all of their games. | <p>29. How many games did the Greek National Basketball team win in the first stage?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. One hundred and eight.b. Five.c. Forty two. <p>30. The word 'expand' in paragraph 4 could be replaced by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Grow.b. Shrunk.c. Reduce. <p>31. In the text, where is the next world cup being held?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Greece.b. China.c. USA. |
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English Writing Examination
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Instructions to learners

Check that you have the correct paper.

You must write a minimum of 100 – 150 words for Task 1 and 150 - 200 words for Task 2.

Use black or blue ink. Do not use a pencil.

You may NOT use a dictionary.

There are two tasks. You must attempt both tasks.

Formal writing Task 1, you must complete **either** Option 1

OR Option 2.

Informal writing Task 2, you must complete the set task.

Total marks available: **24**

Allow time to check your work before the end of the examination.

You can ask for more writing paper if required.

You have **one hour** to finish the examination.

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Question	Mark
1	
2	
Total	

Option 1 Formal Writing Task 1 – Allow 30 minutes for this task

Write an article for a school/college magazine about why families should play more board games together and what the benefits are for the family.

You could write about:

- The type of board games there are.
- Spending family time together.
- Skills you will develop by team work and communication.
- What board games you recommend to play and why?

OR

Option 2 Formal Writing Task 1 – Allow 30 minutes for this task

Write a thank you letter to the manager of the local store who found your lost coat.

You could write about:

- When you visited the store.
- What happened that made you forget your coat.
- How you felt.
- How the store contacted you to return your coat.

Write 100 – 150 words.

(12 Marks)

Informal Writing Task 2 – Allow 30 minutes for this task.

Write an email to your friend asking them to take part in a sporting competition with you.

You could write about:

- What the sport is.
- Where it will be taking place.
- What you have to do to prepare for it.
- How you feel about the competition.

Write 150 – 200 words.

(12 Marks)

You will be assessed on:

- **content**
- **use of appropriate tenses**
- **word order**
- **use of conjunctions, adjectives and vocabulary**
- **legibility of writing**

End of Examination for Writing – Level B2



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