

**ESOL International**  
**English Listening Examination**  
**Level B1 Intermediate**

**Instructions to learners**

Check that you have the correct paper.

Do not open the paper until you are told to do so.

Please complete the information above.

Listen to the instructions.

Use black or blue ink. Do not use pencil.

You must not use a dictionary.

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. I am 1 metre 52.<br>b. I am 17.<br>c. I weigh 60 kilos.  | 6.  | a. I play video games.<br>b. I go shopping.<br>c. I go to the gym.                     |
| 2. | a. It finishes at ten o'clock.<br>b. It is a concert of classical music.<br>c. I think it starts at 7.30. | 7.  | a. The bus leaves soon.<br>b. It's five minutes away.<br>c. It's the number 15 bus.    |
| 3. | a. I live with my parents.<br>b. I am an only child.<br>c. I have three children.                         | 8.  | a. I like swimming.<br>b. That is a good idea.<br>c. We could go swimming.             |
| 4. | a. The café is very busy.<br>b. Yes, I would love to go.<br>c. I like coffee and tea.                     | 9.  | a. The museum sells them.<br>b. Yes, they are very cheap.<br>c. I don't buy souvenirs. |
| 5. | a. Every thirty minutes.<br>b. The station is near here.<br>c. The journey takes one hour.                | 10. | a. I bought some presents.<br>b. I had a party.<br>c. My birthday is in July.          |

## Part 2

You will 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.

### Conversation 1

- Why must Nadia go to King's Cross station?**
  - To catch a train to Edinburgh.
  - To catch a train to London.
  - To catch a train to Piccadilly.
- Why should she go to King's Cross by Tube, according to the employee?**
  - It is the cheapest way.
  - It is the most comfortable way.
  - It is the quickest way.
- Does she need to change trains?**
  - Yes, she must change at Piccadilly.
  - No, the train goes direct to King's Cross.
  - Yes, she will have to change twice.
- Why does Nadia pay for her ticket by Visa?**
  - She has lost her English money.
  - She doesn't have any English money.
  - She has forgotten her English money.
- How should Nadia get to the platforms, according to the employee?**
  - She should show her ticket to a guard.
  - She should use the lift or the stairs.
  - She should put her ticket into the ticket barrier.

Now listen to the conversation again and check your answers.

Now listen to Conversation 2.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

### Conversation 2

- What kind of pizza does the customer order?**
  - A half-and-half pizza.
  - A small pizza.
  - A garlic bread pizza.
- What does the customer want on his pizza?**
  - Extra ham.
  - Extra cheese.
  - Extra tomato.
- How much does the customer's order cost?**
  - £15.50.
  - £15.
  - £5.50.
- Which is the correct spelling of the customer's name?**
  - Tompson.
  - Thomson.
  - Thompson.
- Which is the correct house number for the customer?**
  - 65.
  - 69.
  - 75.

Now listen to the conversation again and check your answers.

**Part 3**

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

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

Now listen to Broadcast 1.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

**Broadcast 1**

1. **What sort of broadcast is this?**
  - a. It is a history programme.
  - b. It is a cookery programme.
  - c. It is a book programme.
2. **What do we learn about the way the Romans liked to eat?**
  - a. They ate lying down on cushions.
  - b. They sat on chairs at a table.
  - c. They ate standing up at a table.
3. **Why is the book “Apicus” mentioned in the broadcast?**
  - a. It is a book about Roman history.
  - b. It is a book of Roman poetry.
  - c. It is a book of Roman recipes.
4. **What kind of food is “Iscia Omentata”?**
  - a. It is a kind of burger.
  - b. It is a kind of salad.
  - c. It is a kind of soup.
5. **What will you find on the programme’s web page?**
  - a. A shopping list.
  - b. A list of ingredients.
  - c. A list of famous Romans.
6. **According to the broadcast, how should you cook the burgers?**
  - a. Put them in the oven for 15 minutes.
  - b. Grill them for 10 minutes on each side.
  - c. Fry them for 5 minutes on each side.

Listen to the broadcast again and check your answers.

Now listen to Broadcast 2.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

**Broadcast 2**

1. **Who is this voicemail from?**
  - a. Caroline Costa.
  - b. Laura Brown.
  - c. The Air Ambulance service.
2. **When will the charity walk take place?**
  - a. On 5<sup>th</sup> September.
  - b. On 15<sup>th</sup> September.
  - c. On 25<sup>th</sup> September.
3. **What will the money raised be used for?**
  - a. To pay the volunteers.
  - b. To buy presents for the patients.
  - c. To buy equipment for the Air Ambulance.
4. **What are the last three digits of the telephone number?**
  - a. 009.
  - b. 005.
  - c. 025.
5. **Which is the correct version of the website mentioned?**
  - a. www.JVC.org.
  - b. www.GVC.org.
  - c. www.GBC.org.

Listen to the broadcast again and check your answers.

**End of Examination for B1 Intermediate Listening.**

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**English Reading Examination**  
**Level B1 Intermediate**

**Instructions to learners**

Check that you have the correct paper.

Please complete the information above.

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

You may NOT use a dictionary.

There are 31 questions in this examination.

You must attempt 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>Football News</u>	1
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One of the world's most famous footballers, Cristiano Ronaldo, is returning to his former club, Manchester United. Some football journalists have described this transfer as the most exciting in recent British football history, particularly as no-one expected it to happen.	3
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Ronaldo agreed to the transfer from his current club, Juventus in Italy, to Manchester United last week. Manchester United football club will have to pay the Italian club a basic fee of £12.8 million for Ronaldo. The footballer has signed a two-year contract with Manchester United and could ____ £480, 000 a week even though he will have 38 years old by the time his contract ends in 2023.	8
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The manager of Manchester United, Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, who is himself a former Manchester United player, said that Ronaldo was a legend of the club and the greatest player of all time. He has good memories of playing football with Ronaldo and later coaching him.	14
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The other United players were delighted to learn the news of the transfer, especially as they had feared at first that Ronaldo might go to their biggest rivals, Manchester City. But Ronaldo was determined to come back to United and said he would like his children to be educated in England.	19
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The paperwork for the transfer will be completed in the next few days Ronaldo will then have a medical examination in Portugal where he is at the moment for the World Cup qualifying matches.	24
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1. **According to the text, what is Ronaldo going to do?**
  - a. Transfer to Manchester United.
  - b. Transfer to Manchester City.
  - c. Transfer to Juventus football club.
  
2. **How long will Ronaldo's new contract last?**
  - a. Two weeks.
  - b. Two months.
  - c. Two years.
  
3. **How much will Ronaldo's transfer cost?**
  - a. The cost is not mentioned.
  - b. £12.8 million.
  - c. £480,000.
  
4. **What does Ole Gunnar Solskjaer think of Ronaldo?**
  - a. That he has a good memory.
  - b. That he could become a football coach.
  - c. That he is the greatest footballer.
  
5. **Why is Ronaldo in Portugal at the moment, according to the text?**
  - a. He is playing football.
  - b. He is on holiday.
  - c. He is in hospital.
  
6. **A word has been omitted from line 11. The word should be:**
  - a. Lose.
  - b. Earn.
  - c. Win.
  
7. **There is a spelling mistake on:**
  - a. Line 5.
  - b. Line 10.
  - c. Line 20.
  
8. **There is a grammar mistake on:**
  - a. Line 3.
  - b. Line 12.
  - c. Line 16.
  
9. **The word 'delighted' on line 19 means the same as:**
  - a. Very worried.
  - b. Very angry.
  - c. Very happy.
  
10. **There is a punctuation mistake on:**
  - a. Line 8.
  - b. Line 19.
  - c. Line 24.

**Text 2**

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

<u>An Unusual Summer</u>	1
This year Scotland has experienced one of the hottest summers on record. One place that has benefitted from this is Tyndrum in the Scottish Highlands. In fact, there have been so many tourists visiting the small town, all wanting to buy ice-cream, that the local shops have had trouble keeping up with demand?	2
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This little town, which lies between Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park, is a popular destination for tourists and walkers. Tyndrum is situated in the middle of the West Highland Way which is a long-distance walk from Glasgow to Fort William. There is many other attractions in the area so the town usually has many visitors at this time of year. _____, even for Tyndrum, this year has been a bit different and not just because more people have chosen to take their holidays in the UK rather than abroad.	5
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This summer Tyndrum has had its very own heatwave, with temperatures reaching a high of just over 27 degrees Celsius. In fact, the highest temperatures in the UK were recorded in Tyndrum last week on Wenesday and Thursday. The unusually high temperatures have encouraged people to find ways to keep cool.	12
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Local shopkeepers have been very busy supplying the visitors with ice-cream, ice cubes, water and juice as well as supplies for barbeques. Sometimes the demand for ice-cream has been so great that shops soon sold out. Many of the visitors have been enjoying sitting outside, eating and drinking in the warm sunshine.	16
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11. **What does the article tell you about Scotland this year?**
- It has had a hot summer.
  - It has been unusually cold.
  - It has had a lot of rain.
12. **Where is the town of Tyndrum, according to the text?**
- It is in the city of Glasgow.
  - It is in the Highlands of Scotland.
  - It is near the coast of Scotland.
13. **What is the West Highland Way, according to the text?**
- It is a street in Tyndrum.
  - It is a mountain range.
  - It is a long-distance walk.
14. **What is special about Tyndrum?**
- It is popular with shoppers.
  - It is popular with children.
  - It is popular with tourists.
15. **How did people try to keep cool, according to the text?**
- They sat outside in the sun.
  - They bought a lot of ice-cream.
  - They cooked food on a barbecue.
16. **Which line has a grammatical error?**
- Line 11.
  - Line 13.
  - Line 17.
17. **Which is the best word to fill the gap on line 12?**
- Although.
  - Despite.
  - However.
18. **Which line has a spelling error?**
- Line 11.
  - Line 18.
  - Line 22.
19. **There is a punctuation error on:**
- Line 6.
  - Line 16.
  - Line 21.
20. **On line 14, the word 'abroad' means the same as:**
- At home.
  - By the sea.
  - In another country.

### Text 3

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

#### **Housesteads Roman Fort**

Housesteads Roman Fort is the best example of a Roman fort in Britain. It lies about half way along Hadrian's Wall. This wall was built by the Roman Emperor Hadrian nearly 2000 years ago in the north of England as a defence against invaders.

Hadrian's Wall is eighty Roman miles long. The wall stretches from the east to the west of the northern part of England, not too many miles south of Scotland. Fifteen thousand men helped to build the wall, which took about six years to complete.

Housesteads was one of fifteen forts along Hadrian's Wall. The original Latin name for Housesteads was Vercovicum. The fort included barracks where the soldiers lived, trained and slept, granaries for the food, a hospital and communal toilets, all of which still exist today.

Eight hundred Roman soldiers were based at Housesteads. They were governed by a commanding officer called the prefect who had his own house at the fort. This large house was built around a central courtyard and all the rooms were beautifully decorated and furnished. The dining room even had underfloor heating.

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| <p>21. <b>Where is Housesteads Roman Fort?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. It is in southern Scotland.</li><li>b. It is in northern England.</li><li>c. It is in central Romania.</li></ul> <p>22. <b>How long did it take to build Hadrian's Wall, according to the text?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Six years.</li><li>b. Sixteen years.</li><li>c. Eighty years.</li></ul> <p>23. <b>How many forts were built on the Wall?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Five.</li><li>b. Fifteen.</li><li>c. Fifty.</li></ul> | <p>24. <b>Who was in charge of the soldiers at Housesteads?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. The Emperor Hadrian.</li><li>b. Vercovicum.</li><li>c. The prefect.</li></ul> <p>25. <b>Where could you find underfloor heating in the large house at Housesteads?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. In the courtyard.</li><li>b. In all the rooms.</li><li>c. In the dining room.</li></ul> |
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## Text 4

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

### Tips for Healthy Eating

#### Eat starchy foods

Starchy foods include potatoes, pasta, rice and bread. We should choose wholegrain varieties if possible because they contain more fibre, which helps with digestion.

#### Eat lots of fruit and vegetables

It is recommended that we eat at least five portions of different fruit and vegetables a day. They are full of vitamins, minerals and fibre which help to keep us healthy. Eating five-a-day is easier than it sounds. Even a glass of unsweetened fruit juice counts as one portion.

#### Eat more fish

Fish is a good source of protein. We should try to eat more oily fish such as salmon, tuna and sardines which contain omega-3 fats. These are especially good for our heart health.

#### Eat less salt

This is often found in large quantities in snacks and junk food. We should not add extra salt to our meals. The average person needs no more than a teaspoon of salt a day, according to new research.

#### Don't get thirsty

We should drink about 1.2 litres of fluid a day to stop us getting dehydrated. Water is the best liquid to drink but tea, milk and fresh fruit juice are also good.

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| <p>26. <b>What is an advantage of eating wholegrains, according to the text?</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>They are good for digestion.</li><li>They are more varied.</li><li>They are tastier than potatoes.</li></ol> <p>27. <b>How many portions of fruit and vegetables should we eat a day, according to the text?</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>As many as we like.</li><li>No more than five.</li><li>Five or more.</li></ol> <p>28. <b>The word 'unsweetened' means:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>No sugar has been added.</li><li>It does not taste very good.</li><li>It has no added salt.</li></ol> | <p>29. <b>Why are salmon, tuna and sardines mentioned in the text?</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>They are not good for you.</li><li>They are examples of oily fish.</li><li>They are good sources of fibre.</li></ol> <p>30. <b>New research suggest we need to:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Eat more salt.</li><li>Eat a limited amount of salt.</li><li>Eat salt only with our meals.</li></ol> <p>31. <b>Which is the best definition of 'thirsty' in the last sub-title?</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Feeling hungry.</li><li>Feeling too hot.</li><li>Needing a drink.</li></ol> |
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**ESOL International**  
**English Writing Examination**  
**Level B1 Intermediate**

**Instructions to learners**

Check that you have the correct paper.

Please complete the information above.

You must write a minimum of 75 - 100 for Task 1 and 100 - 125 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 **60 minutes** to finish the examination.

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Question	Mark
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**Option 1 Formal Writing Task 1 – Allow 30 minutes for this task.**

Write an email to all the staff at the office where you work. You are organising a party for a colleague who is leaving to start a new job and you want to invite all the staff to come to the party.

You could write about:

- your reasons for writing the email
- when and where the party will take place
- the sort of entertainment, music and food there will be at the party
- how you would like all staff to give you some money to buy a present for the person leaving.

**OR**

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

Write a letter of complaint to your local council. You have learned that the council is planning to close the local library to save money. You write to say why you think this is a bad idea, and to suggest what the council should do instead.

You could write about:

- the reason why you are writing
- why you think closing the library is a bad idea
- the benefits of the library to the local community
- how the council could save money, such as by reducing the opening hours of the library.

Write 75 - 100 words.

(12 Marks)

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

Write an email to your cousin, who you have not seen for a long time, inviting them to come and stay with you next weekend.

You could write about:

- why you are inviting your cousin to stay with you
- where you could go together
- your ideas about what you could do together
- why you think it will be a great weekend.

Write 100-125 words.

(12 Marks)

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**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 B1**



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