

ESOL International

English Listening Examination

Level B1 Intermediate

Texts to be used with the examination.

These will be recorded and sent to the centre on a disk prior to the examination.

Instructions are written in *underlined italics* and should not be recorded.

The recording must be played to learners in full from start to finish.



This is the NOCN ESOL International Intermediate Level B1 Listening examination.

Please check that your name and other details are on your mark sheet.

The invigilator will have explained how to fill in the mark sheet.

Do not write on your examination paper.

Put your answers on the mark sheet.

The Listening examination will now begin.

Part 1

You will hear ten sentences. Read the replies on your examination paper.

You have two minutes to read the replies on your examination paper.

Pause for two minutes

Listen to the sentences. You will hear the sentences in full twice. Choose the best reply for the situation. You will then have two minutes to check your answers.

Play the sentences

1. How tall are you?
2. What time does the concert start this evening?
3. Do you have any brothers or sisters?
4. Would you like to go for a coffee?
5. How often is there a train to London?
6. What do you do to keep fit?
7. How far is it to the bus station?
8. What would you like to do tomorrow?
9. Can you recommend a good place to buy souvenirs?
10. What did you do on your birthday?

Pause for five seconds after the first reading.

Now listen to the sentences again.

Play the sentences again.

Now check your answers. You have two minutes to check your answers.

Pause for two minutes after the second reading

Part 2 – Conversations

You will hear two conversations. Read the questions and answers on your examination paper for both conversations. You have two minutes to read them.

Pause for two minutes

Listen to Conversation 1. You will hear the conversation twice. Answer the questions.

You have two minutes to check the answers.

Play the conversation

Nadia:	Excuse me, can you help me please? I have to go to King's Cross station to get the train to Edinburgh at five o'clock. How long does it take to get to the station?
Employee:	Are you going to King's Cross station by Tube? It's the fastest way.
Nadia:	Tube? What's that? I don't understand.
Employee:	It's the Underground. You know, the Metro. We call it the Tube here. Come with me and I'll show you.
Nadia:	Oh, ok. What do I have to do?
Employee:	You need the Piccadilly line. That's the dark blue one on the map. Just follow the signs to the platform. You need an eastbound train because you're going east from the airport to King's Cross.
Nadia:	Do I need to change trains?
Employee:	No, the airport and King's Cross are both on the Piccadilly line. Look, I'll show you on the map. You are at the airport, here, and King's Cross is there. It's direct.
Nadia:	Ok, that looks quite easy. Thank you.
Employee:	You need to buy a ticket first. You can't go into the station without a ticket.
Nadia:	Where do I buy the ticket?
Employee:	The ticket machines are over there.
Nadia:	Oh, thank you – but I haven't got any English money yet. I haven't had time to change any since I got off the plane.
Employee:	The ticket machines take Visa or Master Card.
Nadia:	Oh good. I've got a Visa card.
Employee:	Then you just put your ticket into the ticket barrier over there. I'll show you. Put your ticket in like that and you'll see a green light. Then you can go through to the platforms. Look after your ticket because you'll need it to put it into the barrier again when you leave the Tube station at King's Cross.
Nadia:	Ok. Thank you so much for your help.

Pause for five seconds after the first reading.

Now listen to the conversation again.

Play the conversation again.

Now check your answers. You have two minutes to check your answers.

Pause for two minutes after the second reading.

Part 2 – Conversations

Listen to Conversation 2. You will hear the conversation twice. Answer the questions.

You have two minutes to check the answers.

Play the conversation

Receptionist: Good evening. This is Perfect Pizza Parlour. Can I take your order?
Nick: Yes. I'd like a large pepperoni pizza with mushrooms and tomatoes.
Receptionist: Certainly. Would you like anything else with that?
Nick: Er, actually, I've changed my mind. Can I make that a half-and-half pizza?
Receptionist: Sure, no problem. What would you like on each half?
Nick: What pizza toppings do you have?
Receptionist: Well, we have pepperoni, salami, ham, seafood, mushrooms, onions, tomatoes, pineapple, black olives, green peppers. Whatever you like, really.
Nick: I'll have pepperoni and mushrooms on one half and tomatoes and ham on the other half. Oh, and could I have extra cheese on the pizza?
Receptionist: Yes, of course. No problem. Would you like any garlic bread or a drink with your order? We have a Friday night special this evening so if you order any large pizza and a drink, we'll give you a free order of garlic bread and a £5 coupon off your next order with us.
Nick: That sounds good. What drinks do you have?
Receptionist: We have coca cola, lemonade, apple juice, orange juice and bottled water.
Nick: I would like the orange juice please.
Receptionist: Ok. The total for your order comes to £15.50. Could I have your name please?
Nick: Yes, it's Nick Thompson.
Receptionist: Sorry, I didn't hear that. Could you spell your surname please?
Nick: Yes, it's Thompson. T-H-O-M-P-S-O-N.
Receptionist: Thank you, Mr Thompson. What's your full address and phone number, please?
Nick: It's 75 Smith Street, Greendale, GR2 4NS and the phone number is 0754311920.
Receptionist: Did you say 65 Smith Street?
Nick: No, it's number 75 and the postcode is GR2 4NS.
Receptionist: Ok, thank you, I've got that now. Thanks for your order. It should arrive at your door in 30 minutes or less. Please pay the delivery person when you receive the order. You can pay by card or cash.
Nick: Great, thanks. Goodbye.

Pause for five seconds after the first reading.

Now listen to the conversation again.

Play the conversation again.

Now check your answers. You have two minutes to check your answers.

Pause for two minutes after the second reading.

Part 3 – Broadcasts

You will hear two broadcasts. Read the questions and answers on your examination paper for both broadcasts. You have two minutes to read them.

Pause for two minutes

Listen to Broadcast 1. You will hear the broadcast twice. Answer the questions.

You have two minutes to check the answers.

Play the broadcast

Welcome to our cookery programme. Today, we are going to make delicious Roman burgers. Did you know that the Romans liked to eat lying down? They would lie on cushions around a low table to eat their meals. We don't think you should do that but you might like to try making the burgers.

There are many Roman dishes that we still find delicious today and the way we make them hasn't changed much over the centuries. For this recipe, we have used a very useful guide to what the Romans ate. It's a famous Roman cookbook called "Apicus," full of tasty recipes.

In this book there is a recipe called "Ischia Omentata" in Latin, which looks a lot like a modern burger. The recipe uses minced pork which was a popular meat in Roman times. It is flavoured with spices and a salty sauce.

Look at the list of ingredients on our web page. When you are ready, this is what you have to do: Mix the spices and the salty sauce into the minced pork. Shape the mixture into burgers. There should be enough for four people. Fry the burgers gently for five minutes on each side and serve them in a bread bun with ketchup or mustard.

Pause for five seconds after the first reading.

Now listen to the broadcast again.

Play the broadcast again.

Now check your answers. You have two minutes to check your answers.

Pause for two minutes after the second reading.

Part 3 – Broadcast 2

Listen to Broadcast 2. You will hear the broadcast twice. Answer the questions.

You have two minutes to check the answers.

Play the broadcast

Hi, this is a message for Caroline Costa from Laura Brown of the Greendale Volunteer Committee to let you know about our charity walk this year. You said you were interested in taking part so I would like to give you all the details.

Our charity walk will take place on Sunday the 5th September, starting at 10 o'clock in the morning. We will donate all the money we raise to the Children's Air Ambulance. I am sure you will agree that this is a good cause.

The Children's Air Ambulance is based at Greendale Airport and all the money we raise from the walk will be used to buy equipment for the staff and patients.

You probably know that all the organisers of the charity walk are volunteers. We do not take any money for any work that we do – we all give our time and work for free.

So Caroline, if you could help us, please contact me for a registration form on 07664321009. If you prefer, you can register online by visiting our website at www.GVC.org

Remember, by taking part in the walk you could save a child's life.

Thank you very much for your time. I do hope to see you at the event on the 5th September.

Pause for five seconds after the first reading.

Now listen to the broadcast again.

Play the broadcast again.

Now check your answers. You have two minutes to check your answers.

Pause for two minutes after the second reading.

That is the end of the Listening examination. Please check your mark sheet is completed correctly. Put your pens down.

End of Examination

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