

**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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| <p>1. a. My cousins are older than me.<br/>b. I have eight cousins.<br/>c. I don't have any sisters.</p> <p>2. a. Yes, you will need an umbrella.<br/>b. Yes, it will be warm and sunny.<br/>c. Yes, it will be a lovely day.</p> <p>3. a. I don't like coffee.<br/>b. No, I would prefer a coffee.<br/>c. I like tea and coffee.</p> <p>4. a. I like this shirt.<br/>b. I don't have enough money.<br/>c. I think it is very pretty.</p> <p>5. a. Yes, but I don't have a car.<br/>b. The bus goes to the centre.<br/>c. This is a very old car.</p> | <p>6. a. Yes, that would be nice.<br/>b. Yes, let's go shopping.<br/>c. No, the cinema is closed.</p> <p>7. a. They are at the supermarket.<br/>b. I don't like apples.<br/>c. About £2.50.</p> <p>8. a. It is at the station.<br/>b. It leaves at 2 o'clock.<br/>c. It arrived on time.</p> <p>9. a. It is next to the hotel.<br/>b. It is closed today.<br/>c. There are too many cars.</p> <p>10. a. The centre is very busy.<br/>b. It is about 5 kilometres.<br/>c. Take the second left.</p> |
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## 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

- Which house does the new neighbour live at?**
  - Number 56
  - Number 57
  - Number 58
- What advice does Monika ask for?**
  - How to get to the shops.
  - When the library is open.
  - If there is a good restaurant.
- What kind of restaurant does Diana suggest?**
  - Chinese
  - Indian
  - Italian
- Where should Monika turn right?**
  - At the end of the street.
  - At the bookshop.
  - At the traffic lights.
- What time will they meet tomorrow?**
  - At 6 o'clock.
  - At 7 o'clock.
  - At half past 7.

Now listen to the conversation again and check your answers.

Now listen to Conversation 2.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

### Conversation 2

- Why is the caller not able to speak to Mrs Brown?**
  - She is not in the office.
  - She is too busy.
  - She is on holiday.
- When is the last day to apply for the job?**
  - Wednesday.
  - Thursday.
  - Friday.
- How many years' experience is needed?**
  - At least 2 years.
  - At least 5 years.
  - At least 10 years.
- How many days holiday will there be?**
  - 25.
  - 28.
  - 29.
- When will the interview take place?**
  - On Tuesday.
  - On Thursday.
  - On Friday.

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 kind of animal is Jonathan?**
  - a. A giant lizard.
  - b. A giant turtle.
  - c. A giant tortoise.
2. **How old will Jonathan be this year?**
  - a. 150 years old.
  - b. 190 years old.
  - c. 200 years old.
3. **Which book is Jonathan in?**
  - a. The Guinness Book of Records.
  - b. The Atlantic Book of Records.
  - c. The Indian Book of Records.
4. **Where does he live now?**
  - a. In a house.
  - b. In a garden.
  - c. In the sea.
5. **What does Jonathan like to eat?**
  - a. Cucumbers and apples.
  - b. Bread and oranges.
  - c. Lettuce and grapes.
6. **Where does the Governor want Jonathan's picture?**
  - a. On a poster.
  - b. On a £5 note.
  - c. On a stamp.

Now listen to Broadcast 2.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

#### **Broadcast 2**

1. **How many years does the Platinum jubilee celebrate?**
  - a. 50
  - b. 60
  - c. 70
2. **When was the jubilee weekend?**
  - a. In January.
  - b. In June.
  - c. In July.
3. **What happened at street parties?**
  - a. Roads were closed to traffic.
  - b. People watched the Queen on TV.
  - c. People went to exhibitions.
4. **Events to celebrate the jubilee also took place in:**
  - a. Australia and Cuba.
  - b. Australia and Canada.
  - c. Canada and Austria.
5. **What happened in September 2022?**
  - a. The Queen died.
  - b. The Queen celebrated her birthday.
  - c. The Queen visited Australia.

Listen to the broadcast again and check your answers.

Listen to the broadcast again and check your answers.

**End of Examination**

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**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.**

<b>Is food important in different countries?</b>	1
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Food is an important part of any country. It is part of a country's identity, and it can be used to express different beliefs and religions.	3
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People who move to a new country bring the food of their country with them wherever they go. They cook traditional food as a way of remembering their own country when they move to new _____. Some recipes may change as some ingredients are not available.	6
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It is important for children to know about how the foods and meals that they eat have been handed down from their parents and grandparents. Children also like to learn about the different cooking methods and equipment that is used to cook other countries' recipes.	11
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The UK have adopted curry as a "national dish", with more than 9,000 Indian, Pakistani and Bangladeshi restaurants and the creation of British-Asian dishes such as chicken tikka masala and lamb balti.	16
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Another food that has been adopted internationally is the "hamburger". It is thought that it came from the seaport town of Hamburg, Germany.	20
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Other countries have different viewpoints and do not eat beef. In India the cow is a holy animal and is not part of their food chain.	23
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Can you think of any foods that you eat that have come from another country!	26

- 1. According to the text, why is food important?**
  - a. It tastes good.
  - b. It is part of a country's identity.
  - c. It is healthy.
- 2. Why do people cook traditional foods?**
  - a. To remember their country.
  - b. To help their parents.
  - c. To learn about a country.
- 3. What has been handed down?**
  - a. Cooking equipment.
  - b. Cooking methods.
  - c. Food and meals.
- 4. What dish has the UK adopted?**
  - a. Hamburger.
  - b. Curry.
  - c. Beef.
- 5. According to the text, which animal is holy?**
  - a. Cow.
  - b. Chicken.
  - c. Lamb.
- 6. A word has been omitted from line 8. The word should be:**
  - a. Flat.
  - b. Home.
  - c. Places.
- 7. There is a spelling mistake on:**
  - a. Line 6.
  - b. Line 11.
  - c. Line 26.
- 8. There is a grammar mistake on:**
  - a. Line 4.
  - b. Line 13.
  - c. Line 16.
- 9. The best words to replace 'such as' on line 18 is:**
  - a. Like.
  - b. Similar.
  - c. Same.
- 10. There is a punctuation error on:**
  - a. Line 14.
  - b. Line 20.
  - c. Line 26.

## Text 2

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

<u>A New Star Wars Exhibition</u>	1
	2
A new exhibition has opened in a museum in Northampton, England, showing one of the biggest collections of Star Wars toys and posters in the UK and featuring items and artwork from the original three Star Wars films. It will probably be one of the most popular exhibitions at the museum _____ it reopened to the public. All the items belong to a collector called Matt Fox.	3
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This is the first major exhibition at the museum, which has been closed till now for updating, costing over £6 million. To pay for the updating, the museum had to sell an Egyptian statue that was 4,000 years old.	9
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The collection includes toys from 1977 to 1985. Mr. Fox said he was only five when the first film came out in 1977. "It was the first movie I ever saw," he said, "straight after that, I went to a toy shop with my parents and I got my first ever Star Wars figure, which was Darth Vader."	13
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As the years went by, he started collecting more and more Star Wars toys. They were very cheap to buy in the 70's and 80's, but they are worth thousands of pounds nowadays. Mr. Fox has looked after his collection very well and some of the items are in perfect condition.	18
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Experts believe that about 300 million Star Wars action figures were made between 1977 and 1985.	23
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- 11. This text is about:**
- An exhibition.
  - An Egyptian statue.
  - Star Wars films.
- 12. Why did the museum sell the Egyptian statue?**
- Because it was too old.
  - To pay for updating the museum.
  - To pay for some Star Wars toys.
- 13. Why did Mr Fox buy his first Star Wars toy when he was five?**
- He liked all the Star Wars films.
  - He had seen the toy in a museum.
  - He had just seen the first Star Wars film.
- 14. Why did Mr Fox buy so many Star Wars items in the 70's and 80's?**
- They were very expensive.
  - They did not cost very much money.
  - They were presents for his family.
- 15. What does 300 million refer to?**
- The number of figures sold.
  - The number of figures made.
  - The number of figures bought.
- 16. Which line has a spelling error?**
- Line 5.
  - Line 15.
  - Line 21.
- 17. Which is the best word to fill the gap on line 6?**
- Because.
  - Following.
  - Since.
- 18. What is the meaning of 'public' in line 7?**
- The people who work at the museum.
  - The people who visit the museum.
  - The people who collect Star Wars toys.
- 19. Which line has a grammatical error?**
- Line 9.
  - Line 16.
  - Line 23.
- 20. The words 'straight after that' on line 15 mean the same as:**
- Immediately.
  - Before.
  - Certainly.

### Text 3

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

#### Jurgen Klopp

Jurgen Klopp is a successful football manager. He was born in Stuttgart in Germany, in 1967. He became manager of Liverpool FC in 2015 and since then the club has risen to the top of the English football league. During his time there, Liverpool has become one of the best football clubs in the world.

Klopp began his career at the German club Mainz as a football player. He became manager of the same club in 2005 and then eight years later he moved to the manager's job at another German club, Borussia Dortmund, which he made into a strong and successful team.

Klopp has slowly improved Liverpool, or the Reds as they are also known. They competed for the League Cup and the Europa League Cup in 2016, but lost in both finals. Later that year, Klopp signed Sadio Mane to the team for £30 million. This footballer has become one of the key players in Liverpool's success in recent years.

In 2019, the Reds finally won the Champion's League Cup when they beat Tottenham Hotspur 2 – 0, and the following year they won the Premier League title.

Liverpool fans had waited thirty years for this success.

**21. According to the text, Jurgen Klopp is:**

- a. From Liverpool.
- b. From Stuttgart.
- c. From Mainz.

**22. Which team did Klopp first manage?**

- a. Borussia Dortmund.
- b. Liverpool.
- c. Mainz.

**23. The words 'in recent years' at the end of paragraph three mean:**

- a. In the last few years.
- b. Long ago.
- c. In the future.

**24. According to the text, which team are called the Reds?**

- a. Manchester United.
- b. Liverpool.
- c. Borussia Dortmund

**25. How long have the fans waited for success at Liverpool?**

- a. Three years.
- b. Thirteen years.
- c. Thirty years.

## Text 4

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

### An Amazing Discovery

A six-year-old boy has found a tooth belonging to a giant dinosaur called a megalodon, that could be at least 20 million years old. Sammy Shelton found the 10-centimetre-long tooth on a beach in the south-west of England, when he was on holiday there at Easter with his family.

Sammy explained that he was looking for fossils on the beach with his dad Peter, when he found the tooth. He was very excited, because although he had seen a few small fossils, he hadn't expected to find anything as special as this. He said it was just lying on the sand.

A dinosaur expert has confirmed that the tooth came from a megalodon, the largest shark that ever lived. The name megalodon actually means "big tooth". The megalodon could grow up to 18 metres long and weigh up to 60 tonnes. Megalodons were whale-eaters and lived in all the seas around the world, except for Antarctica. They became extinct about 3 million years ago.

Sammy is looking after the tooth at home for the moment. He keeps it in his bedroom \_\_\_\_\_ his bed, although he has taken it to school to show his teachers and his classmates.

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| <p><b>26. What has Sammy found, according to the text?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. A shark.</li><li>b. A tooth.</li><li>c. A whale.</li></ul> <p><b>27. Where was he at the time?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. He was in his garden.</li><li>b. He was in the sea.</li><li>c. He was on a beach.</li></ul> <p><b>28. How did Sammy feel when he found the tooth?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Expected.</li><li>b. Explained.</li><li>c. Excited.</li></ul> | <p><b>29. What was a megalodon, according to the text?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. A very big shark.</li><li>b. A very big whale.</li><li>c. A very big fossil.</li></ul> <p><b>30. In the text, the words 'became extinct' in paragraph three mean:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Died out.</li><li>b. Developed.</li><li>c. Swam away.</li></ul> <p><b>31. Which is the best word to fill the gap in paragraph 4?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Far.</li><li>b. Near.</li><li>c. Long.</li></ul> |
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**End of Examination**



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**Instructions to learners**

Check that you have the correct paper.

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.

**NOCN use only**

<b>Question</b>	<b>Mark</b>
<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	
<b>Total</b>	

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

You have won a competition and there are two prizes to choose from – either £500 or a 5-day holiday in London. Write a letter to the organiser, Mrs. Green, thanking her and saying which prize you would prefer and explain why.

You could write about:

- how you feel about winning the competition
- which of the two prizes you would like and why you have made this choice
- what you will do when you receive your prize.

**OR**

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

You recently visited a new restaurant with your family and you were very impressed with the food and the service. You decide to write a review.

You could write about:

- when and where you went
- what you thought about the food and the service at the restaurant
- why you would recommend this restaurant to other people.

Write 75 - 100 words.

(12 Marks)

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

Your friend has invited you to their New Year's party but unfortunately you will not be able to attend. Write an email to thank them for the invitation and explain why you cannot go to the party.

You could write about:

- why you are writing the email to your friend
- why you cannot go to their party
- how you feel about having to miss the party
- when and where you could meet up another time.

Write 100-125 words.

(12 Marks)

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**You will be assessed on:**

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

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