

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. Yes, I speak French.
b. Yes, I speak a little English.
c. Yes, I like England.</p> <p>2. a. Once a week.
b. The supermarket is near here.
c. It is closed on Sundays.</p> <p>3. a. It is popular with tourists.
b. It is open every day.
c. It's in the town centre.</p> <p>4. a. About half past twelve.
b. I usually eat sandwiches.
c. I have lunch at home.</p> <p>5. a. It is a very old castle.
b. It is about two kilometres.
c. It is very interesting.</p> | <p>6. a. I have a favourite book.
b. I like all kinds of music.
c. I like watching the news.</p> <p>7. a. It starts at seven o'clock.
b. About midnight.
c. It is a birthday party.</p> <p>8. a. Yes, five kilos.
b. Yes, I bought some carrots.
c. I like potatoes.</p> <p>9. a. I have to eat at 5pm.
b. The doctor is very busy.
c. It's at two o'clock.</p> <p>10. a. I will eat breakfast at 7am.
b. I would like eggs and toast.
c. I ate breakfast in a café yesterday.</p> |
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Part 2

You will now hear two conversations. You will hear them twice.

You have two minutes to read the questions and answers for both conversations.

Now listen to Conversation 1.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

Conversation 1

- 1. When did Mr Stevens last see the dentist, Miss Brown?**
 - a. He saw her in May.
 - b. He saw her a week ago.
 - c. He saw her last year.
- 2. What caused Mr Steven's toothache?**
 - a. He doesn't know.
 - b. Cleaning his teeth.
 - c. A piece of bread.
- 3. Where is his broken tooth?**
 - a. On the bottom right-hand side.
 - b. On the bottom left-hand side.
 - c. On the top left-hand side.
- 4. What treatment will the dentist give him?**
 - a. She will take the broken tooth out.
 - b. She will check his teeth.
 - c. She will repair the damaged tooth.
- 5. What should Mr Stevens do if he is in pain?**
 - a. He should make an appointment.
 - b. He should not eat anything.
 - c. He should take painkillers.

Now listen to the conversation again and check your answers.

Now listen to Conversation 2.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

Conversation 2

- 1. Where will Martin and Angela go?**
 - a. To the country park.
 - b. To the beach.
 - c. To the mountains.
- 2. What will they take for the picnic?**
 - a. Salad and something to drink.
 - b. Sandwiches and cake.
 - c. Some fruitcake and coffee.
- 3. How will they get to their destination?**
 - a. By bus.
 - b. They will walk.
 - c. By car.
- 4. What will they do in the morning?**
 - a. They will have breakfast.
 - b. They will prepare the picnic.
 - c. They will go to the café.
- 5. What time will they set off?**
 - a. At nine o'clock.
 - b. At ten o'clock.
 - c. At eleven o'clock.

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 and answers for both broadcasts.

Now listen to Broadcast 1.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

Broadcast 1

- 1. What is this broadcast about?**
 - a. The different uses of plastic.
 - b. How plastic is made.
 - c. Pollution caused by plastic.
- 2. Problems for our planet can be caused by:**
 - a. Throwing plastic away.
 - b. Using plastic every day.
 - c. Keeping food in plastic containers.
- 3. How much plastic waste will there be by 2040?**
 - a. 2 million tonnes.
 - b. 80 million tonnes.
 - c. 200 million tonnes.
- 4. How can we reduce plastic waste?**
 - a. By not using water bottles.
 - b. By reusing the plastic we already have.
 - c. By not making any more plastic.
- 5. What can we do about plastic packaging?**
 - a. We should use less plastic packaging.
 - b. We should reuse plastic packaging.
 - c. We should throw it away.
- 6. How long before the world leaders have to sign the Treaty?**
 - a. Two hundred days.
 - b. A few years.
 - c. Twenty two years.

Listen to the broadcast again and check your answers.

Now listen to Broadcast 2.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

Broadcast 2

- 1. When will the Young Citizens group start?**
 - a. On Monday 5th July.
 - b. On Monday 4th June.
 - c. On Monday 5th June.
- 2. How much does entry cost?**
 - a. It costs £3 every week.
 - b. It is free.
 - c. It costs £12 for the year.
- 3. How old should you be to take part?**
 - a. Between 12 and 16 years old.
 - b. Between 12 and 18 years old.
 - c. Between 12 and 15 years old.
- 4. What do they do once a month?**
 - a. They go swimming.
 - b. They earn reward stamps.
 - c. They pick up litter.
- 5. Why might you ring Mandy?**
 - a. To find out more about the group.
 - b. To visit the fire station.
 - c. To attend healthy food tasting sessions.

Listen to the broadcast again and check your answers.

End of Examination.

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Please complete the information above.

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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.

A six-year-old boy called Oscar Burrow has climbed some of the UK's highest mountains to raise money for charity. He finished his fundraising challenge by climbing to the top of Ben Nevis, which is the highest mountain in the UK. He has raised more than £31,000 for a children's hospital and says that he wants the money to help the children to be able to go on Holiday.	1
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Oscar climbed Ben Nevis, in Scotland, with his dad. They set off at about eight o'clock in the morning on the final day of the challenge and got to the top by one o'clock in the afternoon. There was no snow at the top of the mountain and the weather was brilliant that day.	7
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A few weeks earlier, Oscar had climbed to the top of another mountain in Scotland with his dad. On that occasion he found the climb difficult because of the deep snow. _____, they had some fun at the top because they made a giant snowball before they came back down the mountain.	11
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His dad said that Oscar is a very active boy with a lot of energy. He plays rugby, enjoys swimming and also rides a bike. After he completes his charity challenge, Oscar told his dad that he wants to be the youngest person to climb Mount Everest. He has been inspired by learning about Sir Edmund Hillary, who was one of the first men to reach the top of Mount Everest in 1953.	16
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1. **Why did Oscar climb the mountains?**
 - a. To reach the top.
 - b. To raise money for charity.
 - c. To spend time with his dad.
2. **When did he reach the top of Ben Nevis?**
 - a. At eight o'clock in the morning.
 - b. At eight o'clock in the evening.
 - c. At one o'clock in the afternoon.
3. **When did he make a giant snowball?**
 - a. A few weeks earlier.
 - b. When he finished his challenge.
 - c. When he reached the top of Ben Nevis.
4. **How do we know he is an active boy?**
 - a. He likes playing in the snow.
 - b. He plays rugby and rides a bike.
 - c. He enjoys going on holiday.
5. **What did Sir Edmund Hillary do in 1953?**
 - a. He inspired Oscar to climb Everest.
 - b. He reached the top of Ben Nevis.
 - c. He reached the top of Mount Everest.
6. **Which word fits the gap on line 12?**
 - a. However.
 - b. Since.
 - c. Although.
7. **Which line has a spelling mistake?**
 - a. Line 2.
 - b. Line 7.
 - c. Line 9.
8. **Which line has a grammar mistake?**
 - a. Line 11.
 - b. Line 17.
 - c. Line 18.
9. **Which word can replace 'giant' on line 13?**
 - a. Excellent.
 - b. Dangerous.
 - c. Enormous.
10. **Which line has a punctuation error?**
 - a. Line 5.
 - b. Line 7.
 - c. Line 16.

Text 2

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

According to stories, there is a monster living in a lake in Scotland. The monster is called Nessie and the lake is Loch Ness. This lake is one mile wide and twenty-four miles long and is the largest freshwater lake in the United Kingdom. Many people say the monster is just a myth, but others believe it is real. Some people claim they have seen it and think it lives deep below the surface of the water of Loch Ness.	1
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Over the years, people have come to the lake with their cameras, hoping to catch sight of the monster. The first time anyone said they saw Nessie was over 1,500 years ago, but there have been many people since then who say they have seen it	7
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The most recent sighting of Nessie was in 2007. A tourist called Gordon Holmes said that he not only saw Nessie, but also managed to take a video of the monster. He said Nessie was black, about fifteen metres long and was swimming across the lake at about six miles per hour. However, experts say that his video is false and that what you can see in the video is probably only a tree trunk.	11
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Scientists have explored the lake with submarines to try to find evidence that Nessie really exists. They think the monster may be related to a prehistoric creature called a plesiosaur. _____, they have not yet been able to find Nessie.	17
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11. **What is Loch Ness?**
 - a. It is a monster living in Scotland.
 - b. It is a large lake in Scotland.
 - c. It is a camera used in Scotland.

12. **What happened over 1,500 years ago?**
 - a. Someone first said they saw Nessie.
 - b. Someone took a video of Nessie.
 - c. Someone first visited Loch Ness.

13. **Who was Gordon Holmes?**
 - a. He was a swimmer.
 - b. He was a film director.
 - c. He was a tourist.

14. **What do experts think is in Gordon's video?**
 - a. An image of the monster.
 - b. An image of a tree trunk.
 - c. An image of Gordon.

15. **How did scientists look for Nessie?**
 - a. They used submarines.
 - b. They asked sightseers.
 - c. By swimming in the lake.

16. **Which word is missing from line 19?**
 - a. Luckily.
 - b. Definitely.
 - c. Unfortunately.

17. **There is a spelling error on:**
 - a. Line 4.
 - b. Line 12.
 - c. Line 18.

18. **There is a grammar error on:**
 - a. Line 3.
 - b. Line 7.
 - c. Line 13.

19. **'False' on line 14 means:**
 - a. Not very good.
 - b. Not long.
 - c. Not real.

20. **There is a punctuation error on:**
 - a. Line 9.
 - b. Line 13.
 - c. Line 19.

Text 3

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

Fish and Chips

Fish and chips are very popular in the UK. People like to eat them with salt and vinegar or with ketchup, and often buy them as a takeaway meal, wrapped in paper. So how and when did this dish originate? Historians think, that an explorer called Walter Raleigh first brought potatoes to England by boat from America in the 17th century, although the first chips were probably invented in France.

Chips became very popular in the north of England, because they were cheap to make, while fried fish was a speciality cooked and eaten in London. People realised that eating these two things together was a very tasty combination. Soon, people all over the country were eating fish and chips, even from fish and chip vans!

The first fish and chip shop opened in the north of England in about 1863. It wasn't long before there were hundreds of fish and chip shops all around the country. The fish came from the North Atlantic Ocean and could be transported by train to fish and chip shops in all parts of the country quickly and easily.

Today there are around 8,500 fish and chip shops in the UK, eight times more than the number of McDonald's.

21. **How do people in the UK like to eat fish and chips?**

- a. With vinegar and ketchup.
- b. Wrapped in paper.
- c. With ketchup and salt.

22. **Where were chips probably invented?**

- a. In France.
- b. In England.
- c. In America.

23. **Why were chips popular in the north of England?**

- a. They were tasty.
- b. They were cheaper than fish.
- c. They were cheap to make.

24. **How was the fish transported to the fish and chip shops?**

- a. By van.
- b. By train.
- c. By boat.

25. **How many more fish and chip shops are there than McDonald's?**

- a. Eight times more.
- b. 17 times more.
- c. 8,500 times more.

Text 4

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

Classic Car Show

The Greenfield Classic Car Show will take place this year on 8 July. This is certain to attract many motoring fans and will be the largest show of this kind in the north of England.

There will be about 600 vehicles on display and about 5,000 visitors on the day, according to Philip Knight, the organiser of the show. He said there would also be stalls where you can buy souvenirs and outlets where you can buy food and drink, as well as different kinds of entertainment for the children. He believes it will be a great day out for all the family.

The show will take place on the field around the football stadium in Greenfield and people arriving by car will be able to park for free in the stadium car park. The cost of a ticket to the show is £7 per person, but costs nothing for children under the age of 12. The event is being organised by the Rotary Club of Greenfield and all money raised will go to local charities.

The show will be open from 10am every day. For more information call 0181 0123590 or visit the website: greenfieldclassiccarshow.org.

26. **How many vehicles will there be on display at the show?**

- a. About 6,000.
- b. About 5,000.
- c. About 600.

27. **Who is Philip Knight?**

- a. He is the organiser of the show.
- b. He is an entertainer at the show.
- c. He is a visitor to the show.

28. **Where will the show take place?**

- a. In the football stadium.
- b. On the field around the stadium.
- c. In the car park.

29. **A ticket to the show costs:**

- a. £10.
- b. £12.
- c. £7.

30. **How will the money raised be used?**

- a. It will be used to pay for the cars.
- b. It will go to local charities.
- c. It will go to the organisers.

31. **Why would you call 0181 0123590?**

- a. To get more information.
- b. To pay for your tickets.
- c. To buy souvenirs.



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Instructions to learners

Check that you have the correct paper.

Please complete the information above.

You must write a minimum of 75 – 100 words 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.

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

You recently went to the theatre to watch a musical show. The show was very good and you had a lovely evening there. Write an online review about the theatre and the show.

You could write about:

- when you went to the theatre and what you watched
- why you enjoyed the show so much
- what the theatre facilities were like
- why you would recommend this show to other visitors.

OR

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

The local council is planning to cut down an area of old trees to build houses on the land. You are unhappy about the plans, because the area is very beautiful and popular with local people. Write a letter to the council to complain about the plans.

You could write about:

- the reason why you are writing the letter
- why you think it is wrong for the council to cut down the trees
- what you feel about the area and why it is popular
- what you would like the council to do.

Write 75-100 words.

(12 Marks)

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

You went to your cousin's wedding last weekend and had a wonderful time. Write an email to your friend to tell them about the experience.

You could write about:

- when you went to the wedding and who was with you
- what you had to eat and drink
- what activities you took part in during the wedding
- why you enjoyed the event so much.

Write 100-125 words.

(12 Marks)

You will be assessed on:

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| • content | • use of appropriate tenses | • word order |
| • use of conjunctions | • legibility of writing | • adjectives and vocabulary |

End of Examination for Writing – Level B1



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