

ESOL International
English Listening Examination
Level B1 Intermediate

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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| <p>1. a. It is a bargain!
b. Three Euros.
c. Only twenty two Euros.</p> <p>2. a. That's fabulous!
b. How old is it?
c. Never mind.</p> <p>3. a. Blonde.
b. Curly.
c. Green.</p> <p>4. a. Every week.
b. October.
c. At Christmas.</p> <p>5. a. A Jumper.
b. An overcoat.
c. Swimwear.</p> | <p>6. a. Monday.
b. Yesterday.
c. Tomorrow.</p> <p>7. a. I don't want any.
b. There are eleven.
c. Wait a minute!</p> <p>8. a. 9:30pm.
b. 8:30am.
c. 8:30pm.</p> <p>9. a. It's too icy.
b. At the weekend.
c. I haven't got any boots.</p> <p>10. a. No, we are walking.
b. Yes, in the car.
c. Yes, by train.</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

1. **What subject did he NOT have an exam in?**
 - a. French.
 - b. Science.
 - c. IT.

2. **When was the American Civil War?**
 - a. 1776.
 - b. 1620.
 - c. 1066.

3. **Where were the post it notes?**
 - a. The kitchen.
 - b. The living room.
 - c. The dining room.

4. **What was described as the 'the best'?**
 - a. Espresso and music.
 - b. Espresso and carrot cake.
 - c. Espresso and atmosphere.

5. **How does Neil describe the company?**
 - a. Good.
 - b. Fabulous.
 - c. Superb.

Listen to the conversation again and check your answers.

Now listen to Conversation 2.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

Conversation 2

1. **What is he having a problem with?**
 - a. Leg.
 - b. Neck.
 - c. Knee.

2. **What is the doctor called?**
 - a. Dr Store.
 - b. Dr Stone.
 - c. Dr Some.

3. **How does the patient describe himself?**
 - a. Lively.
 - b. Fit.
 - c. Stupid.

4. **What diagnosis does the doctor give?**
 - a. Bursitis.
 - b. Inflammation.
 - c. Fever.

5. **What does 'right as rain' mean?**
 - a. Weatherproof.
 - b. Good wealth.
 - c. Good health.

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. How many pandas are thought to be left?**
 - a. 18,000.
 - b. 6,700.
 - c. 1,800.
- 2. How many reserves exist in China?**
 - a. Sixty seven.
 - b. Seventy seven.
 - c. Seventy six.
- 3. What is China creating for the pandas?**
 - a. A new reserve.
 - b. A new sanctuary.
 - c. A new conservation.
- 4. How are their conservation efforts described as?**
 - a. Thorough.
 - b. Dignified.
 - c. Successful.
- 5. By what per cent, between 2004 and 2014 have their numbers increased?**
 - a. Seventy.
 - b. Fourteen.
 - c. Seventeen.
- 6. What is their main food source?**
 - a. Bamboo.
 - b. Bambey.
 - c. Bamora.

Listen to the broadcast again and check your answers.

Now listen to Broadcast 2.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

Broadcast 2

- 1. What is the broadcast about?**
 - a. Describing melting chocolate.
 - b. Instructions for making Easter apples.
 - c. Persuading you to buy apples.
- 2. What type of apples are needed?**
 - a. Pink Daisies.
 - b. Pink Lady.
 - c. Pink Braids.
- 3. How many apples are needed?**
 - a. One.
 - b. Two.
 - c. Six.
- 4. What is the teaspoon used for?**
 - a. To drizzle chocolate.
 - b. To dip in the chocolate.
 - c. To cool the chocolate.
- 5. What is the web address?**
 - a. www.eastap.choc.uk
 - b. www.estapp.choc.uk
 - c. www.eatapp@choc.uk

Listen to the broadcast again and check your answers.

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

ESOL International
English Reading Examination
Level B1 Intermediate

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>On your bike, get set, go!</u>	1
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If you are into cycling and love to race, why not try Street Velodrome. It is a bike race,	3
where you _____ against other cyclists in your age group that takes place all over the	4
country. The velodromes, which are special cycle tracks with steeply curved sides, are all	5
over the country, in towns and cities. They are often part of an existing stadium or can be	6
set up within a sports venue.	7
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To join in the fun, all you have to do is go the Street Velodrome website, register you're	9
details and select the location and date suitable to you. If you are eleven years or younger	10
you can enter a special competition called Tigers vs Sharks and if you are twelve years and	11
older, you can register for the NexGen Series, (a talent development programme for young	12
cyclists). And the good news is...it's all absolutely free.	13
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To qualify for NexGen, you will need to get a good time from your trial session and then	15
race others over two laps of the circuit. The quickest riders stay in the competition and the	16
very best are invited to join the London Superfinals.	17
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Numbers are limited, but if you are successful, you will receive an email within two weeks,	19
confirming your place.	20
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On the day, just turn up, as the bikes and helmets are provided by our super-efficient	22
coaching team, who will give you one to one training before venturing out onto the track.	23

1. **What is the name of the bike race?**
 - a. Steet Velodrome.
 - b. Street Velodrome.
 - c. Street Velodome.

2. **What are the special cycle tracks described as having?**
 - a. Deeply curved sides.
 - b. An existing stadium.
 - c. A sports stadium.

3. **How old do you have to be to enter the Tiger vs Sharks competition?**
 - a. Eleven years or younger.
 - b. Eleven years or older.
 - c. Twelve years or older.

4. **Who will be invited to the Superfinals?**
 - a. The most talented.
 - b. The quickest.
 - c. The very best.

5. **According to the text, the coaches are:**
 - a. Good trainers.
 - b. Super-efficient.
 - c. Successful.

6. **The best word to fill the gap on line 4 is:**
 - a. Play.
 - b. Go.
 - c. Compete.

7. **The best word to replace 'register' on line 9 is:**
 - a. Post.
 - b. Enrol.
 - c. Report.

8. **The opposite meaning of 'successful' on line 19 is:**
 - a. Prosperous.
 - b. Unlucky.
 - c. Fortunate.

9. **There is a grammar mistake on:**
 - a. Line 9.
 - b. Line 11.
 - c. Line 23.

10. **There is a spelling mistake on:**
 - a. Line 4.
 - b. Line 6.
 - c. Line 11.

Text 2

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

Blue Origin prepares to take passengers	1
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Blue Origin, a spaceflight company, believes in a future where millions of people live and work in space. Why Because they believe that in order to preserve Earth, our home, for our grandchildren’s grandchildren, we must go to space to tap into its unlimited resources and energy. If they can make it cheaper to go to space, this would be able to happen.	3 4 5 6 7 8
Imagine being a space tourist, _____ more than 62 miles above the Earth’s surface, beyond the edge of space and looking down onto our beautiful, amazing planet. Blue Origin, has designed a capsule around 15 cubic metres, which is about the size of a small van, called New Shepard, with 6 seats for passengers and crew, and each seat having a window to take in the breathtaking views going into space.	9 10 11 12 13 14
The billionaire, Jeff Bezos, who set up the company, has already booked his parking spot near the Shackleton Crater, by the south pole of the moon, as this is where there is the most sunlight.	15 16 17 18
The trip will last around 10 minutes. This amazing, once in a lifetime experience will blast off from the launch site in West Texas in the USA. It hasn’t been announced how much this will cost, but it is believed it is likely to be around £200,000. This is the price another spaceflight company, Virgin Galactic, is going to charge tourists to go into space.	19 20 21 22 23

11. **The purpose of this text is to:**
- Inform about space tourism.
 - Describe space tourism.
 - Persuade you to travel in space.
12. **According to the text, how far is space from earth?**
- 62 miles.
 - 6 miles.
 - 15 miles.
13. **What is the name of the capsule?**
- Blue Origin.
 - New Shepard.
 - Shackleton.
14. **According to the text, who is going to charge £200,000 to go into space?**
- Jeff Bezos.
 - Blue Original.
 - Virgin Galactic.
15. **According to the text, what has Jeff Bezos already done?**
- Built the capsule.
 - Booked a parking spot.
 - Travelled more than 62 miles.
16. **Which line has a spelling error?**
- Line 5.
 - Line 10.
 - Line 22.
17. **Which word could NOT replace 'unlimited' on line 6.**
- Limited.
 - Endless.
 - Plentiful.
18. **The word that best fills the gap on line 9 is:**
- Experiencing.
 - Driving.
 - Travelling.
19. **What punctuation is missing on line 4?**
- A question mark.
 - A comma.
 - An exclamation mark.
20. **In the text, what is the meaning of 'breathtaking' on line 13?**
- Astonishing.
 - Short of breath.
 - Unimpressive.

Text 3

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

Thomas Edison

Thomas Edison (1847 – 1931) was born in Milan, Ohio, USA, on February 11th 1847, the youngest of seven siblings. He became an inventor and businessman who developed many key inventions of modern life, such as the electric light bulb.

Edison only attended three months of school, irritating the teachers with constant questioning and not being able to follow instructions. He taught himself through reading every book on the library shelf and by the age of 12, he was reading, Sir Isaac Newton’s famous book on maths. Edison was not impressed by the difficult maths within the book, so he decided to try and make science easier.

He was very enterprising and as a youngster, sold sweets and newspapers to earn a living. Having a gift for business and with his extra income from printing newspapers, he spent it on increasing his chemistry set.

After various inventions and money earned from many patents, such as the invention of the phonograph in 1877, the first audio recording device, he was able to establish a proper research laboratory.

His company was first in delivering electricity directly into people’s homes. His other important inventions include the motion picture camera and an electric car.

21. **According to the text, Edison was:**

- a. Entertaining.
- b. Enterprising.
- c. Impressive.

22. **In the text, which word means ‘growing’?**

- a. Delivering.
- b. Recording.
- c. Increasing.

23. **In the text, the word ‘irritating’ has the same meaning as:**

- a. Hurting.
- b. Annoying.
- c. Humouring.

24. **According to the text, what did he have a talent for?**

- a. Chemistry.
- b. Business.
- c. Inventions.

25. **Which word in the text is used to mean ‘ability’?**

- a. Impressed.
- b. Gift.
- c. Important.

Text 4

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

School holiday projects

Keeping active kids entertained in the school holidays is not for the faint-hearted, and it is easy to start feeling like every minute should be packed full of roller coasters and Mickey Mouse.

But sometimes, simply sitting down and helping your children **create** something imaginative, is just as satisfying as seeing them hurtled upside down at a theme park – and much cheaper too.

Bring out the Heston Blumenthal in your little chef, with fun filled, quirky jam jars. Getting busy with creating chocolate jungle swamps, coconut grass, and jelly snakes will keep them focused for hours. Older children can get hands-on with the baking, while younger ones will enjoy filling the jars. Be warned, they might be so proud of their creations, that no tasting on your part will be allowed.

Promised the kids a holiday sleepover? Pizza-making is a brilliant way to entertain a group of rowdy children. Have a big batch of dough already made and just let them get on with the rolling and topping. Have all the topping ingredients out in little bowls and get the kids to _____ things they might normally keep away from, like red pepper strips or mushrooms. Serve with houmous to dip the crusts in, so nothing goes to waste.

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| <p>26. According to the text, keeping kids entertained is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Not for the faint-hearted.b. Not a roller coaster.c. Not for sitting down. <p>27. How are the jam jars described as?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Quirky.b. Filled.c. Swamps. <p>28. According to the text, what will the younger children enjoy?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. The baking.b. Filling the jars.c. Rolling and topping. | <p>29. In the text, the words ‘keep away from’ mean:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Exit.b. Fear.c. Avoid. <p>30. Which word could best replace ‘create’ in bold.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Fashion.b. Produce.c. Perform. <p>31. Which word would best fill the gap in the last paragraph?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Touch.b. Lick.c. Taste. |
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English Writing Examination
Level B1 Intermediate

Instructions to learners

Check that you have the correct paper.

You must write a minimum of 15 sentences or 75 - 100 & 100 - 125 words for each piece of writing.

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

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Question	Mark
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2	
Total	

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

Write an article for the town newspaper about the benefits of walking.

You could write about:

- The health benefits
- Meeting people
- Being in the fresh air
- Visiting new places.

OR

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

Write a letter to the local park keeper, Mr Smith, suggesting ways to clean up the park.

You could write about:

- Why it needs cleaning up
- Who could help with the clean-up
- How it will benefit the community.

Write 75 - 100 words.

(12 Marks)

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

Write an email to your friend telling him/her about a shopping trip you went on at the weekend.

You could write about:

- Which town or city you went to
- Who you went with
- What you bought
- How you travelled there.

Write 100-125 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 B1



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