

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. Do you have any pets?
2. What time does the bus come?
3. Where does your friend live?
4. How often do you go to the cinema?
5. How much does it cost to get into the art gallery?
6. Which is your favourite book?
7. Would you like a cup of tea?
8. Did you enjoy the meal at the restaurant yesterday?
9. Excuse me, do you sell postcards?
10. Why are you so happy today?

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 will then have two minutes to check your answers.

Play the conversation

Michelle: Hi Lucy, how are you? I haven't seen you for a long time and was thinking about you.
Lucy: Oh, hello Michelle. It's lovely to hear from you. I'm very well, thanks. What about you?
Michelle: I'm fine. I've been very busy at work but I've got a few days' holiday now. So, I was wondering if you would like to do something together?
Lucy: Yes, that would be great. I have some free time too. What would you like to do?
Michelle: Well, I would like to go to the theatre. There is a play on at the local theatre that I would like to see. It's called "The Mousetrap" by Agatha Christie. Would you be interested in going to see that with me?
Lucy: Yes, that's a good idea. I think it is a famous play and it is very popular. Do you think we will be able to go? It might be difficult to get tickets.
Michelle: Actually Lucy, I already have two tickets for the play for tomorrow evening. My sister gave me two tickets for my birthday. So, if you are free tomorrow, and would like to go to the theatre with me, that would be fantastic.
Lucy: Wow, that's amazing! Yes, of course I would like to go with you. What time does the play start?
Michelle: It starts at 8 o'clock but we should arrive there before that. I will meet you at the theatre at half past seven. Is that ok for you?
Lucy: Yes, that's fine. I'll be there. Would you like to go to a restaurant after the play has finished? There's a good Indian restaurant near the theatre.
Michelle: Yes, that's a good idea. Ok then, see you tomorrow at 7.30.
Lucy: Yes, I'm looking forward to the play and seeing you again, of course. Bye for now Michelle.

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 will then have two minutes to check your answers.

Play the conversation

Passenger:	Hello, I'd like to buy a ticket to London, please.
Employee:	Ok, no problem. Are you travelling today?
Passenger:	Yes, I want to travel on the 2 o'clock train. How much does it cost?
Employee:	Well, it depends. Are you coming back today? Do you want to buy a return ticket?
Passenger:	No, I'm not sure what day I'll be coming back. I would like a single ticket to London please. I have a Young Person's Railcard. Here it is.
Employee:	Ok, with the rail card that will be £32. I'll just print your ticket and the receipt. Your seat reservation is shown on the ticket. It's seat number 44 in Coach D. Are you going to pay by card or cash?
Passenger:	I will pay by card. Can you tell me which platform the train leaves from?
Employee:	Yes, it's platform 3. I'm sorry but the train is running a few minutes late. I think it should be here by about ten past two.
Passenger:	This is my first time going to London by train. Which station in London does the train arrive at?
Employee:	It's King's Cross Station. You will need to put your ticket in the machine when you leave the station. There will be a ticket inspector on the train so you will need to show them your ticket and your rail card. There is also a buffet car on the train where you can buy something to eat and drink.
Passenger:	Ok, thank you very much for your help. Oh, can I get a taxi to my hotel from King's Cross Station?
Employee:	Yes, of course, but it will be expensive. It is cheaper to go by bus or underground. You can ask someone at the station in London. I am sure they will help you to find your way. Have a good trip!

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 will then have two minutes to check your answers.

Play the broadcast

A woman from Somerset in England celebrated her 104th birthday on Tuesday. On the same day, she decided to sell her house, where she has lived for more than a century. The woman, whose name is Nancy Gifford, has lived in the three-bedroomed house for 102 years. She moved into the house with her parents, when she was two years old.

Nancy has lived there almost all her life and her own children were born and grew up there too. In the years since she started living there, the world has changed in many ways. Nancy lived there during World War 2, saw the invention of TV and watched the first moon landings.

The house is on sale for almost £170, 000, which is a lot more than the price of £200 which Nancy's parents paid for it in 1921. Although many years have passed since Nancy started living there, the house is almost the same as it was. Not much has changed except that the house has a modern bathroom now.

Nancy's son, John, who is 79 years old, said he had very good memories of growing up in the house. He said that when he was a boy, everybody knew everybody else in the area and although they were poor, they were happy.

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 will then have two minutes to check your answers.

Play the broadcast

Next week we will see the coldest day of the year so far across parts of the UK. There will be snow and ice for most of Scotland and the north of England. Temperatures will fall to freezing. There could be some sleet, snow and ice for all parts of the UK later in the week.

The bad weather means that there are warnings to people to stay warm and to look after friends and family, especially the elderly. Very cold temperatures can be dangerous for old people and those who are not in good health, so it is important to try to heat your home to at least 18 degrees, if you can.

The snow may cause problems on the roads and rail network. Government advice is to stay at home if possible and only to travel if really necessary. If you do have to drive during this period of ice and snow, you should make sure you are well prepared. Remember to have a blanket or warm clothes in your car, as well as a flask of hot tea or coffee and some snacks. Being prepared like this means that you can stay safe if you get stuck in the snow and have to wait for help.

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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