

**ESOL International**  
**English Listening Examination**  
**Level B2 Independent User**

**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. I would like tomato soup.<br/>b. I would like chocolate cake.<br/>c. I would like vanilla.</p> <p>2. a. I like shopping.<br/>b. Let's go to the beach.<br/>c. It's sunny this morning.</p> <p>3. a. I live in a flat.<br/>b. I have a big family.<br/>c. I am English.</p> <p>4. a. No, it's closed today.<br/>b. No, it's at the end of the street.<br/>c. The museum is interesting.</p> <p>5. a. Every Friday morning.<br/>b. It is very difficult.<br/>c. For about two years.</p> | <p>6. a. A stamp costs 95 pence.<br/>b. You must go to the post office.<br/>c. The post box is over there.</p> <p>7. a. I play football at the weekend.<br/>b. I like Manchester United.<br/>c. No, I don't like football.</p> <p>8. a. You cannot park here.<br/>b. In the car park behind the hotel.<br/>c. I have bought a new car.</p> <p>9. a. They are both expensive.<br/>b. I think I like the middle one best.<br/>c. I prefer to go to the seaside.</p> <p>10. a. Yes, what time would you like?<br/>b. Yes, we are open in the evening.<br/>c. Sorry, we only accept cash.</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 Maria move in?**
  - a. This morning.
  - b. Yesterday.
  - c. This afternoon.
- 2. What does Maria want to borrow?**
  - a. Some pots and pans.
  - b. Some knives and forks.
  - c. Some sugar and milk.
- 3. When will Maria's party take place?**
  - a. On Saturday.
  - b. On Sunday.
  - c. Tomorrow.
- 4. What time should Samira go to the party?**
  - a. About two o'clock.
  - b. About three o'clock.
  - c. About four o'clock.
- 5. How many children does Samira have?**
  - a. She has three children.
  - b. She has no children.
  - c. She has two children.

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. What job has Anna applied for?**
  - a. Sales Manager.
  - b. General Manager.
  - c. Sales Assistant.
- 2. What did she sell in the shop?**
  - a. She sold hats.
  - b. She sold shoes.
  - c. She sold shirts.
- 3. Anna was the president of which club?**
  - a. The chess club.
  - b. The hockey club.
  - c. The swimming club.
- 4. What does Anna mean by 'good timekeeping'?**
  - a. Being polite.
  - b. Wearing a watch.
  - c. Not being late.
- 5. Why has Anna applied for the job?**
  - a. She wants more responsibility.
  - b. She wants to buy new clothes.
  - c. She doesn't like her current job.

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

- When was King Charles born?**
  - September 1947.
  - November 1948.
  - December 1949.
- Who was Prince Phillip?**
  - He was Charles' brother.
  - He was Charles' grandfather.
  - He was Charles' father.
- What did Charles study at university?**
  - History.
  - Languages.
  - Politics.
- What sort of hobbies does Charles have?**
  - He likes to fly aeroplanes.
  - He likes to play sports.
  - He likes to go for walks.
- What is Charles passionate about?**
  - The environment.
  - The Royal Air Force.
  - Sports cars.
- Of how many other countries is he king?**
  - 12.
  - 13.
  - 14.

Listen to the broadcast again and check your answers.

Now listen to Broadcast 2.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

#### Broadcast 2

- How old is Gary McKee?**
  - He is 53.
  - He is 43.
  - He is 33.
- How much money did he raise for charity?**
  - About one thousand pounds.
  - More than one million pounds.
  - One hundred pounds.
- How did he raise the money?**
  - He organised a marathon.
  - He worked every day in 2022.
  - He completed 365 marathons.
- What was the weather like on the last day?**
  - It was sunny.
  - It was raining.
  - It was snowing.
- How many miles did Gary complete?**
  - About three hundred.
  - Approximately twenty two.
  - More than nine thousand.

Listen to the broadcast again and check your answers.

**End of Examination**

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**English Reading Examination**

**Level B2 Independent User**

**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.**

<u>Edinburgh</u>	1
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Edinburgh is the capital of Scotland. The city is known as a place of learning. Through the years it has produced many great thinkers and writers, such as Sir Walter Scott. It is built on a series of hills and rocky ridges and has a port on the North Sea.	3
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The oldest section of Edinburgh is called the Old Town. It developed around Castle Rock, which rises high above the valley floor. At its top stands Edinburgh Castle, the home of Scottish kings and queens in ancient times.	7
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Another place of interest in the Old Town is the Palace of Holyrood, which was built in the 1500s. South and east of the palace is Holyrood Park. From the park rises Arthur's Seat, a rock that is more than five miles around. The Scottish government has its home in a new building at Holyrood.	11
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Edinburgh's other main section is the New Town. _____ its name, it is more than two hundred years old. Today it is the city's most important business area. Between Edinburgh Castle and New Town is Princes Street. It is the city's main street and it is lined with hotels, banks and shops. To the south are the Princes Street Gardens, where you can see a monument to Sir Walter Scott, the great writer, who was born in Edinburgh.	16
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The city is famous for its annual summer festival of arts, which takes place every summer. Edinburgh also has many museums and art galleries of national and international importance.	23
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1. **Where is the port of Edinburgh?**
  - a. In the old town.
  - b. In a valley.
  - c. On the North Sea.
  
2. **What is Arthur's Seat?**
  - a. A palace.
  - b. A rock.
  - c. A new building.
  
3. **Why is the New Town important?**
  - a. It is the main business area.
  - b. It is very old.
  - c. It has a famous hotel.
  
4. **Who was Sir Walter Scott?**
  - a. He was a Scottish prince.
  - b. He was a Scottish writer.
  - c. He was a Scottish politician.
  
5. **When does the festival take place?**
  - a. Every two years.
  - b. In the spring.
  - c. Every summer.
  
6. **Which line has a spelling mistake?**
  - a. Line 3.
  - b. Line 7.
  - c. Line 13.
  
7. **The word 'ancient' on line 9 means:**
  - a. Past.
  - b. Recent.
  - c. Future.
  
8. **Which line has a grammar mistake?**
  - a. Line 8.
  - b. Line 11.
  - c. Line 18.
  
9. **Which word is missing from line 16?**
  - a. Although.
  - b. Despite.
  - c. Since.
  
10. **Which line has a punctuation error?**
  - a. Line 4.
  - b. Line 12.
  - c. Line 24.

**Text 2**

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

<b><u>A letter arrives late</u></b>	1
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A letter, written in 1916, has arrived in Norwood, in London, more than a hundred years later. The envelope, which was posted in the town of Bath, and which	3
has a stamp bearing the image of King George V, recently arrived at Finlay Glen’s flat	4
in Norwood. The letter was sent two years after the start of World War One.	5
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Finlay said, “We were surprised that it took more than a hundred years for the letter	8
to get here.” Although it can be a crime to open mail not addressed to you, Finlay	9
said he felt it was acceptable to open it, when he realised the letter was from 1916	10
and not 2016.	11
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The letter was written to “My dear Katie” by her friend Christabel, who was on	13
holiday in Bath at the time. In the letter, Christabel said she was feeling miserable	14
because she had a very heavy cold. An expert said, “It is very unusual and exiting,	15
because it tells us something about the people who lived in 1916.	16
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Asked what he would do if the relatives of Katie or Christabel gets in touch, Finlay	18
replied, “It’s an amazing piece of their family history, so they can come and see it if	19
they want.” He plans to keep the letter safe in his flat.	20
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A Royal Mail spokesperson said, “Incidents like this happen occasionally. We realise	22
that people will be fascinated by the history of this letter, but _____, we	23
have no information about what happened to it after it was posted.”	24



11. **How long did the letter take to arrive?**
  - a. Less than 100 years.
  - b. More than 100 years.
  - c. A hundred years.
  
12. **Who received the letter?**
  - a. Finlay.
  - b. Katie.
  - c. Christabel.
  
13. **What do we learn about Christabel?**
  - a. She missed her friend.
  - b. She was on holiday in Norwood.
  - c. She had a bad cold.
  
14. **What will happen to the letter?**
  - a. It will be kept in the flat.
  - b. It will not be opened.
  - c. It will be sent back.
  
15. **What caused the letter to arrive late?**
  - a. Royal Mail say they lost it.
  - b. Royal Mail don't know the reason.
  - c. It didn't have the correct stamp.
  
16. **'Acceptable' on line 10 means:**
  - a. Illegal.
  - b. Amusing.
  - c. Okay.
  
17. **Which line has a spelling mistake?**
  - a. Line 4.
  - b. Line 9.
  - c. Line 15.
  
18. **Which line has a punctuation error?**
  - a. Line 5.
  - b. Line 16.
  - c. Line 22.
  
19. **Which line has a grammar mistake?**
  - a. Line 10.
  - b. Line 18.
  - c. Line 24.
  
20. **Which word is missing from line 23?**
  - a. Unfortunately.
  - b. Suddenly.
  - c. Particularly.

### **Text 3**

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

A mouse weighing the same as three pennies is now famous around the world.

At nine years and 209 days old, Pat was named the Oldest Living Mouse in Human Care by Guinness World Records on Wednesday. Pat is named after the British actor Sir Patrick Stewart, who you might know as Professor X from the X-Men movies.

Pat is a Pacific Pocket mouse, which is an endangered species. He was born at San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance as part of a conservation programme. The team there say mice play an important role in natural ecosystems, spreading the seeds of plants, but there are just three small populations of these mice remaining in the world.

The number of the mice fell dramatically in 1932 due to the loss of their habitat. In 2012, a conservation programme was started to help save the mice from extinction. Last year, a record of 117 babies, which are called pups, were produced by the mice.

The Pacific Pocket mouse is the smallest mouse in North America. It gets its name from the pouches or pockets in its cheeks that it uses to carry food and things to make nests.

**21. How much does this mouse weigh?**

- a. The same as three pennies.
- b. The same as a pet mouse.
- c. 209 grammes.

**22. Why is Pat the mouse famous?**

- a. He is the oldest mouse in the world.
- b. He is the oldest mouse in human care.
- c. He is the pet mouse of an actor.

**23. Why are the mice important?**

- a. They aren't dangerous.
- b. They spread plant seeds.
- c. They are easy to care for.

**24. What shows that the conservation programme has been successful?**

- a. Many baby mice were produced.
- b. The mouse population is falling.
- c. The mice live until they are old.

**25. Why does the Pacific Pocket mouse have pouches in its cheeks?**

- a. To help it to eat food.
- b. To help it to find a nest.
- c. To help it to carry food.

## Text 4

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

We hope that you will take the time to read the following information about this year's Greenfield Community charity walk. This year we are trying to raise money for the Parkinson's Disease Support Group, because there is very little government funding for this charity.

We hope you will support us with this cause, as you have done in previous years, and either walk, sponsor or donate in any way possible. Every penny that is raised goes directly to the charity.

If you are a member of a school, college, workplace, sports club, any other interested group, or an individual please get in touch and join in. Please share this email if you are part of a fitness or running group.

The walk is on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May, starting at 10am. The meeting point is the Town Hall and the distance is approximately 5 miles. The walk is suitable for people in wheelchairs or with pushchairs and also for dogs. The level of difficulty is "easy".

The registration fee is £6, but entry to the event is free for walkers under 12 years of age. Please contact the Secretary, Barry Smith, on [greenfieldcommunity1@live.co.uk](mailto:greenfieldcommunity1@live.co.uk) to register.

Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to read this email.

**26. What is the purpose of this text?**

- a. To describe.
- b. To inform.
- c. To instruct.

**27. What kind of event is planned?**

- a. A sports day.
- b. A running event.
- c. A walk.

**28. The charity needs to raise money because:**

- a. It doesn't get much money from the government.
- b. It doesn't have any sponsors.
- c. It doesn't have any donations.

**29. The event will:**

- a. Start at the Town Hall.
- b. Not be suitable for dogs.
- c. Start at 10pm.

**30. How much does it cost to take part for walkers over 12 years of age?**

- a. Entry is free.
- b. It costs £14.
- c. It costs £6.

**31. Why should you contact Barry Smith?**

- a. For more information.
- b. To register.
- c. To join a group.

**End of Examination**



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**English Writing Examination**  
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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 100 – 150 words for Task 1 and 150 - 200 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.**

Write a letter to the owner of the holiday apartment that you recently rented. Thank them for your recent stay.

You could write about:

- when you went to their holiday apartment and who you were with
- why you enjoyed staying in this accommodation
- what sort of things you did while you were there on holiday
- why you would recommend this holiday apartment to other people.

**OR**

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

Write an article for a student magazine to express your ideas on the advantages and disadvantages of online learning.

You could write about:

- why online learning has become more popular in recent years
- why online learning can be a good thing for students
- why online learning may be difficult for some students
- what your own opinion is about online learning.

Write 100 – 150 words.

(12 Marks)

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

Write an email to your cousin who will be visiting you at the weekend for your birthday party. You haven't seen your cousin for a long time and you are looking forward to meeting them again.

You could write about:

- why you are looking forward to meeting your cousin
- where your cousin will stay during their visit
- what you could do together over the weekend
- what activities you can do at the party.

Write 150 – 200 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**

**End of Examination**



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