

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.

Listen to the instructions.

Use black or blue ink. Do not use pencil.

You must not use a dictionary.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

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.

1.	a. Yesterday morning. b. At nine o'clock. c. Two hours ago.	6.	a. I wasn't feeling well. b. I'm having a party on Saturday. c. I might go to the party.
2.	a. No, I haven't. b. Yes, he's very nice. c. I don't have a sister.	7.	a. I don't know many people. b. About 500 people. c. The people are very nice.
3.	a. It's very tasty. b. Why don't you like it? c. Cheese and pasta.	8.	a. Last Monday. b. Next week. c. It's a good job.
4.	a. No, I'm very well. b. Yes, let's put the heating on. c. No, but I have a cough.	9.	a. English is an easy language. b. I speak English. c. I'm sorry, I don't know.
5.	a. It was quite expensive. b. I bought it a year ago. c. From a local garage.	10.	a. Tomorrow is Thursday. b. What film do you want to see? c. I live near the cinema.

Part 2

You will 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. **Why do they decide not to watch a film?**
 - a. They watched a film last night.
 - b. They don't have any films to watch.
 - c. They can't decide which film to watch.
2. **Why doesn't Bruno want to play 'Super Mario'?**
 - a. He doesn't like video games.
 - b. He prefers to watch a DVD.
 - c. He says she always wins.
3. **Where is the Monopoly game?**
 - a. In the cupboard in the living room.
 - b. They don't have a Monopoly game.
 - c. They can't remember where it is.
4. **Where do Sarah and Mike live?**
 - a. About three miles away.
 - b. They live near to Bruno.
 - c. They live with Bruno.
5. **Why do they want a relaxing evening?**
 - a. They've played too many board games.
 - b. They've been making pizza.
 - c. They've had a long week at work.

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. **Which career does Monica want to do?**
 - a. She wants to be a doctor.
 - b. She's not really sure.
 - c. She wants to be a dentist.
2. **What is one job that the adviser suggests?**
 - a. Working as a pharmacist.
 - b. Working as a health visitor.
 - c. Working as a dental nurse.
3. **Why is Monica interested in working with an ambulance team?**
 - a. It sounds very easy.
 - b. It sounds really exciting.
 - c. It sounds like a good experience.
4. **What training would she need first?**
 - a. She would have to join an ambulance team.
 - b. She would have to work in a clinic.
 - c. She would have to go to university.
5. **What could Monica do to see if it's the right career for her?**
 - a. She could volunteer.
 - b. She could get more advice.
 - c. She could get some practical training.

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. **How old will Rebecca be on her birthday?**
 - a. She will be 20.
 - b. She will be 21.
 - c. She will be 31.
2. **When is she having a party?**
 - a. Next Tuesday.
 - b. Next Thursday.
 - c. Next Friday.
3. **What time will the party finish?**
 - a. At midnight.
 - b. At seven o'clock.
 - c. Whenever they want.
4. **Why will most people know each other?**
 - a. They are friends from work.
 - b. They are friends from university.
 - c. They are friends from school.
5. **Why does Rebecca mention London?**
 - a. She is going to live there.
 - b. She has applied for a job there.
 - c. She is having the party there.
6. **What does she want her friends to do?**
 - a. Let her know they're coming to the party.
 - b. Text her with all of their news.
 - c. Bring food to the party.

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 time is the train expected to arrive in London?**
 - a. 14.30.
 - b. 16.05.
 - c. 16.35.
2. **Passengers should not put their luggage:**
 - a. In the corridors.
 - b. Above their seats.
 - c. In the storage areas.
3. **How can you find an available seat?**
 - a. By checking your ticket.
 - b. By looking at the display signs.
 - c. By asking the inspector.
4. **Where is the counter service?**
 - a. In Coach A.
 - b. In Coach D.
 - c. In Coach E.
5. **What does the buffet trolley have?**
 - a. Crisps and chocolate.
 - b. Sandwiches and biscuits.
 - c. Only tea and coffee.

Listen to the broadcast again and check your answers.

End of Examination.

ESOL International
English Reading Examination
Level B1 Intermediate

Instructions to learners

Check that you have the correct paper.

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.**

The Paris Olympics	1
Something exciting happened in Paris in 2024. From 26 July until 8 September, the Summer Olympic Games took place in the city. Athletes from all over the world came to Paris and competed against each other, in team and individual sports, to try to win gold medals. The events include the marathon and cycling.	2
It was very exciting that Paris held the Games in this year, as the last time the event took place in Paris was in 1924, exactly one hundred years before. The city first held the Games in 1900.	3
Every time the Olympic Games happen, it's traditional that they start with an opening ceremony. In this ceremony, there are dance and singing shows that often tell the story of the culture or history of the host country. Thousands of performers practise for months to put on a great show. Many people buy tickets to come and watch the ceremony and all the athletes, as they walk around the stadium, carrying the flag of their country.	4
Since the modern Olympic Games began in 1896, the opening ceremony has been held in a stadium chosen by the host country. _____, Paris decided to do something different in 2024. The ceremony was special because it took place on a river. The athletes and performers opened the Games on 26 July by floating down the River Seine in boats. This let as many as 222,000 people watch from the sides of the river for free.	5
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<p>1. What is described as 'something exciting'?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Paris in the summer.b. The Summer Olympic Games.c. The marathon and cycling events.	<p>6. Which word can replace 'culture' on line 14?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. People.b. Customs.c. Towns.
<p>2. Paris first held the Games in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. 1900.b. 1924.c. 2024.	<p>7. Which line has a spelling mistake?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Line 3.b. Line 8.c. Line 12.
<p>3. What is one purpose of the opening ceremony?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. To prepare the athletes for the Games.b. To sell tickets for the sporting events.c. To tell the history of the host country.	<p>8. A word has been omitted from line 20. The word should be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Since.b. However.c. Although.
<p>4. Why was the opening ceremony special this time?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. It was held in a stadium.b. It took place on a river.c. It had 222,000 performers.	<p>9. There is a grammar mistake on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Line 6.b. Line 16.c. Line 22.
<p>5. What happened in 1896?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. The Olympics were held in Paris.b. People watched the Olympics for free.c. The modern Olympic Games began.	<p>10. There is a punctuation mistake on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Line 9.b. Line 13.c. Line 23.

Text 2**Read the text. Answer the questions on your mark sheet.**

Conisbrough Castle	1
Conisbrough Castle is an old building found in South Yorkshire, England. It was built in the late 1100s by Hamelin Plantagenet, who was related to King Henry II. The castle is known for its tall, round keep or tower, which is one of the best examples of these from the Middle Ages.	2
The keep is about 28 metres high and has six floors. It was used both as a place to live and to defend the castle. Visitors can look inside, walk up the stairs to the top and see the pretty views of the nearby countryside. Inside the keep, there are signs that tell about the castle's past and what daily life was like for the people who lived there?	3
Conisbrough Castle has a long history and was a key place during the 1300s. Many fights and battles happened in and around the castle and it had different owners over time. By the 1500s, it is no longer used as a home and started to fall down.	4
Today, Conisbrough Castle is taken care of by English Heritage and is open to visit. You can get tickets online or pay when you get there, _____ entry is free for members of English Heritage. The castle is a popular place for tourists, especially for people who like history. The castle's design and interesting past make it a special place to visit and learn about England's history.	5
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11. Who built Conisbrough Castle? a. Hamelin Plantagenet. b. King Henry II. c. Henry Middle.	16. There is a spelling error on: a. Line 15. b. Line 18. c. Line 21.
12. The signs tell you about: a. The countryside. b. The castle's past. c. Where the castle is located.	17. There is a punctuation error on: a. Line 8. b. Line 12. c. Line 22.
13. When did the castle start to fall down? a. In the 1100s. b. In the 1300s. c. In the 1500s.	18. 'Defend' on line 9 means: a. Admire. b. Protect. c. Attack.
14. The castle is cared for by: a. The English Heritage. b. Members of the public. c. The people who live there.	19. Which word is missing from line 19? a. Despite. b. Because. c. Although.
15. Why is the castle a special place to visit? a. It is free to get in. b. It has an interesting past. c. It is in South Yorkshire.	20. There is a grammar error on: a. Line 4. b. Line 16. c. Line 20.

Text 3

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

Job Opportunity

We are looking for a part-time teaching assistant at St Mary's Primary School from the start of the new term in September. The position will be for four days a week during the school term and will be for 35 hours a week. The salary is £23,000 a year. St Mary's is a small primary school, located in the centre of the village of Broughton next to the church. At this time, we have a total of 410 pupils.

The best candidate will provide support to the class teacher and pupils in Year 5. We are looking for someone who can demonstrate excellent communication skills and be able to get on well with colleagues, pupils and parents.

We are looking for someone who has worked in a school before and has at least a Level 3 qualification. The person must be able to show that they expect good behaviour and educational achievement from the pupils. They will also need to join in with school activities outside the classroom.

Please email or call the school for an application form, which you should return to the school by email. The closing date for applications is Wednesday 16th July by 11 am. Interviews will take place at the school on Friday 25th July.

21. **When will this job start?**

- a. In July.
- b. In September.
- c. On Wednesday.

22. **What will the best candidate have to do?**

- a. Email the parents every day.
- b. Work outside the school term.
- c. Support the teacher and pupils.

23. **They are looking for someone who:**

- a. Is a teacher of pupils in Year 3.
- b. Has good behaviour skills.
- c. Can get on well with colleagues.

24. **The person must be able to show they expect:**

- a. Good behaviour.
- b. Excellent communication.
- c. Achievement in activities.

25. **Where will the interviews take place?**

- a. St Mary's Church.
- b. Broughton Primary.
- c. At the school.

Text 4

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

Greenfield Canoeing Club

Do you want to try a new water sport? Are you 11-18 years old? Have you ever thought about canoeing? It's a fantastic sport where you have the opportunity to meet new people and try something different which doesn't cost a lot. You don't need any experience. Just bring a drink and wear comfy clothes.

Our experienced coaching team will help you from your first session and teach you how to paddle your canoe safely on the water. You don't need your own canoe and wetsuit, but you must be able to swim.

The club is based at Greenfield Park. We have a lovely clubhouse with excellent facilities and all the safety equipment you will need. We have a great gym where you can build and maintain your fitness. Juniors train twice a week after school and also at weekends.

With the Junior Team, you can have fun canoeing on the river. Once you have made progress, you can take part in canoeing competitions and events at other clubs around the country.

For more information, visit our website. To ask about a trial session to see if canoeing is right for you, please email Adrian Smith.

26. What do you need to bring with you to the canoeing club? a. Your own wetsuit. b. A drink. c. Safety equipment.	29. When does the Junior Team practise? a. Once a week. b. Twice a week after school. c. Only at the weekend.
27. What will the coaches teach you when you join the canoeing club? a. How to paddle a canoe safely. b. How to train in the gym. c. How to maintain fitness.	30. When can juniors take part in competitions? a. After their first session. b. When they are 18 years old. c. Once they have made progress.
28. The club says you must: a. Take part in events. b. Have previous experience. c. Be able to swim.	31. Why would you contact Adrian Smith? a. To ask about a trial session. b. To ask for more information. c. To ask about the cost of canoeing.

End of Examination.

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English Writing Examination

Level B1 Intermediate

Instructions to learners

Check that you have the correct paper.

You must write 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 play for a local sports club. The club may have to close because there are not enough members. Write a magazine article to promote the club and persuade people to join.

You could write about:

- what sport you play and where the club is
- why you like going to the club
- why the club needs new members
- why you recommend this sports club.

OR

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

You volunteered to help at a charity event. However, due to an unexpected problem, you can no longer attend. Write a letter to the organiser to apologise and explain why you cannot attend.

You could write about:

- the reason you are writing
- what the problem is
- why this means you cannot help now
- what you would like to do to help next time.

Write 75 - 100 words.

(12 Marks)

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

You would like to go out on Sunday for a picnic in the countryside. Write an email to your friend to invite them to go with you.

You could write about:

- where you would like to go
- what you would like to do there
- why you would like your friend to go with you
- what sort of food and drinks you will take.

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

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