

**ESOL International  
English Listening Examination**

**Level B1 Intermediate**

**Texts to be used with the examination**

**The texts are to 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.

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. Then you will have two minutes to check your answers.

### **Record the sentences (three seconds between each sentence).**

1. My throat is very sore.
2. What does your neighbour like?
3. Is Athens as big as London?
4. Which sister did you meet?
5. I like hot countries.
6. Can I help you?
7. Is there anything you would like to know?
8. Have you met Sally before?
9. What does he like doing in his spare time?
10. I don't know Mark's phone number.

### **Pause for five seconds after the first reading.**

Now listen to the sentences again.

### **Record 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. Then you have two minutes to check the answers.

**Record the conversation.**

- Hello Sue. How was your weekend in the Lake District? Did you have a good time?
- Oh, yes, thank you, Jenny. It was lovely. We had a nightmare journey, though.
- Oh, no. What happened?
- Well, the 3.45 train from Liverpool to Keswick did not leave the station till 5 pm. There was a technical problem, or at least that is what they told us. Then, half way we stopped somewhere for another 45 minutes. Don't ask me why.
- Oh, that's terrible. So what time did you finally arrive at Keswick?
- It was after 10 pm and you know - when we got to our guest house, it was closed.
- So what did you do?
- We had to find a hotel and it cost us £90! But on the positive side - guess who stayed at this hotel?
- Well, I don't know but I'm sure you are going to tell me.
- Yes! You will never believe it. One Direction - the whole band. They were shooting a video in the Lakes. I got autographs for my niece.
- You know what they say: 'Every cloud has a silver lining'.
- Yes, I suppose, so.

**Pause for five seconds after the first reading.**

Now listen to the conversation again.

**Record 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. Then you have two minutes to check the answers.

**Record the conversation.**

- As the World Cup is taking place in Brazil this year, can you tell us a little bit about the country, Paul?
- Yes, certainly. Brazil is the largest country in South America and the world's fifth largest country. It is bounded by the Atlantic Ocean on the east and has a long coastline. It shares borders with 11 countries and the largest are Venezuela and Colombia to the north, Peru, Bolivia and Paraguay to the west and Uruguay to the south.
- So Paul, what language is spoken in Brazil?
- The official language is Portuguese and it is spoken by 99% of the population but there are some native languages spoken as well.
- You mentioned the population.
- Yes, the estimated population of Brazil is over 199 million. The majority of people are of European descent at 55%, about 38% claim to be Mestizo which is a combination of European and Native American descent. The remaining population is of Indian and African descent.
- How fascinating.
- Yes, did you know that the second largest river runs through Brazil?
- Yes, the Amazon River, of course.
- Yes, you are right. So around 60% of the Amazon rainforest is located in Brazil. It is home to a wide range of animals; jaguars and pumas are found in Brazil.
- That's very interesting. Thank you very much, indeed.

**Pause for five seconds after the first reading.**

Now listen to the conversation again.

**Record 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 – Radio 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 it twice. Answer the questions. Then you have two minutes to check the answers.

#### **Record the broadcast.**

In the programme: 'Our neighborhood' we are going to talk about our Sports Centre: The Riverside.

The Riverside is a sports centre offering a wide range of facilities to suit every age and every ability. Let's start with the swimming pool. Here, we offer a variety of activities from swimming lessons, to aqua fitness and diving.

If you don't like getting wet, we have a range of fantastic facilities so you can get maximum enjoyment from your workout. These include a fitness suite, studio cycling and a dance studio with classes in aerobics and yoga. You can have your own personal trainer.

But you don't need to get busy at our centre. You can just come to relax in our sauna or steam room.

All facilities are unlimited to members which means if you buy our membership you may come as many times as you want and stay for as long as you want. Monthly membership is £28 but you need to commit to a 12 month contract. If you wish to have a shorter period, up to 11 months, the membership is £36 a month. There are concessions for juniors, under 16, who will pay only £9.99 a month. For more information visit our website: [www.sportindenver.co.uk](http://www.sportindenver.co.uk) or if you wish to speak to one of our advisors call on 0144 266 252 for all swimming enquiries or 0144 266 353 for all information related to fitness.

#### **Pause for five seconds after the first reading.**

Now listen to the broadcast again.

#### **Record 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 – Radio Broadcasts**

Listen to Broadcast 2. You will hear it twice. Answer the questions. Then you have two minutes to check the answers.

#### **Record the broadcast.**

## **What will the future bring?**

In today's programme we are presenting our survey findings regarding predictions for the future. We have asked 20 000 smartphone users for their views on what they are most excited about in relation to future technology.

One key finding was 'wearable technology'. Our respondents think that technology will be so small you should be able to wear it. Your phone, for example, will always be on you.

Smarter cars being developed was another prediction – smarter meaning self-driving cars. It's about time, they say, that cars could just be programmed to take you to a desired destination.

Another interesting thing was smarter screens, so thin that you will be able to fold them or roll them up. Also, many respondents are excited about seeing Artificial Intelligence robots in everyday use. Then, we had holograms in everyday phones and tablets. Several people described wanting to see hologram messages and calls in the future.

All respondents agreed that short battery life was frustrating and was one of the biggest problems phone users have with technology right now. Longer battery life must be on everyone's top agenda. And finally, need for speed was one of the recurring responses in the survey. We want to receive and send data faster, faster, faster. More power and more speed.

Which tech innovation are you most excited about?

#### **Pause for five seconds after the first reading.**

Now listen to the broadcast again.

#### **Record 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**