

**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.

The Listening examination will now begin.

Part 1

You will hear 10 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. It is Peter's birthday party on Friday.
2. I passed my Biology exam.
3. Where is my key?
4. Do you have this jumper in a different colour?
5. Would you like a piece of cake?
6. I have toothache.
7. Where is the chemist's?
8. I'm sorry I'm late.
9. Do you like my new dress?
10. Let's go to the park tomorrow.

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.

S – Hello Katy. Are you going on holiday this summer?

K – Hi Susan. Yes, I'm going to Spain.

S – That sounds nice. How long will you be there?

K – We are going for two weeks in July.

S – How will you travel?

K – We are going to fly. We will travel to the airport by car.

S – Are you going with your family?

K – No, I'm going with three friends from work. We have booked into a hotel in Malaga. It's got a pool, a bar and a gym and is only two kilometres from the beach.

S – Lovely! Do you have any plans to do any sight-seeing while you're there?

K – Yes, we'll go to some of the attractions in the area but most of the time I think we will be sunbathing on the beach or swimming in the pool.

S – And what will you do in the evenings?

K – We will go to a restaurant for dinner and then spend the rest of the evening in a disco!

S – Have you been to Spain before?

K – No, this will be the first time. I'm so excited.

S – Well, I hope you have a great time. Send me a postcard.

K – Thanks, Susan. I will. Maybe we could meet up for a coffee when I get back.

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.

D – Alan, I have bought myself an e-book. It's great because I can download a lot of different books to read and can take it anywhere with me.

A – Well, that might suit you but I don't think I would buy an e-book. I prefer to read a paper book!

D – Yes, but just think of all the paper that wastes. What do you do with the books when you have finished with them? They take up so much space.

A – I like the feel of a paper book in my hands and I find it hard to get rid of them when I have read them. I usually keep them at home in a bookcase but sometimes I give them to the local library.

D – Why do you do that? Haven't they got enough books of their own?

A – Our local library has a few shelves of books that people can buy second-hand and I think it is a good way to pass on books you have read and don't want any more. You can't do that with books you download.

D – No, but you can still recommend books that you have read on the e-book to other people.

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.

It was the moment when the skies above the UK went dark. This was very exciting for some lucky people who were able to take wonderful photos of the recent dramatic solar eclipse. However it was disappointing for people in some parts of the UK because of cloudy weather.

This rare phenomenon took place when the moon blocked out the sun's rays for more than two hours on Friday 20 March 2015.

The total eclipse occurred in a narrow path across the Earth's surface. Large parts of northern Europe had the best views of the spectacular event.

The longest time that the total eclipse lasted was two minutes and forty-seven seconds off the coast of the Faroe Islands in the North Atlantic Ocean.

There will not be another solar eclipse that is visible in Europe until August 12 2026.

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.

Vodafone 4G drive goes live for town phone customers

Telecommunications giant Vodafone UK has completed its installation of ultrafast 4G broadband services in Doncaster, and the system is now live.

The arrival of the service in Doncaster means that all customers who have signed up to the company's Red 4G plan will be able to connect to the internet more quickly, more reliably and in more places than ever before.

Ultrafast 4G services will also help businesses improve productivity because employees will be able to work when and where they want to.

Vodafone has now extended its 4G coverage to 460 larger cities, towns and districts as well as thousands of smaller communities across the UK.

For more information on Vodafone's 4G services in Doncaster, visit any of the company's UK stores or visit Vodafoneuk.co.uk.

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