

**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.

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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| 1. | a. I like pizza.<br>b. I like dancing.<br>c. I like ice-cream.                           | 6.  | a. Yes, it is delicious.<br>b. I don't like soup.<br>c. I don't know.                 |
| 2. | a. I am very good at swimming.<br>b. I go twice a week.<br>c. I prefer playing football. | 7.  | a. Let's go to the cinema.<br>b. Yes, that's a good idea.<br>c. Let's do it tomorrow. |
| 3. | a. It is closed now.<br>b. It is near the traffic lights.<br>c. It is too expensive.     | 8.  | a. It is too small for you.<br>b. We have a red one.<br>c. Yes, we do.                |
| 4. | a. About two hours.<br>b. It is a boring film.<br>c. About one kilometre.                | 9.  | a. I don't like reading.<br>b. It is in the library.<br>c. It is very interesting.    |
| 5. | a. At the museum.<br>b. In a department store.<br>c. Last week.                          | 10. | a. For two years.<br>b. Next week.<br>c. At two o'clock.                              |

## Part 2

You will hear two conversations. You will hear them twice.

You have two minutes to read the questions for both conversations.

Now listen to Conversation 1.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

### Conversation 1

- When did the friends last meet?**
  - At least five years ago.
  - At least fifteen years ago.
  - They cannot remember.
- How has Philip changed?**
  - He has put on weight.
  - He has not changed.
  - His hair is longer.
- Why has Sandra left London?**
  - She got bored there.
  - It was too expensive.
  - She lost her job.
- Where does Sandra live now?**
  - On her own.
  - With her boyfriend.
  - With her parents.
- How long has Philip been married?**
  - Two years.
  - Ten years.
  - Twelve years.

Now listen to the conversation again and check your answers.

Now listen to Conversation 2.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

### Conversation 2

- What is the matter with the customer?**
  - The customer has a headache.
  - The customer has a stomach ache.
  - The customer has a sore throat.
- Why does the customer decide to buy the cough sweets?**
  - They are better than the syrup.
  - They are cheaper than the syrup.
  - They are recommended to her.
- When should the customer take the cough sweets?**
  - After meals.
  - Once a day.
  - Every four hours.
- Why might the customer need to see the doctor?**
  - If the customer develops other symptoms.
  - If the customer starts to feel better.
  - If the customer continues to have a cough.
- How much does the customer pay?**
  - £4.50
  - £11.50
  - £17.50

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 for both broadcasts.

Now listen to Broadcast 1.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

#### **Broadcast 1**

1. **Where was Roald Dahl born?**
  - a. In Norway.
  - b. In Wales.
  - c. In 1916.
2. **What is he most famous for?**
  - a. His stories for children.
  - b. His success in sports.
  - c. His career in the Royal Air Force.
3. **What inspired him to write *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*?**
  - a. Testing chocolate at school.
  - b. Working in a chocolate factory.
  - c. Reading a book about chocolate.
4. **Why did Roald Dahl leave the air force?**
  - a. He was afraid of flying.
  - b. He was hurt in a crash.
  - c. He wanted to do something different.
5. **Why did he decide to start writing?**
  - a. He could not find a job.
  - b. He wanted to make films.
  - c. His children enjoyed his stories.
6. **What did he think books for children should be like?**
  - a. They should be passionate.
  - b. They should be exciting.
  - c. They should be easy to read.

Listen to the broadcast again and check your answers.

Now listen to Broadcast 2.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

#### **Broadcast 2**

1. **Who should listen to this broadcast?**
  - a. A student.
  - b. A teacher.
  - c. A doctor.
2. **What does she recommend eating for energy?**
  - a. Apples.
  - b. Sweets.
  - c. Chocolate.
3. **What should you not worry about when studying?**
  - a. The main ideas.
  - b. The details.
  - c. The exam.
4. **What does she recommend you do to help you remember?**
  - a. Go to the library.
  - b. Take a short walk.
  - c. Memorise your notes.
5. **How often should you take a break?**
  - a. Every fifteen minutes.
  - b. Every half hour.
  - c. Every two or three hours.

Listen to the broadcast again and check your answers.

**End of Examination for B1 Intermediate  
Listening.**



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**English Reading Examination**  
**Level B1 Intermediate**

**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>A new painting by Banksy</u>	1
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<p>A painting by the street artist, Banksy, is currently the focus of an argument in the city of Bristol. The painting appeared overnight on a building. The leader of a youth club, Dennis Brown, could not believe his luck when he saw the painting and realised that it was by Banksy and ..... could be worth up to £100,000. He cut the painting off the wall, and stored it in the youth club.</p>	3 4 5 6 7 8
<p>However, the city mayor said Mr Brown had no rite to take the painting as it was on the wall of a public building. The mayor wants the painting to be put back. Mr Brown said people would have vandalised the painting if he had left it on the wall. He would like to sell it to raise money for the youth club.</p>	9 10 11 12 13
<p>The painting is called “Mobile Lovers”. It shows a man and a woman embracing while checking out their mobile phones over each others shoulder. Artwork by Banksy is very popular, He is a mysterious person, known only by his nickname “Banksy” as no-one knows his real name or where he is from. He is famous for his paintings left on buildings around the world. Many owners of these buildings have removed the paintings, which has caused similar arguments to the one in Bristol.</p>	14 15 16 17 18 19 20
<p>According to Wikipedia, Banksy’s art combines humour with a distinct artistic style and is famous for its political and social commentary.</p>	21 22

1. **According to the text, when did the painting appear?**
  - a. Last weekend.
  - b. During the night.
  - c. In the city of Bristol.
  
2. **Why was Mr Brown excited when he saw the painting?**
  - a. It might be worth a lot of money.
  - b. He was a fan of the artist.
  - c. He wanted to put it on his wall.
  
3. **What is the mayor's point of view?**
  - a. He says Mr Brown has damaged the painting.
  - b. He does not like the painting.
  - c. He thinks the painting belongs to the city.
  
4. **Who is Banksy?**
  - a. He is a journalist.
  - b. He is an artist.
  - c. He is a politician.
  
5. **What does Banksy's work focus on, according to Wikipedia?**
  - a. Political and social situations.
  - b. Mobile phones.
  - c. Celebrities.
  
6. **A word has been omitted from line 6. The word should be:**
  - a. However.
  - b. Therefore.
  - c. Although.
  
7. **There is a spelling mistake on:**
  - a. Line 3.
  - b. Line 7.
  - c. Line 9.
  
8. **There is a punctuation mistake on:**
  - a. Line 6.
  - b. Line 14.
  - c. Line 16.
  
9. **The best words to replace 'vandalised' on line 11 are:**
  - a. Copied.
  - b. Stolen.
  - c. Damaged.
  
10. **The word 'mysterious' to describe Banksy on line 16 means:**
  - a. Nothing is really known about him.
  - b. He is a famous person.
  - c. He is an interesting artist.





**Text 2**

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

<u>Cambridge University cuts carbon emissions</u>	1
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Cambridge University has removed some meat products from its menus in order to cut its harmful gasses. The university has used more ..... and vegetarian products instead of beef and lamb since October 2016 in all the university’s cafés and restaurants.	3
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Professor Andrew Smith from the university said this initiative had help to “greatly reducing our harmful gasses.” According to figures, the university’s food service has cut its carbon emissions by over 10% since 2016.	8
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But local farmer Judith Thomas said the university’s decision was “incorrect” and said it took away the students’ choice. She thinks the university should be offering locally-produced top quality meat on its menus. She added that her farm also provided work experience for student vets from the university. She said that if her farm did not keep cows and sheep the students would not have the same opportunities to practise their skills.	12
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The university has defended its decision, basing it on scientific research. Scientists have found that beef and lamb produce the most farm-based greenhouse gases, and they say the number of sheep and cows in the UK should be reduced to help in the fight against climate change.	19
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Another British University, Goldsmiths in London, has promised to ban the sale of beef at the start of the new academic year as part of efforts to become an environmentally friendly university by 2025. The university said it will remove beef products from sale at its south-east London campus.	24
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11. **This text is**
- A news report.
  - A science-fiction story.
  - A letter to a newspaper.
12. **What has been the result of taking meat off the menus?**
- There is more choice on menus.
  - Harmful gasses have reduced.
  - More students prefer fast food.
13. **What does Judith Thomas think about the decision to ban beef and lamb?**
- She agrees with the decision.
  - She does not like the decision.
  - She does not have any opinion.
14. **According to scientists, reducing the number of cows and sheep will**
- Help to combat climate change.
  - Help to combat health problems.
  - Help to combat unhealthy eating.
15. **What has Goldsmiths decided to do?**
- They will provide more beef on their menus.
  - They will take beef off their menus.
  - They will provide cheaper meals on their menus.
16. **Which line has a grammatical error?**
- Line 8.
  - Line 21.
  - Line 27.
17. **Which is the best word to fill the gap on line 4?**
- Unhealthy.
  - Chicken.
  - Vegan.
18. **Which line has a spelling error?**
- Line 5.
  - Line 17.
  - Line 24.
19. **What is the meaning of 'locally-produced' in line 14?**
- Food from other countries.
  - Food from different areas.
  - Food from nearby.
20. **In the text, the word 'vets' on line 15 refers to:**
- People who work with food.
  - People who work with animals.
  - People who work on farms.

### Text 3

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

#### **Fact file: The UK**

Some British people say that they are from Great Britain. Others say they are from the UK. Some say they are from England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland.

England, Scotland and Wales are on an island in the north-west of Europe called Great Britain. Great Britain together with Northern Ireland is called the United Kingdom, or the UK.

England is the largest part of the UK. About 53 million people live in England and the capital city is London.

Scotland is in the north of Britain. Over 5 million people live in Scotland. The highest mountain in the UK is in Scotland. It is called Ben Nevis and is 1,345 metres high. The capital city is Edinburgh but the largest city is Glasgow.

Wales is in the west of Britain. About 3 million people live there and at least 20% speak Welsh, which is one of the oldest languages in Europe. The capital city is Cardiff.

Northern Ireland is a part of Ireland, an island west of Britain. There are nearly 2 million inhabitants. The capital is Belfast.

Each country in the UK has its own flag but the flag of the UK is called the “Union Jack”. An interesting fact is that the UK is the only country in the world to have four national football teams.

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| <p>21. <b>According to the text, Glasgow:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Is the largest city in the UK.</li><li>b. Is the capital of Scotland.</li><li>c. Is bigger than Edinburgh.</li></ul> <p>22. <b>Which country in the UK is not located on the mainland?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Scotland.</li><li>b. Wales.</li><li>c. Northern Ireland.</li></ul> <p>23. <b>The purpose of this text is to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Encourage you.</li><li>b. Amuse you.</li><li>c. Inform you.</li></ul> | <p>24. <b>According to the text, how many people in Wales speak Welsh?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Less than 20%.</li><li>b. More than 20%.</li><li>c. Everybody.</li></ul> <p>25. <b>Which word in paragraph 6 means ‘people who live in a place’?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. National.</li><li>b. Inhabitants.</li><li>c. Million.</li></ul> |
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## Text 4

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

### House falls down in the middle of the night

A house collapsed during the night, leaving rooms open to the air and possessions scattered across the street. Karen Dodds, who lives in a property on the opposite side of the street, said that the situation was very upsetting and that everyone would try to help in whatever way they could.

The end wall of the house in Claremont Road fell down at about 2 o'clock in the morning. The reason for the collapse is not yet known. Fortunately, no-one was injured as the family who live there were on holiday at the time. They had to stay in rooms in a hotel for a few days after the accident because they were unable to get into their home. The local council has now provided them with somewhere new to live.

The Council said that the family were receiving help from the Community Advice and Support team and the Council were doing everything possible to make sure the family had the basics such as food and ..... Karen Dodds said that local people had set up a fundraising page on Facebook to try to help the family.

An examination has begun into the cause of the collapse and a team of engineers is on site to assess the condition of the property, which may have to be destroyed.

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| <p>26. <b>In the text, Karen Dodds is:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. A neighbour</li><li>b. A spokesperson for the council</li><li>c. An engineer</li></ul> <p>27. <b>Why was nobody in the family hurt in the accident, according to the text?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. They were visiting friends.</li><li>b. They were not at home.</li><li>c. They were on holiday.</li></ul> <p>28. <b>According to the text, the family is now living:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. In another town.</li><li>b. In a hotel.</li><li>c. In a new home.</li></ul> | <p>29. <b>In the text, the word 'collapsed' means:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Fell down</li><li>b. Exploded</li><li>c. Burnt down</li></ul> <p>30. <b>The word 'destroyed' in paragraph 4 could be replaced by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Knocked down</li><li>b. Moved to a new place</li><li>c. Repaired</li></ul> <p>31. <b>Which is the best word to fill the gap in paragraph 3?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Jobs.</li><li>b. Clothing.</li><li>c. Carpets.</li></ul> |
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**English Writing Examination**  
**Level B1 Intermediate**

**Instructions to learners**

Check that you have the correct paper.

Please complete the information above.

You must write a minimum of 75 - 100 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.

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<b>Question</b>	<b>Mark</b>
<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	
<b>Total</b>	

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

Write an article for the Tourist Information magazine, about an interesting town or a place for tourists to visit.

You could write about:

- What the town/place is like
- What kind of attractions there are
- What sort of activities there are
- Why you think it is a good place to visit.

**OR**

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

Write a letter of complaint to the manager of the local cinema. You went to the cinema last weekend with some friends to watch a film but it was a bad experience. The kiosk selling snacks and drinks was closed.

You could write about:

- Which film you went to see and who was with you.
- What problems you experienced at the cinema.
- How you felt about the problems
- What you want the manager of the cinema to do about the problem.

Write 75 - 100 words.

(12 Marks)

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

Write an email to your friend telling them about a festival you went to recently.

You could write about:

- What the festival was about
- Where it was held
- The food that you ate
- How you felt about the festival.

Write 100-125 words.

(12 Marks)

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**You will be assessed on:**

- content
- use of appropriate tenses
- word order
- use of conjunctions, adjectives and vocabulary
- legibility of writing

**End of Examination for Writing – Level B1**



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