

**ESOL International
English Listening Examination**

Level B2 Independent User

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.

**NOCN ESOL International Listening
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Examination Recordings**



This is the NOCN ESOL International Independent User Level B2 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 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. You will then have two minutes to check your answers.

Record the sentences (three seconds between each sentence).

1. I like your red dress.
2. What time shall we leave for the party?
3. I have done all my shopping.
4. I had a great holiday.
5. Shall we organise a museum trip?
6. My brother got married last week.
7. We had a nice meal at the restaurant.
8. How long will the journey take?
9. Are you ready to apply to university?
10. Is it time for the lesson to start?

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.

Alex: Hi there, I am running a survey about living in the local area, and I was hoping I could ask you a few questions about your home?

Andrew: Of course.

Alex: Thank you, my name is Alex, can I have your name please?

Andrew: Yes, my name is Andrew and this is my daughter, Elizabeth.

Alex: So, Andrew, the main purpose of this survey is to help 'Reddington Homes' with their new development which is being built on the site where the old bread factory was. They want to see what style of homes the average family have in the area. This will help them create new and exciting designs to fit in with family life. Question 1, how many bedrooms do you have in your house?

Andrew: 3 bedrooms in total, 2 big, one slightly smaller.

Alex: Great. Do you have a small, medium or large garden?

Andrew: Medium.

Alex: Next question, what style of house do you live in? A townhouse, a cottage, a flat or apartment or a villa?

Andrew: A townhouse, at the end of Edwards Grange Road.

Alex: Would you like to change the home you currently live in to make it more suitable for your family?

Andrew: Yes, actually, my wife and I would like to extend into the attic and make our house taller. She is pregnant and we are expecting twins. We have asked the local council if they will allow us to do the work on our house. Other people down our road have, so we do hope they say yes.

Alex: Thank you Andrew and Elizabeth. Those are all the questions I have for you today, as a thank you from Reddington Homes, please take this 25% off voucher for Pizza Boss.

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.

Louise: Hi Maria, how does the new house look?

Maria: Hi Louise. It looks great so far, thanks for asking. We still have a lot of work to do; we need to paint the walls, clear the garden as all the plants are really overgrown, then we need to get some nice furniture for the living room.

Louise: What is your favourite room in the house at the moment?

Maria: Mine is definitely the kitchen. It is really big, there are so many store cupboards and the whole family can sit in there together at the big dining table. Charlie's favourite room is the front room, as it has a big TV in it. He bought it so he could watch his football on a big screen. So far, he and Jack have watched TV together every night; they are both so happy!

Louise: Does Jack even know what football is yet?

Maria: He really enjoys watching it, although when Lucas was two, he didn't enjoy watching football, he liked being in the kitchen with me, cooking.

Louise: Nothing has changed then?

Maria: No and Lucas really enjoys cooking at school with his class.

Louise: What does he like to make?

Maria: Lucas can now make cupcakes, he mixes the batter and fills the cases with the mixture. He can crack an egg better than I can! He started at his new school and decided to make twelve chocolate cupcakes for the teachers, and then he made a big coconut cake for his class. He still needs help with some things, but he is so talented.

Louise: Lucas is like you, he enjoys cooking and baking. Have you taught him how to make your amazing banana bread, yet?

Maria: Louise that is my secret forever.

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 – 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 the broadcast twice. Answer the questions. Then you have two minutes to check the answers.

Record the broadcast.

Heathrow Airport

Welcome to Heathrow airport, one of the busiest airports in the world, and the busiest in the country. We hope you enjoy your time here in Terminal 1. You will find everything you need to prepare for your journey, be it a long or short flight.

If you walk to the right of the check-in desks you will find a Pizza Hut, a Costa Coffee and a Mcdonald's. We have recently opened a new book shop, 'Sky Read', which has a large collection of different genres and books for all tastes.

Located on this floor are check-in desks from numbers 1-35, and gate numbers 1-16 are located beyond the security check point after you have checked-in. Should you need any help finding your way around we have guides who can help you, they will be wearing red jackets and are located around the entrance and check-in points.

If you have a disability, please inform a member of staff and we will send a car to escort you to your gate destination.

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 – Broadcasts

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

Record the broadcast.

Good morning, listeners and welcome to 'The Shopping Channel' on YouTube. Today, we are going to look at the best places for sales during the Christmas period. So many people have been asking about what to buy for their parents.

It might seem like parents are hard to buy for, and although it might be true sometimes, a little bit of thought goes a long way. A great website to start your present search is 'somethingpersonal.co.uk' where you can choose any gift on the website and have a personal message put on it.

For example, I went on the website and chose a silver necklace. On that necklace I can put any small silver decoration I want. As my mum likes shoes, cooking, art and travel, I chose a small pair of high heels, a chef's hat, a paintbrush and an airplane. And it didn't stop there, I could put a personal message to my mum inside the blue and silver presentation box. I loved the idea so much I got a gold necklace for my sister who has just finished university – for her I chose a pencil, a book, an airplane and a teddy bear.

Don't be stuck anymore, go online now!

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