

**ESOL International
English Listening Examination
Level B1 Intermediate**

Texts to be used with the examination.

These will 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.

Put your answers on the mark sheet.

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. You will then have two minutes to check your answers.

Play the sentences

1. How often do you have English lessons?
2. How much does it cost to get into the museum?
3. What are the main ingredients of this dish?
4. What are you going to wear for the party?
5. My grandmother will be 75 tomorrow.
6. Where were you born?
7. What does your sister look like?
8. Can you lend me a pen?
9. When did you start learning to play the guitar?
10. What time does the concert finish?

Pause for five seconds after the first reading.

Now listen to the sentences again.

Play 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.

You will then have two minutes to check your answers.

Play the conversation

Barbara:	Let's have a day out together on Saturday.
Christine:	That's a good idea. Where shall we go? How about Lyme Regis? Everyone says it's lovely.
Barbara:	That is a long way. It'll take about 3 hours to get there.
Christine:	Well, how about Bath? It is beautiful and has some wonderful shops.
Barbara:	That is also too far and I am not interested in shopping!
Christine:	I know you don't like shopping. How about Leeds Castle? I'd love to go there, and it's not too far.
Barbara:	Oh, yes – I'd really like to go there too. People say there are interesting things to do and some lovely walks.
Christine:	Ok, but what about transport, can we get there by train?
Barbara:	Don't worry about that. I can borrow my sister's car. I'll drive us there.
Christine:	Brilliant! The only problem is that it is quite expensive to get in and if we have to pay for lunch in a restaurant...
Barbara:	Well, let's take a picnic. What shall we take? Sandwiches, crisps, fruit and cake?
Christine:	Yes, and I'll bring some drinks. Lemonade and coke.
Barbara:	Great! What time shall I pick you up?
Christine:	Mmm not too early. About 11 o'clock?
Barbara:	Yes, that's perfect.

Pause for five seconds after the first reading.

Now listen to the conversation again.

Play 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.

You will then have two minutes to check your answers.

Play the conversation

Waiter:	Good afternoon.
Customer:	Hello. Please can I have a table for one.
Waiter:	We have a table for one here by the window, or maybe you would prefer to sit outside?
Customer:	No, I'll sit inside. It's too hot outside today.
Waiter:	Would you like to see the menu?
Customer:	Yes please, I would like to see the drinks menu and the dessert menu.
Waiter:	Are you ready to order?
Customer:	Yes. Can I have some ice-cream, please. 1 scoop of strawberry, 1 of vanilla and 1 of banana. And I'd like some chocolate sauce with that.
Waiter:	Right, so that's 1 scoop of strawberry, 1 of vanilla and 1 of banana...
Customer:	Mm, could I have some toppings please?
Waiter:	Of course what would you like?
Customer:	Could I have some nuts and a flake?
Waiter:	Yes certainly. Do you want a cherry on top?
Customer:	No thank you, I don't like cherries.
Waiter:	Okay. What would you like to drink?
Customer:	I would like an iced coffee with cream please.
Waiter:	No problem. It will be ready shortly.

Pause for five seconds after the first reading.

Now listen to the conversation again.

Play 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.

You will then have two minutes to check your answers.

Play the broadcast

Now, do you like dogs? Perhaps you have a dog as a pet. People say that a dog is a man's best friend. People and dogs first started living together about ten thousand years ago. Now there are 55 million dogs just in the USA alone and the Americans spend over 2 billion dollars on dog food every year, four times what they spend on baby food!

Altogether there are about 150 breeds of dog, from the tiny chihuahua to the Great Dane. Many dogs work for humans, doing jobs such as helping the blind, helping the police to track missing people and customs officers to find drugs. Some dogs are used for racing. Greyhound racing is very popular in many countries including the UK. The fastest greyhounds can run as fast as 65 kilometres per hour!

Perhaps the most famous working dog was Rin Tin Tin who died in 1932. He earned his money by making films. He made fifty films and earned about 44,000 dollars for each one!

Pause for five seconds after the first reading.

Now listen to the broadcast again.

Play 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 – Broadcast 2

Listen to Broadcast 2. You will hear the broadcast twice. Answer the questions.

You will then have two minutes to check your answers.

Play the broadcast

Now here is the information we promised earlier about our photography competition –

Could you take the winning photo? Last year, our photo competition had more than 8,000 entries and the photos were of a very high quality. This year we are looking for 12 winners. Yes, that's right, 12! We are going to produce a calendar for 2018 with a photo for each month of the year. The theme is "British Wildlife" and we would like your photos to reflect a love for and connection with nature. Simply send us your photo, together with the date and location of the picture so that it can be used to illustrate one of the months in the calendar.

Anyone can enter the competition. It doesn't matter whether you are a professional photographer or an amateur. But don't forget to send your personal details – your name, age and address together with a contact telephone number or email address so that we can get in touch with you. You must send your photo to the link on our website by the closing date of Sunday 3rd September. We will announce the winners in November. See page 2 of the Radio Magazine for further details and a link to our website.

Pause for five seconds after the first reading.

Now listen to the broadcast again.

Play 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

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