

**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 old is your brother?
2. How do you go to school?
3. Where is the nearest bookshop?
4. Can you describe your friend?
5. Where can I buy some plasters?
6. How many onions do you want?
7. Shall we go swimming on Saturday?
8. What do you think of this jacket?
9. Where have I put my keys?
10. What time does the film start?

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

Interviewer:	Good afternoon, Miss Smith. Nice to meet you. Please take a seat.
Miss Smith:	Hello. Nice to meet you too.
Interviewer:	OK, Miss Smith, I am your interviewer today. I'd like to ask you a few questions. Firstly, can you tell me a little bit about your previous work experience?
Miss Smith:	Well, I'm unemployed at the moment but before that I worked in a restaurant, in the kitchen, but sometimes I worked as a waitress. I worked there for 18 months after finishing my exams and leaving school.
Interviewer:	Can you tell me what skills you have that would help you in this job?
Miss Smith:	I'm very organised and always on time. I have good people skills and I am polite. I can cook and I have a certificate in food safety. I also have my driving licence.
Interviewer:	Ok, thank you. And why do you want to work here?
Miss Smith:	I would like this job because I know that this is a good company to work for. I am interested in meeting people and talking to customers. And of course, I would like to develop a career.
Interviewer:	When could you start?
Miss Smith:	If possible, I could start straight away!
Interviewer:	OK, Miss Smith. Thank you very much. Do you have any questions for me?
Miss Smith:	Yes, I do. Could you tell me how much I will be paid per hour? And what are the working hours of this position?
Interviewer:	You will be paid £8.50 an hour and work for 35 hours a week. You will have 2 days off a week, usually Sunday and Monday. You will normally be expected to be ready to start work at 9 o'clock.
Miss Smith:	That sounds perfect for me. Thank you very much. I look forward to hearing from you.
Interviewer:	Thank you for coming today, Miss Smith. It was nice to meet you. I will be in touch.

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

Emma:	Hello.
Carole:	Oh, hi Emma. I just wanted to talk to someone. I'm so fed up. I'm having a terrible day!
Emma:	Oh dear. What's the matter?
Carole:	Well, I was late for work. I got up early as usual but my car wouldn't start. That's the second time this week. I really will have to get a new one.
Emma:	Oh no! How did you get to work?
Carole:	I caught the bus but it was really slow. The traffic was terrible.
Emma:	Were you very late?
Carole:	Yes. I didn't get to the office till 10. My boss was not very pleased about that.
Emma:	Well, I'm sure he won't mind if you stay a bit later at work today to catch up on the hour you missed this morning.
Carole:	Mm, I could do that but there's another problem. My computer has crashed. Fortunately, I have saved my work on my memory stick.
Emma:	So what are you going to do?
Carole:	I think the best thing for me to do is go home and try to do the work there. I have a computer at home and I think my boss will agree to that.
Emma:	That's a good idea. How are you going to get home? Do you want me to come and pick you up in my car? I'm free now so it's no problem.
Carole:	That's really kind, Emma, but no thank you. I think I'll walk. It will take me 30 minutes but I think it will do me good to be outside in the fresh air.
Emma:	Okay. Hope you have a better afternoon.
Carole:	Thanks, Emma. And thank you for listening. I'll phone later and perhaps we can have a cup of coffee together sometime.
Emma:	Yes, that would be nice. Bye, Carole.

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

People love cats and in the UK they are the third most popular pet after fish and dogs. There are about 8 million cats living in homes in the UK. But what do you really know about cats? Here are some facts about these interesting animals.

Cats started living with people as pets thousands of years ago, perhaps in ancient Egypt, and now there are about 500 million domestic cats around the world. People like to keep cats because they can be friendly but also because they can catch rats and mice. Cats are usually very good hunters and have very good eyesight. They can catch mice, rats and small birds – although they often do not eat them if they can get normal cat food at home!

Cats are very lazy animals. On average, they sleep for about sixteen hours a day! They also spend a lot of time keeping themselves clean by washing their fur with their tongues.

In English, male cats are called toms and female cats are called queens. Female cats are pregnant for about nine weeks and usually have between two and five babies, called kittens.

There are over one hundred different kinds of cat, including the Manx cat which has no tail and the Sphynx cat which has no hair!

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

Welcome to Greenfield. What can you do here? Here are a few suggestions for the visitor:

You can walk around the shops and see the sights, and when you're tired you can have a cup of coffee. Try one of the fashionable cafés such as Valentino's, or if you want a meal, go to Pete's Pizzeria. We recommend Pete's Super Special Pizza – it's really tasty and not too expensive.

You can walk along Rose Way and visit Prince's Park which is perfect for children. There's so much to do there including tennis, crazy golf and roller-skating. You can take the number 32 bus from the bus station to the market place where you can buy all kinds of fruit and vegetables or souvenirs. The market is open every day except Sunday.

If you like historic buildings, you should not miss the Church of Saint Nicholas. It's nearly 500 years old and has some wonderful stained-glass windows. There's also the Museum of Toys right next door to the church and the entry is free. To get more information about Greenfield, call in at the Tourist Information Office opposite the museum or call 01994 326187.

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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