

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 much is the burger and chips?
2. I am an aunty now.
3. What colour hair do you have?
4. When is Halloween?
5. What are you wearing for the beach?
6. What day is it?
7. Blow the candles out now!
8. What time does the doctors open?
9. When can we go skating?
10. Are we going on the bus?

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

Louise:	Hi Neil, how are you feeling today?
Neil:	Well, I feel better now that I have finished the summer term exams.
Louise:	Oh, that's a relief. What subjects did you have exams in?
Neil:	I had seven to study for...English, Maths, French, History, Psychology, ICT and Geography. History was the hardest though.
Louise:	Oh, why do you think that is?
Neil:	It's all the dates that you have to remember, 1620, the first round the world voyage. 1776, The American Civil War began and well, 1066...we all know that date.
Louise:	(Laughs) Ah, yes...1066...the Battle of Hastings. You did pretty well remembering those dates. I've got such a bad memory, I'd be hopeless.
Neil:	Some just stick in your mind and others...well, I had a lot of post it notes around the house to remind me. In my bedroom, the kitchen, even the bathroom.
Louise:	I bet your mum was pleased to have those all around the house.
Neil:	Mmmm. She wasn't too bothered as it was revision for my exams. Anyway Louise, now that I have finished, would you like to go for a coffee somewhere?
Louise:	That would be great! Where should we go?
Neil:	There's a new cafe on the corner of Northumberland Street, I've heard they have the best espresso in town.
Louise:	I've heard that too and apparently the best carrot cake. Your favourite! Cait and Tom went there last week and said that the atmosphere was electric, with great music, some really new up and coming bands.
Neil:	That's sorted then. What a good way to celebrate the end of some serious studying. Good food, quality drink, good music and superb company.
Louise:	(Laughs) I'll drink and eat to that. I'll come round to yours in an hour.

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

Doctor:	Good morning Mr Clark, what can I do for you today?
Patient:	Well Dr Stone, I've been having problems with my left knee.
Doctor:	Ok. Can you tell me what you have been experiencing?
Patient:	It started two weeks ago, after I had been gardening on Saturday afternoon. Stupidly, I had been kneeling for most of the day, about six and a half hours. The borders needed weeding and I hadn't done them for a few weeks.
Doctor:	Ah, yes, not a good idea to spend so long on your knees Mr Clark, especially at your age.
Patient:	My age? C'mon doctor, I am a lively 78 year old...in my prime years.
Doctor:	Yes, I know you are very fit, but the knees do not last forever and kneeling for that length of time can cause problems at any age.
Patient:	I am getting a telling off, aren't I?
Doctor:	Well...what are your symptoms?
Patient:	I get a shooting pain down the leg, at the front and the knee is swollen up, like a pudding.
Doctor:	Painful. Roll up your trousers and let me have a look. Ok, from what you say and by the look of it, I think you might have Bursitis. It is when the kneecap gets aggravated, which leads to swelling and extreme pain. Have you had a fever at all?
Patient:	No, no, just the pain and limited movement.
Doctor:	That's positive. We can treat this with an anti-inflammatory medication.
Patient:	Ok. How long will it take to get better?
Doctor:	If you take all the medication and rest, no gardening , then in three weeks you should be right as rain.
Patient:	Wonderful Dr Stone. I will behave myself, thank you.
Doctor:	You're welcome, take care.

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

Giant pandas are among the world's rarest and most endangered bears and it is thought that there are only about 1,800 left in the wild. China has decided to help with their survival and boost numbers by building a huge panda paradise for them.

The plan is to link the existing 67 panda reserves together, creating a huge new sanctuary, which will cover around 10,500 square miles. Massive. Twelve times the size of the Lake District in England. It is hoped that, because of the size, the pandas will be more likely to socialise and produce offspring.

China has already had success with the giant pandas, due to their thorough conservation efforts. The giant pandas have been removed from the endangered species list, after their population increased by 17% between 2004 and 2014.

The pandas are still deemed to be at risk though, as roads are built through their habitats, preventing them from meeting each other and breeding. Their main food source of bamboo is also disappearing, as people are taking it for themselves.

Hopefully with the new reserve, the great black and white bears will survive extinction for many more years to come.

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 – Broadcasts

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

Here are the instructions on how to make chocolate Easter apples, everyone's favourite.

To make them, you will need six Pink Lady apples; 100gs of chocolate, broken into chunks; six long lolly sticks and some greaseproof paper.

Now for the method. Pierce a hole, next to each apple stalk with a knife and insert a lolly stick into each hole, making sure it doesn't slip out. Next, line a tray with greaseproof paper and spread the apples out on it, giving each one plenty of space. Put the chocolate into a heatproof bowl and place this on top of a small saucepan with water in. Heat the water, until it boils. Turn off the heat and stir the chocolate with a wooden spoon until it melts. Try and resist dipping a finger in and eating it.

Now for the fun bit. Use a teaspoon to drizzle thin trails of chocolate around the apples, using the lolly sticks to twirl the apple to get an even coating. Then put somewhere cool and out of the way, to set the chocolate before eating...try and resist eating them before then.

The complete recipe can be found at: www.eatapp@choc.uk

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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