

**ESOL International
Sample English Listening Examination**

Level B1 Intermediate

Instructions to learners

Check that you have the correct paper.

DO NOT WRITE ON THIS PAPER.

Please complete the information on the mark sheet.

Use black or blue ink. Do not use pencil.

Total marks available: 30

You have **30 minutes** to finish the examination.

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Sample Examination Task Sheet**

Part 1

You will hear ten sentences twice. Choose the best answer in each situation.

Now look at the replies. You have two minutes to read the replies.

Now listen to the sentences and select the best reply.

Mark the answer on the mark sheet.

1.
 - a. Thank you. I really appreciate it.
 - b. I'm sorry. I wasn't looking where I was going.
 - c. That's great, thanks!
 - d. I'm really sorry. The traffic was bad today.

2.
 - a. That's fantastic!
 - b. I'm not sure about that.
 - c. I don't think you are right.
 - d. I'm sorry. I won't do it again.

3.
 - a. Thank you very much for that.
 - b. I am very excited.
 - c. I can't believe it.
 - d. That's so sad. I'm so sorry.

4.
 - a. What happened?
 - b. Well done, congratulations!
 - c. When are you going?
 - d. I don't like it.

5.
 - a. What happened?
 - b. Can you explain?
 - c. Could you repeat, please?
 - d. That's great news!

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6.
 - a. What does it mean?
 - b. I have to send her a card.
 - c. When did it happen?
 - d. Thank you. That will be all.

7.
 - a. Don't worry.
 - b. It's not a problem.
 - c. I'm not sure about it.
 - d. You are welcome.

8.
 - a. Don't mention it.
 - b. It was nice to meet you.
 - c. Same to you.
 - d. That's a great idea.

9.
 - a. Thank you very much.
 - b. Sorry about that.
 - c. Perhaps another time.
 - d. You are welcome.

10.
 - a. Thank you, tea please.
 - b. Thank you, I do appreciate it.
 - c. Thank you, I'd love to.
 - d. Thank you, that's really helpful.

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Part 2

You will now hear two conversations. You will hear them twice. You have two minutes to look at the questions for both conversations.

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Now listen to Conversation 1.

Record your answers to the questions on the mark sheet.

Conversation 1

1. What is Mrs. Thompson's job?
 - a. Teacher
 - b. Doctor
 - c. Restaurant owner
 - d. Waitress

2. Mrs. Thompson is unwell because:
 - a. She smokes
 - b. She has a cold
 - c. She is not fit
 - d. She had an accident

3. What is the name of the doctor?
 - a. Dr Brown
 - b. Dr Green
 - c. Dr Simpson
 - d. Dr Thomson

4. What does Mrs. Thompson need to change?
 - a. Her hairstyle
 - b. Her lifestyle
 - c. Her job
 - d. Her house

5. Five a day means:
 - a. 5 portions of fruit a day
 - b. 5 portions of vegetables a day
 - c. 5 portions of fruit and 5 portions of vegetables a day
 - d. 5 portions of fruit or vegetables a day

Now listen to the conversation again and check your answers.

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Now listen to Conversation 2. Record your answers on the mark sheet.

Conversation 2

1. Which statement is true?
 - a. Fiona works in a café.
 - b. Fiona works in a school.
 - c. Fiona works in a travel agency.
 - d. Fiona works in a restaurant.

2. Fiona and Peter are:
 - a. Business partners
 - b. Relatives
 - c. Old friends
 - d. Colleagues

3. Fiona and Peter go together to:
 - a. Peter's house
 - b. A restaurant
 - c. A cinema
 - d. A café

4. The phrase 'catch up' in the conversation means:
 - a. Walk together
 - b. Go for a drink
 - c. Have a race
 - d. Talk about their old times

5. The last time Peter and Fiona saw each other was:
 - a. Exactly 5 years ago
 - b. More than 5 years
 - c. Less than 5 years
 - d. Ages

Now listen the conversation again and check your answers.

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Part 3

You will now hear two radio broadcasts. You will hear them twice. You have two minutes to look at the questions for both radio broadcasts.

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Now listen to Broadcast 1.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

Broadcast 1

1. Name one benefit of walking, as mentioned in the broadcast:
 - a. Burn calories
 - b. Meet friends
 - c. Get free exercise
 - d. Get off the bus or train one stop early

2. You can fit walking into your routine by:
 - a. Getting up early
 - b. Not using a car for short journeys
 - c. Using a bus
 - d. Using a train

3. Your health will benefit, if:
 - a. You burn 10,000 calories a day
 - b. You walk 10,000 steps a day
 - c. You walk 10,000 meters a week
 - d. You walk 400 steps a day

4. To record your walking you need to use:
 - a. Pen and paper to write it down
 - b. Your computer
 - c. A pedometer
 - d. A tape measure

5. The broadcast does **not** mention:
 - a. Benefits of walking
 - b. How to fit walking into a routine
 - c. How often you need to walk
 - d. How much you need to walk

Listen to the broadcast again and check your answers.

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Now listen to Broadcast 2. Record your answers on the mark sheet.

Broadcast 2

1. According to the broadcast, Angelina Jolie had:
 - a. One breast reduced
 - b. Two breasts reduced
 - c. One breast removed
 - d. Two breasts removed

2. Angelina claims that she has it done because she had:
 - a. 50 % of developing breast cancer
 - b. 87% of developing breast cancer
 - c. 50% of developing ovarian cancer
 - d. 87% of developing of ovarian cancer

3. Angelina decided to have a mastectomy to:
 - a. Improve her looks
 - b. Minimize a risk of breast cancer
 - c. Have a facelift
 - d. Change the size of her breasts

4. According to the broadcast, medicine today can:
 - a. Cure all cancers
 - b. Find out if you have a high risk of developing cancer
 - c. Prevent you from developing cancer
 - d. Cure breast cancer

5. According to the broadcast, people are:
 - a. Afraid of developing cancer
 - b. Not afraid of cancer
 - c. Afraid of developing heart conditions
 - d. Not afraid of developing heart conditions

Listen to the broadcast again and check your answers.

End of Examination

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Sample Listening Mark Sheet

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Learner Registration Number _____ Examination Date _____

Centre Name _____ Centre Number _____

Instructions: Draw a line through either a, b, c or d to answer each question. ~~b~~
 If you change your mind black out the wrong answer and choose a new one with a line. ~~b~~
 If you think your first answer was right, black out the wrong answer and circle your first answer.

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Part 1	1	a	b	c	d	
	2	a	b	c	d	
	3	a	b	c	d	
	4	a	b	c	d	
	5	a	b	c	d	
	6	a	b	c	d	
	7	a	b	c	d	
	8	a	b	c	d	
	9	a	b	c	d	
	10	a	b	c	d	
Part 2 Conversation 1	1	a	b	c	d	
	2	a	b	c	d	
	3	a	b	c	d	
	4	a	b	c	d	
	5	a	b	c	d	
Part 2 Conversation 2	1	a	b	c	d	
	2	a	b	c	d	
	3	a	b	c	d	
	4	a	b	c	d	
	5	a	b	c	d	
Part 3 Broadcast 1	1	a	b	c	d	
	2	a	b	c	d	
	3	a	b	c	d	
	4	a	b	c	d	
	5	a	b	c	d	
Part 3 Broadcast 2	1	a	b	c	d	
	2	a	b	c	d	
	3	a	b	c	d	
	4	a	b	c	d	
	5	a	b	c	d	
Total Marks						

Learner Signature _____

Date _____