

**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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**Part 1**

You will hear ten sentences twice. Choose the best reply 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 think that is great.
  - b. I'm sorry. I didn't know where I was going.
  - c. That's great, thanks!
  - d. I know! There was not a lot of traffic 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 go, thank you.
  
3.
  - a. Thank you very much for that.
  - b. This is because the car is broken.
  - c. This is because it was late.
  - d. That's so sad. It is difficult.
  
4.
  - a. What a shame
  - b. You are lucky
  - c. That is bad luck
  - d. You are lovely
  
5.
  - a. Really, is that true?
  - b. You are not going there.
  - c. Will you go with me?
  - d. That is really true.

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6.
  - a. What does it want?
  - b. I have to buy a present.
  - c. When did it happen?
  - d. Thank you. I will.
  
7.
  - a. Don't worry. It is an issue.
  - b. It is a problem.
  - c. I'm not sure about it.
  - d. No problem.
  
8.
  - a. Don't mention it.
  - b. It was nice to meet you.
  - c. That is important.
  - d. That's a great idea.
  
9.
  - a. Thank you very much.
  - b. What is the problem?
  - c. What went wrong?
  - d. You are welcome.
  
10.
  - a. Thank you, it was very kind of you.
  - b. Thank you, I went yesterday.
  - c. Thank you, I'd love some.
  - 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. Where is Jill going?
  - a. To buy some shoes
  - b. To a party
  - c. Shopping for clothes
  - d. Home
  
2. Cathy thinks that Jill must:
  - a. Buy some jeans
  - b. Buy a bag
  - c. Buy a dress
  - d. Buy a top
  
3. Whose birthday is at the weekend?
  - a. Jill
  - b. Jane
  - c. Cathy
  - d. Brown
  
4. What will Cathy let Jill borrow?
  - a. A bag
  - b. Some shoes
  - c. A dress
  - d. A necklace
  
5. 'I can't decide' means:
  - a. Jill cannot do something
  - b. Jill can do something
  - c. Jill does know what to do
  - d. Jill does not know what to do

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. Tracy has been to a lot of football matches.
  - b. Tracy is at college.
  - c. Tracy likes Robbie Williams.
  - d. Tracy watched football last night.
  
2. Patrick thinks:
  - a. The match was exciting.
  - b. The match was not exciting.
  - c. Robbie Williams is fantastic.
  - d. Robbie Williams is good.
  
3. Tracy and Patrick go together to:
  - a. Patrick's house
  - b. College
  - c. Tracy's house
  - d. A café
  
4. The phrase 'I can't afford' in the conversation means:
  - a. She can go
  - b. She cannot go
  - c. She has got some money
  - d. She has not got much money
  
5. Patrick's team:
  - a. Lost the game
  - b. Won the game
  - c. Did not score a goal
  - d. Scored a goal at the beginning of the game

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 broadcasts.

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Now listen to Broadcast 1.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

Broadcast 1

1. Name one special attraction that is NOT listed in the broadcast :
  - a. Ice Age cave drawings
  - b. The Vikings are coming
  - c. Ancient History
  - d. Science and nature
  
2. How many people visited in 1759:
  - a. 75 people a year
  - b. 75 people a day
  - c. 75 people a month
  - d. 75 people in March
  
3. The Viking ship may be a royal war ship because:
  - a. It is new
  - b. It had coins in it
  - c. It was found in York
  - d. It is so big
  
4. What was found near York?
  - a. Art
  - b. A ship
  - c. Jewellery
  - d. A Viking
  
5. The broadcast does **not** mention:
  - a. Where the museum is
  - b. What you can look at in the museum
  - c. How much it costs to visit
  - d. How many people visited the museum in 2013

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, Alize Cornet:
  - a. Will not play on Saturday
  - b. Did not play on Thursday
  - c. Won her match on Saturday
  - d. Won her match on Thursday
  
2. The temperature on Thursday was:
  - a. 21 Fahrenheit
  - b. 21 Celsius
  - c. 42 Fahrenheit
  - d. 42 Celsius
  
3. Why can play stop in tennis matches?
  - a. Because players are crying
  - b. Because of extreme heat
  - c. Because players are tired
  - d. Because the roof closed
  
4. According to the broadcast, Cornet was crying because:
  - a. She lost the match
  - b. The temperature was so hot
  - c. It will be hot on Saturday
  - d. It will be cooler on Saturday
  
5. According to the broadcast, who will play Cornet on Saturday?
  - a. Maria Sharapova
  - b. Rod Laver
  - c. Camila Giorgi
  - d. No one

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 b 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. b

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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	
<b>Total Marks</b>						

Learner Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_