

**ESOL International
English Listening Examination**

Level C1 Advanced

Texts to be used with the examination.

The texts are to 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 Advanced Level C1 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.

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. Then you will have two minutes to check your answers.

Record the sentences (three seconds between each sentence).

1. Do you live here?
2. I can't hear him very well.
3. My sister was in hospital last week but she's back at home now.
4. Shall we have a take-away or do you want to cook?
5. May I smoke here?
6. That was a nightmare journey!
7. I don't know the solution to this problem.
8. My college hosted a charity event last month.
9. It is important you organise everything before your journey.
10. Could you jot it down for me, please?

Pause for five seconds after the first reading.

Now listen to the sentences again.

Record 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. Then you have two minutes to check the answers.

Record the conversation.

- *Linda has just been through a divorce from the celebrity chef, Paul Mason. We are catching up with what she is doing now. Hi Linda, why did you start posting recipes on Twitter?*
- When I first tweeted it was generic things. Then I posted a picture saying: This is what I'm eating and people came back asking how they could make it. They loved it and they came back the next day asking what I was having for breakfast. It's carried on from there and now I'm creating recipes for supermarkets, which is fab.
- *You also tweeted about your respect for single mothers and how hard it is. Do you think that struck a chord with people?*
- If you've never been a single parent you don't realise how difficult it can be. I have complete respect not just for single mothers but also for single fathers. They are incredible.
- *Have your followers been supportive?*
- They are wonderful. I'm really lucky because I've learnt that people are really nice.
- *When did your passion for food begin?*
- I learnt to cook as soon as I could stand. My mother and grandmother were both prolific cooks and I've still got the little stool I used to stand on to help them both.
- *What's next for you career-wise?*
- I'd very much like to do a recipe book and I'm currently in the process of getting one together with my son, Jeremy.
- *Thank you very much Linda and good luck with your book.*

Pause for five seconds after the first reading.

Now listen to the conversation again.

Record 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. Then you have two minutes to check the answers.

Record the conversation.

- *Hello Jeremy, you sold over 50 million records with your band. Did you feel lost when the band split in 2012?*
- It was very strange but it came at a good time because Laura and I had just had our son and it meant I could be at home with him. The last few years in a band were pretty stressful.
- *Did becoming a dad change your perspective on life?*
- Our son came at a great time for both of us. Having a child was what life was all about. It definitely changed my outlook.
- *You have a new single out and an album due next month. What was it like going into the studio on your own for the first time?*
- Terrifying! I was never a lead vocalist so I wasn't brimming with confidence, and getting a record deal was the last thing I imagined.
- *You and your wife have done some TV presenting as a couple. Will you do some more?*
- Yes! Presenting is something we both love, and is definitely part of our long-term plan.

Pause for five seconds after the first reading.

Now listen to the conversation again.

Record 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 – Debate and Discussion

You will hear a debate and discussion. Read the questions and answers on your examination paper for both the debate and discussion. You have two minutes to read them.

Pause for two minutes.

Listen to the Debate. You will hear it twice. Answer the questions. Then you have two minutes to check the answers.

Record the debate.

We are going to have a debate about GM Food - genetically modified food. With me are Maria Johnson and Robert Potter. Maria and Robert - what are GM Foods?

Maria: Genetically modified foods, or GM foods, are foods that have been modified using biotechnology. Most known GM foods are pineapples, strawberries and potatoes. GM foods are made to last longer, have more nutrients, taste better and also the crops will have a higher quantity when harvested.

Robert: Did you know that rats tested in a private lab in 2008 and fed GM foods showed heart blockage, cancer and died at an earlier age than those who were fed organic foods?

Maria: Genetically modified foods have been tested over and over again. The tests that showed rats getting cancer and tumours were frauds. The lab showed false information. Growing GM foods is a good chance to increase food production, because they have defences against bugs already built in. It also reduces the amount of chemicals needed on crops. Another bonus is the one chemical they do use doesn't run off into water and breaks down quickly.

Robert: But don't you think it's a horrible thing to inject our foods with chemicals and other modifications? It's absolutely stupid to think that people don't want to know what they are feeding their family. I live in a house of five and I only shop at the local Farmers Market so that I know what I'm putting on my family's table at dinner.

Maria: Though many people think that there is too much toxicity in GM foods, the toxicity is actually only strong enough to kill pests. It is actually completely harmless to mammals. If GM foods are used, then the world will be a healthier place. GM foods can be very nutritional and can have a much larger yield than un-altered crops. This is especially helpful in places like Africa where there isn't good soil to grow the necessary crops to sustain themselves.

Robert: This is something we will never agree on, Maria. Unless you buy food that says 100% Organic on the front of it, there is a good chance that it was made by scientists, not grown by farmers.

Pause for five seconds after the first reading.

Now listen to the debate again.

Record the debate again.

Now check your answers. You have two minutes to check your answers.

Pause for two minutes after the second reading.

Part 3 – Discussion

Listen to the Discussion. You will hear it twice. Answer the questions. Then you have two minutes to check the answers.

Record the discussion.

With me are a group of young people who care about our environment. Today we are going to talk about recycling. Do you recycle, Sam?

Sam - Yes I do. I make it a point to recycle as much as I can within my home and workplace. Recycling helps save the environment through reusing materials. We don't have as much waste and are able to save space on our own land. Recycling is necessary and I have always believed that it should be a requirement for everyone.

In your opinion how important is recycling?

Sam - Recycling is crucial to the survival of our planet. Recycling helps us do that by reducing the amount of waste we put out. In doing this we help the planet keep the resources it needs to sustain life. Recycling is a necessary part of all of this and it is heartening to see so many people getting in on it.

And can you recycle everywhere, Jemma?

Jemma - Unfortunately, recycling is not possible everywhere. This is because recycling bins are not available everywhere you go. With the lack of bins it is impossible to recycle unless you take your rubbish home to do so. When I have had a lot of recyclable materials and nowhere to put them I have taken them home to ensure they make it somewhere to be reused but sometimes it's just impossible.

So how can we encourage more people to recycle?

Jemma - I think that it is easy for people to recycle in their homes because the bins are readily available and you just put them out once every two weeks. The real challenge is finding ways to encourage people to recycle in public.

And my final question, can more be done to recycle, Susan?

Susan: There is always an opportunity to increase recycling efforts. We need to keep reusing materials to conserve the Earth. The more that it's done, the better our Earth can be. By getting more information out there we can cause a change in the way that people react to the recycling message.

Pause for five seconds after the first reading.

Now listen to the discussion again.

Record the discussion 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