

**ESOL International
English Listening Examination**

Level B1 Intermediate

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.

**NOCN ESOL International Listening
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Examination Recordings**



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.

The Listening examination will now begin.

Part 1

You will hear 10 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. Have you ever travelled by plane?
2. My elderly mother lives with me.
3. What do you do in your spare time?
4. Her son is 16 years old.
5. You look unwell.
6. She looked beautiful yesterday.
7. What are you doing?
8. Which food do you like best?
9. What will you do if you get sick?
10. Which neighbour do you like best?

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.

- Hi Angela, how did Marta's party go yesterday?
- *Oh, it was fabulous, Martin. It's a shame you couldn't make it.*
- I know. Well tell me some details.
- *As you know, Marta had no idea about the party. We said we would be going to the cinema.*
- Did she believe it?
- *Oh, yes she did. So, I said I needed to pick something up from my aunt's on the way to the cinema. When we arrived at my aunt's, everyone jumped out and shouted: Happy birthday! She was shocked and in tears.*
- So what happened next?
- *Well, we had food and drinks prepared so we had a bite to eat and then we started to dance. But then some neighbours came because they heard the music and they joined in. We ran out of food and drink so we had to go to our local supermarket to buy some more. And the party went on till 6 am. There were about 40 people in the end.*
- Sounds great. I'm so pleased for Marta. You only turn 18 once. I still remember my 18th...
- *Oh, Martin, you sound as if you are ancient. You are only a couple of years older than me!!*
- Just kidding. Well, I need to dash. I'll make your 18th, I promise.
- *I hope so, Martin. See you soon.*

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.

Georgette: Good morning, Mrs Jackson. My name is Georgette and welcome to Beach Property Estates. How may I help you today?

Mrs Jackson: Thank you. We are looking for a small property near the seaside. Minimum two bedrooms, nice size kitchen and we would like to have some outside space.

Georgette: Which area are you looking at?

Mrs Jackson: Preferably somewhere in a small fishing village, quiet, not too crowded.

Georgette: Ok, and what is your budget?

Mrs Jackson: We think we could go up to 130,000 Euros.

Georgette: Are you looking for a detached property?

Mrs Jackson: That would be ideal, but not necessary. A beach and some shops need to be within walking distance, we don't want to use a car.

Georgette: Ok, I think we have a few properties which match your requirements. The first one is on a small but an extremely picturesque island. The property has 3 bedrooms and a small garden. At the moment it is on the market for 110,000 Euros, which is under your budget. I have a few photographs. Here they are.

Mrs Jackson: It looks beautiful. But how do we get on the island?

Georgette: Oh, there is a bridge which connects the island with the mainland and also a ferry which goes every hour. You can buy an annual resident's pass. It is not expensive.

Mrs Jackson: Sound great. Can we see it?

Georgette: Certainly, the owners do not live there. I have the keys so we can view it at your convenience.

Mrs Jackson: Well, how about now?

Georgette: Yes, we can go straight away.

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 – 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 it twice. Answer the questions. Then you have two minutes to check the answers.

Record the broadcast

The space age began in 1957 when the Soviet Union launched *Sputnik 1*, the world's first man-made satellite. In 1961, Yuri Gagarin from the Soviet Union became the first human to pilot a spacecraft. Later that year, Alan Shepard became the first American to pilot a spacecraft.

In 1963, the United States and the Soviet Union started a race to see who could put a man on the Moon first. In 1969, the United States won when Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin landed on the Moon's surface.

The astronauts had to use special tools to collect rock samples on the Moon because they could not bend over in their spacesuits.

The United States and the Soviet Union have also put space stations into orbit around the Earth. These space structures serve as both a home and a laboratory for space travelers.

The United States created and launched the first reusable manned spacecraft, the Space Shuttle, in 1981. Since then, five different Shuttles have made over one hundred flights into space.

Pause for five seconds after the first reading.

Now listen to the broadcast again.

Record 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

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

Record the broadcast.

Flu is a common infectious viral illness spread by coughs and sneezes. It can be very unpleasant, but you'll usually begin to feel better within about a week.

You can catch flu – short for influenza – all year round, but it's especially common in winter, which is why it's also known as 'seasonal flu'.

It's not the same as the common cold. Flu is caused by a different group of viruses and the symptoms tend to start more suddenly, be more severe and last longer.

Some of the main symptoms of flu include:

- a high temperature or fever
- tiredness and weakness
- a headache
- general aches and pains
- a dry, chesty cough

Cold-like symptoms – such as a blocked or runny nose, sneezing, and a sore throat – can also be caused by flu, but they tend to be less severe than the other symptoms you have.

Flu can make you feel so tired and unwell that you have to stay in bed and rest until you feel better.

The best remedy is to rest at home, keep warm and drink plenty of water to avoid dehydration. You can take painkillers to lower a temperature and relieve aches if necessary.

Pause for five seconds after the first reading.

Now listen to the broadcast again.

Record 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