

ESOL International

English Listening Examination

Level A1 Beginner

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 in full from start to finish.

This is the NOCN ESOL International Beginner Level A1 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. **What is your name?**
2. **When were you born?**
3. **Do you like chocolate?**
4. **Where are you going?**
5. **What day is it?**
6. **What is your favourite food?**
7. **Where is the chemist?**
8. **What is the problem?**
9. **Do you like reading?**
10. **Do you have any brothers?**

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.

Receptionist:	Hello, Seaside Hotel. Can I help you?
Customer:	Yes. I'm calling to book a room, please.
Receptionist:	No problem. When do you want to stay?
Customer:	Next weekend, please. From Friday to Sunday.
Receptionist:	How many people are staying?
Customer:	Four. My husband and I, and our two older children.
Receptionist:	OK. Would you like one room or two?
Customer:	Two please. Can we have a room next to the children?
Receptionist:	Ok let me check... I'm sorry, I can't see any rooms next to each other. I can ask my manager and he can call you back.
Customer:	Thank you. Bye.
Receptionist:	Bye.

Pause for ten 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

Customer:	Hello. Can I get two tickets for the film at 2 o'clock, please?
Cinema Assistant:	Yes, no problem. Is that two adult tickets?
Customer:	Yes, thank you. Do you have any drinks or snacks?
Cinema Assistant:	Yes, we have soft drinks, chocolate, and sweets.
Customer:	Great! Could I have some chocolate please?
Cinema Assistant:	Would you like dark chocolate or milk chocolate?
Customer:	Milk chocolate, please. How much will that be?
Cinema Assistant:	For your film tickets and chocolate, the total is £22 and 50p.
Customer:	Thank you.
Cinema Assistant:	Thank you. You are in screen number 4. Enjoy the film!

Pause for ten 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.

Can you bake cakes?

We are looking for 10 people to be part of our new TV show. It is called 'Cake Bake Superstars'.

You will spend six weeks cooking different cakes from all over the world. You will meet the famous cake chef, Alison Shaw. The best cake recipes will be printed in a cookbook.

If you want to be part of this TV show, fill in the form on our website. You need to include your name and your address. Say why you think you should be on the show. You must be 18 or over. Send some pictures of your baking.

Go to www.cakebakeonTV.com and click 'apply'. The closing date is 25th June, so what are you waiting for?

Pause for ten 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.

Good afternoon. Welcome aboard your 7:30am train to London Kings Cross. I am your driver today. My name is Sam.

We hope you like your travel with us so far.

Our ticket person will be coming to check your tickets. Please have them ready. First class is at the front of the train. Second class is at the back.

We have teas, coffees, cold drinks and snacks to buy from the café in coach B. If you would like to buy something, please remember that we cannot take cash. We take debit card only.

Pause for ten 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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