

**ESOL International  
English Listening Examination**

**Level A2 Improver**

**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 Improver Level A2 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. That's a nice jacket.
2. What time could we meet tomorrow?
3. When did you last go on holiday?
4. I love listening to music.
5. How many brothers do you have?
6. What subject did you study at college?
7. She works at the hospital.
8. Are you going to Sarah's party next week?
9. My flat is in the city centre.
10. My favourite shoes are my black trainers.

**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.**

**Josh:** Hi Amy, how was your holiday?

**Amy:** Hi Josh, it was great, thanks. We went to Paris for 5 days.

**Josh:** How did you travel?

**Amy:** We went by plane and it only took 2 hours. You can get cheap flights from low-cost airlines. I think we only paid about £70 each for a return ticket.

**Josh:** Wow, that's really good! What places did you visit?

**Amy:** We went to lots of museums and art galleries. I can send you a link to the discount card we used.

**Josh:** Yes, that would be great! You have my number, don't you?

**Amy:** Yes, I'll send you a message now.

**Pause for ten 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.

You will then have two minutes to check your answers.

### Play the conversation

**Mother:** Elliot what time is your party today?  
**Elliot:** I don't know.  
**Mother:** Check the invitation, please. Where did you put it?  
**Elliot:** I think it's in my bag, mum. Here it is. It says the party starts at 6pm.  
**Mother:** Is there going to be food at the party?  
**Elliot:** It says there will be snacks. Does that mean dinner?  
**Mother:** No, I think it means there will be crisps and dips. I think we should make some dinner.  
**Elliot:** Ok. Can we have spaghetti please?  
**Mother:** Yes, we can.  
**Elliot:** Can we take Felix to the party too?  
**Mother:** Yes, we'll need to collect him at 5:30pm. Can you let him know?  
**Elliot:** Okay, I will call him now.

### Pause for ten 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 the broadcast twice. Answer the questions.

You will then have two minutes to check your answers.

**Play the broadcast.**

Here is the weather report for the UK today. In Wales it will be sunny with some clouds. In Scotland there will be some rain, and the weather will feel colder. It will be about 17 degrees all day. It will feel a lot warmer in the south of England. In fact, around London it is likely to reach temperatures of 27 degrees. Make sure you put on suncream.

Tomorrow, the weather looks very similar in Wales. Parts of Scotland may see the rain stopping in the afternoon. The south of England will remain warm, and temperatures could rise to around 28-29 degrees.

**Pause for ten 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 – 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 everyone. Welcome to the Job Advice Day, here at the student support centre. Today, we are going to be helping you apply for jobs.

At 2:00pm, we will have a guest speaker, Carla from Bridge College. She can tell us how to write a letter, and how to make sure we show all of our best skills and qualities in the letter.

At 4:15pm, Jonathan Evans, the employment coach here at the college, will give us some advice about job interviews. He will share his knowledge on how to succeed and get your dream job.

#### **Pause for ten 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**

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