

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 sister's name?
2. Where are you from?
3. What are you doing tomorrow?
4. Do you like football?
5. Do you have any pets?
6. Can you swim?
7. What food do you like?
8. What month is it?
9. Where is the bakers?
10. How many people are in your family?

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, Mario's Pizza. Can I help you?
Customer:	Yes. I am calling to book a table, please.
Receptionist:	When do you want to book for?
Customer:	Tomorrow night, please.
Receptionist:	For how many people?
Customer:	Five. Three adults and two children.
Receptionist:	OK. What time would you like to come?
Customer:	At 8 o'clock please.
Receptionist:	I am sorry, we do not have any tables for 5 at 8 o'clock. Could you come at 8:30 instead?
Customer:	Yes, that is fine. Do you have a children's menu?
Receptionist:	Yes, we do. We have smaller pizzas for children.
Customer:	That is great.
Receptionist:	OK. What is your name?
Customer:	My name is Jo Harris.

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 coffees, please?
Shop assistant:	Yes, no problem. Is that two large coffees?
Customer:	No, small coffees please.
Shop assistant::	That is fine. Would you like something to eat?
Customer:	Yes, please. Which sandwiches do you have today?
Shop assistant::	We have cheese, chicken, or egg.
Customer:	I will have two egg sandwiches, please.
Shop assistant::	Ok, I will make those for you now.
Customer:	How much will that be?
Shop assistant::	For your coffee and sandwiches, the total is £14.20. Would you like to pay by cash or card?
Customer:	Card, please.
Shop assistant::	Thank you. Just place your card here.

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.

Furry Friends is a charity that looks after animals. We need more people to come and help our charity.

The charity is on the north side of the town, just past the supermarket.

If you would like to help, then come to meet the lovely dogs and cats. They are all friendly and love people. You can help with feeding, walking and cleaning the animals.

If you cannot give your time, then there are other ways that you can help. We always need more blankets, food and pet toys and would be happy for anything you can give.

If you can help, please phone the centre on 02799 399 393.

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 morning. Here is the weather forecast for today.

In London, it is bright and sunny all day. The temperature is twenty-eight degrees. Make sure you wear sunscreen. Wear a hat if you are out in the sun. Drink lots of water. Stay out of the sun in the afternoon.

In Manchester, it is cooler. The temperature is eighteen degrees. There is a light wind. Wear a jacket to keep warm.

In Cardiff, it is sunny. The temperature is twenty-six degrees. There is a chance of rain. Don't forget your umbrella. You might need a rain coat.

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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