

**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. Where did you go on holiday?
2. Would you like to stay for dinner?
3. Where is he?
4. What time do you want to go to the park?
5. Do you like my jumper?
6. How are you travelling to town?
7. Are you ok?
8. What is your teacher's name?
9. Can I borrow your laptop?
10. I need some football boots.

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.

Dad:	Kelly, it's your birthday next week. What shall we do for it?
Kelly:	I'm not sure, Dad. My birthday is on a Wednesday this year, so I've got school all day.
Dad:	What about after school? We could have a party at home.
Kelly:	That would be good. Can I invite three friends? I was thinking about a pizza party for my birthday too.
Dad:	That sounds lovely. We can order online from the Italian restaurant down the street. Do you want a cake?
Kelly:	Yes, I'd love one! I think I'd like a chocolate cake this year, with fresh cream on top.
Dad:	That's always been your favourite.

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

Hotel employee:	Good afternoon, Seafront Hotel. How can I help you?
Customer:	I would like to book a room please.
Hotel employee:	Of course. When would you like to book for?
Customer:	I would like to book a room for 2 nights from the 22 nd of February to the 24 th of February please.
Hotel employee:	Let me check the system. How many people are you booking for?
Customer:	Two people.
Hotel employee:	Ok, there is a King size room – with sea views for £150. Or a superior suite. The suite is £368 for the two nights.
Customer:	I'll book the superior room please. Is breakfast included?
Hotel employee:	Yes, it is. Would you like to book afternoon tea? We have a special offer.
Customer:	Yes, please book afternoon tea for the Saturday afternoon.
Hotel employee:	Thank you. That is booked. We look forward to seeing you then.

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.

Good morning and welcome to the sports news programme.

In football last night, Manchester City played a match against Barcelona in the Etihad Stadium. It's the first time in ten years that the English team have beaten the Spanish team. Manchester City got three goals and Barcelona got one.

In tennis, our favourite British player, Andy Murray, lost his match in the quarter-final of the French Open. That means he's out of the competition and he is on his way home to Glasgow, Scotland today. He was hoping to win this year.

And now, for the weather.

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.

I recently visited the United Kingdom and enjoyed every minute.

London is the capital city. London Heathrow airport is the biggest airport on the European continent.

Edinburgh has been the capital city of Scotland since 1437 and is known for its castle and the Royal Mile. The castle looked beautiful, high up on the hill.

I also visited Cardiff, the capital city of Wales. It has the most indoor shopping centres in the UK.

My final stop was Belfast in Northern Ireland. Northern Ireland only has one land border and Belfast has one of the biggest ports in the UK.

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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