



**Learning  
Resource Network**

**ESOL International**

**Level A1**

**Listening**

**Sample Listening Test**

Total Time: approximately 25 minutes

## **Listening Instructions**

- **Before each recording, the candidate will have one minute to look at the questions and support prompts for each section**
- **Each recording will be played twice**
- **Tasks 1 to 4: after each recording has been played twice, the candidate will have 10 seconds to consider and mark his/her answers**
- **Task 5: after the recording has been played twice, the candidate will have two minutes to consider and mark his/her answers**

**Task 1: Listen and respond to simple questions for personal information**

You will hear 5 questions.

You will hear each question twice.

Listen and tick ✓ or click on the best answer in response.

**EXAMPLE QUESTION**

What's your name?

A. I'm 25 years old.

**B. My name's Andy.** ✓

C. Yes, please.

**Question 1**

Where do you live?

**A. I live in Australia.**

B. I come from Australia.

C. I like Australia.

**Question 2**

Are you married?

A. I'm 46.

B. Yes, please.

**C. No, I'm single.**

**Question 3**

Where do you work?

- A. Yes, I do.
- B. I like my job.
- C. I work in a restaurant.**

**Question 4**

Do you like football?

- A. Yes, I like it.**
- B. Yes, please.
- C. Yes, every Saturday.

**Question 5**

Have you got any brothers or sisters?

- A. Yes, I've got two daughters.
- B. Yes, I have.**
- C. I have any brothers or sisters.

**Task 2: Gist and Context**

You will hear 5 short recordings.

You will hear each recording twice.

Listen and put the number of the recording next to the place where the speaker is.

**EXAMPLE**

Hello. Can I have a cup of coffee and a biscuit, please? Thank you.



Café

Recording number: **EXAMPLE**

**Recording 1**

Watch out! There is a car. Wait! Don't cross.

**Recording 2**

That's \$10.59 altogether. Thank you. Here's your change. Would you like a bag for your shopping?

**Recording 3**

Can I have a stamp, please? I want to send a letter to my friend in Canada.

**Recording 4**

Hello, Jan! How are you? It's good to see you. Please come in. We are having lunch. Sit down with us so we can talk.

**Recording 5**

All passengers flying to New York, please go to gate 14. Your plane is ready for boarding.

6 Shop



Recording number: \_\_\_\_\_ (2)

7 Airport



Recording number: \_\_\_\_\_ (5)

8 Post Office



Recording number: \_\_\_\_\_ (3)

9 Street



Recording number: \_\_\_\_\_ (1)

10 Home



Recording number: \_\_\_\_\_ (4)

**Task 3: Instructions**

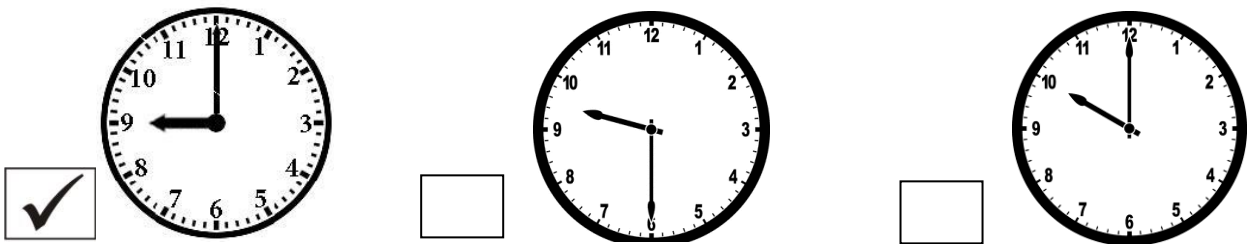
You will hear 5 short instructions.

You will hear each instruction twice.

Listen and select the best picture for each instruction by ticking the box.

**EXAMPLE**

Good morning everyone. I am happy to see you all here on time. We start every day at 9am. Don't come at 9:30 or 10am – we don't let late comers into the building.

**Instruction 1/Question 11**

The toilets are very near. The women's toilet is on the second floor, but the men's toilet is on the ground floor.

11

☐


**Ladies**


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**Ladies**


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**Ladies**



**Instruction 2/Question 12**

In case of fire, leave the building and wait in the car park **behind** the office. Don't stop outside on the pavement.

**12**



**Instruction 3/Question 13**

Thank you very much. I just need your signature now. Please sign at the bottom of the page.

**13**

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*Paul Shindle*

**Instruction 4/Question 14**

Excuse me, sir. Please slow down. Don't run in the restaurant. It is dangerous.

**14****Instruction 5/Question 15**

The washing machine is very easy to use. Open the door, put in your clothes, and choose the right temperature. Wash T-shirts at 40 degrees and white underwear at 60 degrees.

**15****30°****40°**

☐ 40°

**Task 4: Social Conventions (listen and respond)**

You will hear somebody directly speaking to you.

Tick ✓ or click on the best answer in response.

**EXAMPLE**

Good morning.

**EXAMPLE**

- A. **Good morning** ✓
- B. Good afternoon
- C. Good evening

**Question 16**

How are you?

- A. Thank you.
- B. **I'm fine, thank you.**
- C. And you?

**Question 17**

Thank you very much!

- A. **You're welcome.**
- B. Please.
- C. Never.

**Question 18**

What would you like?

- A. Take tea.
- B. Give tea.
- C. Tea, please.**

**Question 19**

Would you like an apple?

- A. I don't.
- B. No, thank you.**
- C. I'm not.

**Question 20**

See you later.

- A. Bye-bye.**
- B. Hello.
- C. Please.

**Task 5: Telephone Message (listen for detail)**

You will hear a telephone message twice.

Before the message, listen to and read questions 21 – 25 below.

After the questions, you will hear the telephone message twice. Answer questions 21 to 25 while you listen to the message.

Tick ✓ or click on the correct answer

**Sample Recording:**

Hello Sarah. This is Hamida. How are you? The new Bollywood film at the cinema starts at 7pm. I'm at home now until 6pm. Please call me back. My number is 01865 322. Bye-bye.

(34 words)

**Question 21**

Who is making the call?

- A. Sarah
- B. Hamida**
- C. the cinema

**Question 22**

What time does the new film start?

- A. 6pm
- B. 7pm**
- C. 8pm

**Question 23**

Where is the caller now?

- A. at a friend's house
- B. at the cinema
- C. at home**

**Question 24**

What is the caller telling the other person?

- A. phone the cinema
- B. phone the caller back**
- C. meet the caller at home

**Question 25**

What is the caller's phone number?

- A. 01864 322
- B. 01865 332
- C. 01865 322**

**END OF TEST**