



**Learning
Resource Network**

ESOL International

Level A2

Listening

Sample Listening Test

Total Time: approximately 30 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**
- **Task 1: after each recording has been played twice, the candidate will have 10 seconds to consider and mark his/her answers**
- **Tasks 2 and 3: after each recording has been played twice, the candidate will have one minute to consider and mark his/her answers**

Task 1: Listen and respond to questions for personal information and requests for action and permission

You will hear 5 questions.

You will hear each question twice.

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

EXAMPLE QUESTION

Can you tell me your name?

- A. I'm 25 years old.
- B. My name's Andy. ✓**
- C. Yes, please.

Question 1

Excuse me. Can I sit next to you?

- A. I'm sorry, my wife is sitting here.**
- B. No, thank you.
- C. Not at all.

Question 2

Sorry, can you tell me the way to the museum?

- A. Yes, thank you. That's very kind.
- B. Yes, please. Not a problem.
- C. Yes, of course. Go straight on. It's on your right.**

Question 3

How does your wife normally get to work?

- A. Twice a day.
- B. She likes her job.
- C. **She takes the bus.**

Question 4

You don't live far from here – what's the area like?

- A. **It's really nice. There are lots of shops.**
- B. Yes, I like it.
- C. It's North End.

Question 5

How often do you see your parents?

- A. I can see them on Skype.
- B. **About once a month.**
- C. I can't.

Task 2: Telephone Messages (listen for gist and detail in a message)

You will hear a telephone message twice.

Before the message, listen to and read questions 6 – 10 below.

After the questions, you will hear the telephone message twice. Answer questions 6 to 10 while you listen to the message.

Tick ✓ or click on the correct answer

Sample Recording:

Good afternoon, my name is Sarah Williams. I'm calling from the post office. This is a message for Mr. Ali. We delivered a package to your address at 11:30am this morning, but nobody was at home. Please come and collect your package from our office. We are open from 8am to 3pm from Monday to Friday, and 8am to 1pm on Saturday. We are closed on Sundays. Oh, and one more thing: you must bring a form of ID, like a passport. You can phone us for more information. Write down our telephone number: it is 01865 322. Thank you and bye-bye.

(103 words)

Question 6

Who is the message for?

- D. Sarah Williams
- E. The post office
- F. Mr. Ali**

Question 7

What is the caller asking the listener to do?

- A. collect a parcel from the post office**
- B. wait at home
- C. call back

Question 8

What time does the post office close on Thursday?

- A. 11:30am
- B. 1:00pm
- C. 3:00pm**

Question 9

What must the listener remember?

- A. come at 8am
- B. bring a form of ID**
- C. call the post office

Question 10

What is the telephone number of the post office?

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

You will hear a telephone message twice.

Before the message, look at the questions 11 – 14 below.

After one minute, you will hear the telephone message twice. Answer questions 11 to 14 while you listen to the message.

Tick ✓ or click on the correct answer

Sample Recording:

Hi Katya. It's Nadia here. I've got very good news – next week we're moving into our new house. Isn't that great? And we're having a party to celebrate. Would you like to come? We're moving on the 23rd of June but the party's on the 31st of July – one day after your birthday! You and Hussein can come any time, of course, but the party starts at seven thirty. Our house is in Birmingham. 15 High Street. I'll email you directions later. Don't bring any presents but please bring some of your tasty home-made apple cake. Thank you! Bye!

(100 words)

Question 11

Who is calling?

- A. Katya
- B. Tanya
- C. **Nadia**

Question 12

Why is there a party?

- A. a birthday
- B. a wedding
- C. **moving to a new house**

Question 13**When is the party?**

- A. 23 June
- B. 13 July
- C. **31 July**

Question 14:

What is the address for the party?

- A. **15 High Street**
- B. 15 Night Street
- C. 50 High Street

Task 3: Dialogues (listen for gist and detail)

You will hear 3 short dialogues.

You will hear each dialogue twice.

Listen and tick ✓ or click on the best answer.

EXAMPLE

Speaker 1: Hiya, John. How are things? I hear you got a new baby girl. Is that right?

Speaker 2: Yes, she was born last week.

EXAMPLE

The two speakers are talking about...

- A. a baby
- B. the man's wife
- C. the man's mother

Dialogue1/Questions 15 & 16

Speaker 1/**male**: I'm very glad I've got a day off tomorrow. I need it. How about you?

Speaker 2/**female**: I'm really upset. The boss says I need to do overtime and stay until 8pm tomorrow. It's not fair.

Speaker 1: I'm sorry.

Question 15

The two speakers are talking about...

- A. family
- B. friends
- C. work**

Question 16

How does the woman feel?

- A. happy
- B. unhappy**
- C. sorry

Dialogue 2/Questions 17 – 19

Man: Excuse me, can I help you?

Woman: Yes, I'm looking for a set of front lights for my bicycle. Do you have any in stock?

Man: Yes, we have quite a few. These are very bright and cost \$19.99.

Woman: That's quite a lot... Have you got any cheaper ones?

Man: Yes, these are not so bright and a little heavier, but they only cost \$12.99.

Woman: They are fine for me. I'll take them.

Man: Great, how would you like to pay?

Woman: I'll pay by credit card.

Man: I'm sorry, we charge an extra 50 cents on credit cards. Is that ok?

Woman: Ok, no problem. It's not much, but I haven't got enough cash on me right now.

(120 words)

Question 17

The two speakers are in a...

- A. garage
- B. petrol station
- C. bike shop**

Question 18

What is the difference between the two sets of lights?

- A. the first set of lights is cheaper
- B. the first set of lights is heavier
- C. the first set of lights is more expensive**

Question 19

How is the customer going to pay for the lights?

- A. by cash
- B. by credit card**
- C. the customer is not going to buy the lights

Dialogue 3/Questions 20 – 24

Doctor/**female**: Hello, good to see you again. You're looking well. How are you?

Patient/**male**: Much better, thank you. But my hand is still not all right.

Doctor: Hmmm, let's see. Your leg is all right. But the skin on your hand is still red.
 It's not surprising after you spilled the hot coffee all over it.

Patient: I know, it was a stupid accident.

Doctor: Well, I'll give you some cream. Put it on your hand every night before you go
 to bed. Take it for one week. Then come back and see me again.

Patient: I'm going away next week. Is it ok if I make an appointment for 15 December.

Doctor: In two weeks' time...? Yeah, that's all right with me. Anyway, I don't think
 there'll be any problems. I'm very happy with your progress. So see you in
 two weeks. Bye-bye.

(140 words)

Question 20

Where is the dialogue taking place?

- A. in school
- B. in a surgery**
- C. in a pharmacy

Question 21

What is the problem?

- A. the leg
- B. the head
- C. the hand**

Question 22

The woman tells the man to use the cream for...

- A. 5 days
- B. 7 days**
- C. 2 weeks

Question 23

The man is going to see the woman again on...

- A. 15 September
- B. 15 December**
- C. 5 December

Question 24

The woman is...

- A. worried
- B. angry
- C. happy**

Directions/Question 25

Man: Sorry, I'm lost. Do you know the area?
 Woman: Yes, I live here. Where do you want to go?
 Man: I'm looking for the national history museum.
 Woman: Ah, it's not far at all. Walk along Brock Street. At the roundabout, take the first road on the right. Walk along Gay Street and turn left at the first junction. The museum is immediately on your left.
 Man: Thank you very much.
 Woman: You're welcome.

Question 25

Tick ✓ or click on the map with the correct location of the national history museum ✕



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