



**Learning  
Resource Network**

**ESOL International**

**Level A1**

**Listening**

**Sample Listening Test**

Total Time: up to 25 minutes

## **Listening Instructions**

- **Before each recording, the candidate will have one minute to look at the questions and support prompts for each task**
- **Each recording will be played twice**
- **Tasks 1 to 4: after each recording has been played twice, the candidate will have 15 seconds to consider and mark his/her answer**
- **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.

Shop



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

Airport



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

Post Office



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

Street



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

Home



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

**Task 3: Instructions**

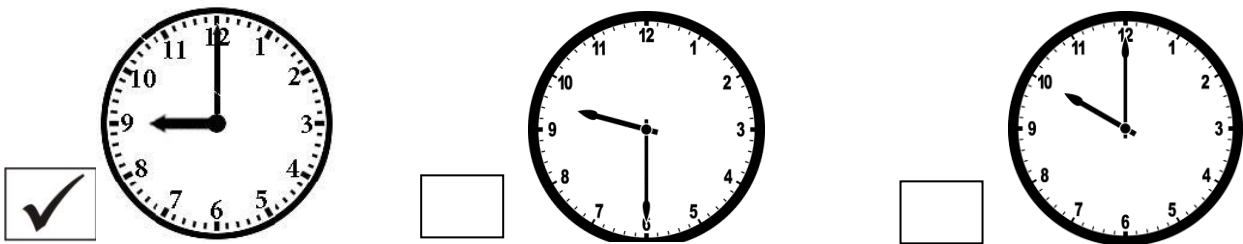
You will hear 5 short instructions.

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



**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**

134, Old Street  
London E3 2RT



134, Old Street  
London E3 2RT



**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 11 to 15 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?

- D. Sarah
- E. Hamida**
- F. 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**



# Learning Resource Network

## ESOL International

### Level A1

### Reading

#### Sample Reading Test

Do not open this paper until you are told to do so

40 mins

#### Instructions

- Write your name, centre number and candidate number on your answer sheet.
- Read the instructions for each section before answering the questions.
- Mark your answers on the mark sheet in pencil.



Section One

Questions 1 to 5

Match the pictures of the signs and notices to the correct place in the box below. The first one is done for you.

Airport	Toilet	Building site	Swimming Pool	Park	Shop
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0.



1.



2.



3.



4.



5.



## Section 2

### Questions 6 to 9

Read the two emails below and answer the questions. The first one is done for you.

#### Email 1

**YAHOO! MAIL**

Compose

To: samia.ahmed@hotmail.com

CC/BCC

Hello!

Dear Samia,

How are you?

You are in Oxford now. I am very happy 😊

I am studying in London now. I have English classes every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. I like speaking and listening. Writing is difficult.

Please phone me. I want to see you. My telephone number is 09987 442 375.

Bye,

Meena

Send

Saved at 12:24 PM

0. What is Meena's telephone number? 09987 442 375
6. Where is Meena studying? \_\_\_\_\_
7. How many days does Meena go to English classes every week? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What is not easy for Meena? \_\_\_\_\_
9. What is Meena asking Samia to do? \_\_\_\_\_

## Questions 10 to 12

### Email 2

The screenshot shows a Yahoo! Mail interface. At the top, there's a search bar with 'All' selected and a search button. To the right are 'Search Mail' and 'Search Web' buttons, and a home icon. Below the header, the left sidebar shows folders: Compose, Add Gmail, Outlook, AOL and more, Inbox (6673), Drafts (1), Sent, Archive, Spam (156), Trash (3), Smart Views (Important, Unread, Starred, People, Social, Shopping, Travel, Finance), Folders (Drafts, Recent), and a trash icon. The main area shows an email being composed to 'samia.ahmed@hotmail.com'. The subject is 'Hello!'. The body text reads: 'Dear Meena,  
Thank you for your e-mail.  
I like Oxford. It is clean and it is sunny most days.  
I can call you at 6pm tomorrow. Do you like the cinema?  
The new Bollywood film starts at 7.30pm tomorrow.  
We can see it together.  
See you later,  
Samia'. At the bottom, there's a 'Send' button, a link icon, a text color icon, and a toolbar with 'Tt', 'B', 'I', 'A', list icons, a link icon, a smiley face icon, and a trash icon. The status bar at the bottom right says 'Saved at 12:34 PM' and has a plus icon.

10. How is the weather in Oxford?

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11. What time is Samia phoning Meena?

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12. Where does Samia want to go?

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## Section 3

### Questions 13 to 20

Read and fill in the missing words from the box. The first one is done for you.

it	has	is	job
finish	lives	good	

#### Sarah Smith: Working and Relaxing

The TV star Sarah Smith, 43, is a famous business woman in the UK.

She **13.** \_\_\_\_\_ in Birmingham and she **14.** \_\_\_\_\_ got two children.

She says: "You can have a **15.** \_\_\_\_\_ and a family at the same time. People can enjoy both. Sometimes **16.** \_\_\_\_\_ is difficult. But I **17.** \_\_\_\_\_ work at 3pm every day and I love my life."

Look at the sentences about Sarah Smith. Are they true or false?

Tick ☒ true, or false ☒ for each sentence. The first one is done for you.

	True	False
0. Sarah Smith has children.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. Sarah Smith is a doctor.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. Sarah thinks people can enjoy a job and family.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Sarah likes her life.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

END OF TEST





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## LRN ENTRY LEVEL CERTIFICATE IN ESOL INTERNATIONAL (ENTRY 2) (CEF A1)

**LEVEL A1**

**SPEAKING**

**SAMPLE PAPER**

Duration: 12 minutes

### EXAMINER'S INSTRUCTIONS

The following assessment is a **strict rubric** that cannot be changed. Sentences or vocabulary items **must not** be reformulated while attempting to communicate activities and concepts to candidates. Structures and vocabulary used have been carefully written to cover Entry Level 2<sup>1</sup> and correlated to The Common European Framework of Languages (CEFR) from CEFR A1.

Examiners are advised to use a variety of non-verbal and naturally occurring communication prompts such as pointing, nodding, smiling, pausing / allowing enough time for candidates to produce sufficient responses.

Examiners must stay within the rubric and facilitate candidates who may be performing below or above the level expected through using the support prompts in the rubric. For those candidates above or at the required level, support prompts must only be used when required.

Examiners must assess ability in line with the Mark Scheme.

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<sup>1</sup>Entry Level 1 = level A1 / Beginner on the CEFR

**Warm up Stage**

Duration: 3 minutes

**Examiner:** Good morning / Good afternoon. My name is .....

To Candidate A:           What's your name?

Where are you from?

To Candidate B:           What's your name?

Where are you from?

**Examiner:** In this part of the exam, I would like to ask you some personal questions.

*The Examiner asks each Candidate one or more questions about at least one of the following topics.*

- family/friends
- your home
- your possessions
- objects in the house or classroom

**Prepared Topics – Individual Talks**

Duration: 5 minutes

**Examiner:** In this part of the Test, each of you is going to talk for **1 minute** about the topic you have already prepared for. After you have finished your talk, I will ask you some questions about what you have presented and then your partner/partners can express their points of view on the same topic.

➡ ***The Examiner shows the candidates the list of topics and asks them which one they have prepared to talk about.***

**List of prepared topics:**

1. Talk about your home.
2. Talk about your family or friends.
3. Talk about the things you like and don't like.
4. Talk about your possessions.

**Examiner to Candidate A:** Which topic are you going to talk about?

Candidate A speaks for **1 minute**

***The Examiner asks Candidate A questions on what he/she has said.***

Examiner's question(s): **1 minute**

**Examiner to Candidate B:** Which topic are you going to talk about?

Candidate B speaks for **1 minute**

***The Examiner asks Candidate B questions on what he/she has said.***

Examiner's question(s): **1 minute**

**Examiner:** Thank you.



**Describing and comparing pictures, and Interaction**

Duration: 4 minutes

**Examiner:** I'm going to give both of you some pictures. I'd like you to **talk about them**.

Each of you is going to talk for **45 seconds** about the picture I'll give you. After 45 seconds, your partner will ask you one question about the picture.

**Examiner to Candidate A:**

- Here is your picture. *Give picture to candidate A.*
- *Candidate A name*, please **tell us about your picture**. Tell us what you can see.
- *Candidate B name*, please listen to *candidate A name* and **ask one questions at the end**.

After a short pause:

- I'll say that again. *Examiner repeats task instructions.*
- *Candidate A name*, are you ready? Please start.

Candidate A speaks for **45 seconds** describing the given picture.

*After 45 seconds, or after an extended silence of 15 seconds during the allocated time, the Examiner brings the turn to an end.*

- Thank you.

**Examiner to Candidate B:**

- Please **ask name candidate A one question** about his / her picture.
- Thank you, *to candidate B*.

**Examiner to Candidate B:**

- Here is your picture. *Give picture to candidate B.*
- *Candidate B name*, please **tell us about your picture**. Tell us what you can see.
- *Candidate A name*, please listen to *candidate B name* and **ask one question at the end**.

After a short pause:

- I'll say that again. *Examiner repeats task instructions.*
- *Candidate B name*, are you ready? Please start.

Candidate B speaks for **45 seconds** describing the given picture.

*After 45 seconds, or after an extended silence of 15 seconds during the allocated time, the Examiner brings the turn to an end.*

- Thank you.

**Examiner to Candidate A:**

- Please **ask** *name candidate B* **one question** about his / her picture.
- Thank you, *to candidate A*

**Examiner:** Thank you both. This is the end of the exam.



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**LEVEL A1**

## A1 PICTURE PROMPTS

Candidate A



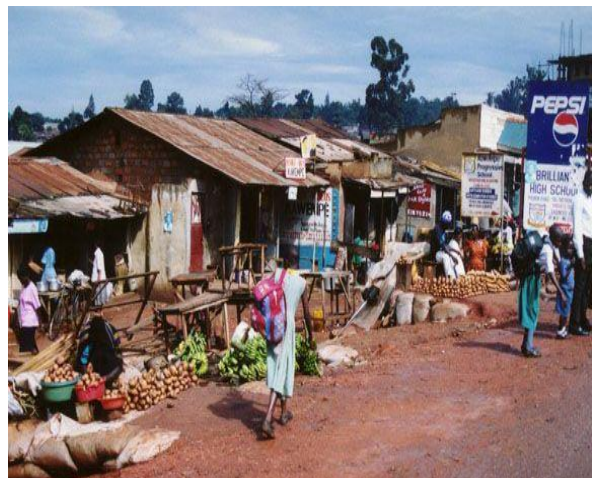
Candidate B



Candidate A



Candidate B







### A1 PICTURE PROMPTS

Candidate A



Candidate B



Candidate A



Candidate B





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**Writing**

**Sample Writing Test**

( 40 minutes)

## **Instructions**

- Write your name, centre number and candidate number on your answer sheet.
- Read the instructions for each section before answering the questions.
- Write your answers in the space provided.
- Check your answers when you finish.
- Do not leave the exam room until the end of the exam.

## Section 1

Complete the application form with the correct information.

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HILLSEAD LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM			
			Mr / Mrs / Ms (circle)
Surname:	<hr/>		
First name:	<hr/>		
Address:	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>		
Postcode:	<hr/>	Age:	<hr/>
Telephone number:	<hr/>		

## Section 2

Describe the photograph below. Some words are below to help you. Use your own words and the words below to help you.

Write 40 – 60 words.



man	woman	grass	city
talk	relax	sit	play
on	beside	next to	near
winter	spring	autumn	summer

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