

**ESB Level 1 Certificate in ESOL  
International All Modes – (B2)  
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## **B2 – Listening Test Transcript**

**In the unlikely event that both the Listening CD and the spare CD should fail, this transcript may be read out to the candidates.**

**TRACK 1**

Narrator's text is in boxes.

Highlighted words in *italics* with square brackets **[example]** should not be spoken.

**Female Narrator:** **This is the ESB Level 1 Certificate in ESOL Examination B2.**

**Section One Listening.**

I'm going to give you the instructions for this part of the test. You will hear this sound **[BLEEP]** at the start of each piece. Remember to transfer your answers to the optical mark form before the end of the exam. Now open your question paper and look at Part One of the Listening Section.

**Listening Part One.**

You will hear people talking in ten different situations.

For questions 1 – 10, choose the correct answer A, B or C.

You will hear each passage **TWICE**.

You have one minute to read the questions for Part One.

**[Wait one minute]**

**[BLEEP]**

**TRACK 2**

**Female Narrator:** **Part One. Passage One.**

**Maxine:** I'm so excited about my sister Louise's wedding next month.

**Anna:** I'm sure you can't wait.

**Maxine** Louise is going to try on her wedding dress at the weekend and I'm going with her. It's such a beautiful dress – she'll look amazing!

**Anna:** Oh! Tell me what her dress is like.

**Maxine:** Well, she's not wearing a traditional white wedding dress because she wanted to be different.

**Anna:** Oh, really! That's a great idea!

**Maxine:** Yes and white doesn't really suit her anyway. She couldn't decide between a red dress and a gold dress, but eventually she decided to wear gold because she's getting married in the summer. She thought red was a better colour for a winter wedding.

**Anna:** I see. And what're you going to wear?

**[Pause three seconds]**

**TRACK 3**

Female Narrator: Now Listen Again.

**[Replay Passage One]**  
**[Pause three seconds]**

**[BLEEP]**

**TRACK 4**

Female Narrator: Passage Two.

**Bruce:** Excuse me, I think my mobile phone's broken.

**Shop Assistant (female):** Could I have a look at it, please? Mmm... Have you dropped it?

**Bruce:** Well, I **[stress]** haven't but my little brother, Stephen, spilt a cup of tea on it.

**Shop Assistant:** Well, that's why it isn't working, then! It might not be possible to fix it.

**Bruce:** Oh, dear!

**Shop Assistant:** I can probably send the phone back to the factory if it still has a guarantee.

**Bruce:** Yes, it has but erm **[hesitates]** I thought you might be able to replace it with a new one.

**Shop Assistant:** We wouldn't normally do that because it is your fault it's broken, well your brother's fault.

**Bruce:** Oh dear!

**[Pause three seconds]**

**TRACK 5**

Female Narrator: Now Listen Again.

**[Replay Passage Two]**  
**[Pause three seconds]**

**TRACK 6**

**[BLEEP]**

Female Narrator: Passage Three.

**Natalie:** We need to go shopping this weekend, George.

**George:** Oh no! We go shopping every weekend. Can't we do something else?

**Natalie:** No. My mother's coming to stay this week, so we need to buy food and some wine. You know she has a big appetite.

**George:** Well, we can't spend too much money. We're supposed to be saving for a holiday but last weekend you spent a fortune on a new coat and hat.

**Natalie:** But I needed them, George. The weather's getting colder now.

**George:** Well, Natalie, if you want to go on holiday next year, you'll have to start putting money away in the bank.

**Natalie:** Yes, George, you're right, but let's have a nice week with Mother and then we can start saving up.

**George:** Oh, I suppose so **[reluctantly]**.

**[Pause three seconds]**

### TRACK 7

**Female Narrator:** **Now Listen Again.**

**[Replay Passage Three]**

**[Pause three seconds]**

**[BLEEP]**

### TRACK 8

**Female Narrator:** **Passage Four.**

**[Radio announcement]**

**Radio Presenter:** Good afternoon from Radio Ribble to all our listeners. My name's Robbie Jackson and I've got a really exciting show for you today. I'm with you until 5 o'clock, so before we listen to the news, I'll tell you what's on today's show. We've got some great music with a special hour of songs from the 1980s. Then, at three, I'll be interviewing Rick Silverman about his latest novel which is a thriller set in the Italian Alps. After that, we've got a special programme on Italian cooking and top chef, Jo Rogers, will be giving us some great recipe ideas. Then at 5 o'clock, Alice will be taking over on the Evening Show. Now, over to the newsroom... **[fade]**

**[Pause three seconds]**

### TRACK 9

**Female Narrator:** **Now Listen Again.**

**[Replay Passage Four]**

**[Pause three seconds]**

**[BLEEP]**

## TRACK 10

Female Narrator: **Passage Five.**

**Patrick:** Are you going to Nick's party on Saturday, Lola?

**Lola:** No, I can't. My parents won't let me go out for a month.

**Patrick:** **[Laughs]** Really? Why's that? Is it because you got such a bad school report this year? You failed some of your exams, didn't you?

**Lola:** You're right, my results were disappointing but it's something else I did that has made them angry.

**Patrick:** Oh! Was it something serious?

**Lola:** Well... I took some money out of her purse.

**Patrick:** **[Shocked]** You did what? Why'd you do that?

**Lola:** I needed it to buy something. But that's not the reason why I'm not allowed out. It was 'cos I lied and said my little sister'd taken the money. My mum was very upset about that.

**Patrick:** I'm not surprised! Well, I'll have to tell you about the party next week.

**[Pause three seconds]**

## TRACK 11

Female Narrator: **Now Listen Again.**

**[Replay Passage Five]**

**[Pause three seconds]**

**[BLEEP]**

## TRACK 12

Female Narrator: **Passage Six.**

**[Job interview]**

**Mr Williams:** So, Jessica, you'd like to work on Saturdays in my gift shop. Are you studying at college?

**Jessica:** Yes, I'm studying art and languages. I'm hoping to travel to Mexico next year if I can save enough money.

**Mr Williams:** That sounds interesting. Well, I don't think you'll save a lot of money if you only work Saturdays so you could work during the summer holidays as well, if you like, and we're always very busy at Christmas.

**Jessica:** Yes, I'd like that. Thank you, Mr Williams.

**Mr Williams:** We close at 5 o'clock so you won't be able to work after college. Have you worked in a shop before?

**Jessica:** Yes, I've worked in a clothes shop. I served customers, helped with the shop display and did some cleaning, too.

**Mr Williams** That's useful experience, Jessica. I'll check your references and if everything's okay, you can start next Saturday.

**Jessica:** Okay, that'd be great! Thanks Mr Williams.

**[Pause three seconds]**

### TRACK 13

**Female Narrator:** **Now Listen Again.**

**[Replay Passage Six]**  
**[Pause three seconds]**

**[BLEEP]**

### TRACK 14

**Female Narrator:** **Passage Seven.**

**Sam [Male]:** I'm going to have to walk to the station to catch the London train for my meeting.

**Janine:** It's just started to rain, Sam. You'll get really wet if you go now. Why don't you wait until it stops raining?

**Sam:** If I don't go now, I'll miss the train and this meeting's really important.

**Janine:** Well, get a taxi to the station, then.

**Sam:** It'll take at least 15 minutes for a taxi to arrive 'cos the traffic's so bad at this time in the morning.

**Janine:** Take my umbrella with you then so you don't get too wet.

**Sam:** Your little umbrella won't keep me dry, Janine. I wonder if Bill's left for work yet. He only lives in the next street and he could take me to the train station in his car. He works really close to the station!

**Janine:** Great idea! Phone him, but if he's already left you'll have to manage with my little umbrella!

**[Pause three seconds]**

**TRACK 15**

Female Narrator: Now Listen Again.

**[Replay Passage Seven]**  
**[Pause three seconds]**

**[BLEEP]**

**TRACK 16**

Female Narrator: Passage Eight.

**[Telephone conversation]**

**Assistant:** Hello, The Jewellery Shop. Can I help you?  
**[Female]**

**Jim:** Hello. I ordered a ring online two weeks ago, but it hasn't arrived. Could you check you have the order, please? The order number is NPC0057.

**Assistant:** Let me check. Yes, we did get your order, but I'm afraid we don't have that model anymore, so we can't send it to you. Didn't you receive an email about this?

**Jim:** **[Annoyed]** No, I didn't receive an email. I thought the ring had got lost in the post. The ring is a gift for my wife's birthday this weekend, so I wanted it for then.

**Assistant:** Oh I'm so sorry. Would you like to choose another one instead? I'll send it by special delivery, so you're sure to receive it before the weekend.

**Jim:** Well, I suppose I'll have to pick another one, but I'm not very happy about it.

**[Pause three seconds]**

**TRACK 17**

Female Narrator: Now Listen Again.

**[Replay Passage Eight]**  
**[Pause three seconds]**

**TRACK 18**

**[BLEEP]**

Female Narrator: Passage Nine.

**[Young voices]**

**Ruth:** I'm really excited! My parents have said I can have a pet!

**Marcus:** That's great, Ruth! I've got a dog. He's brill!

**Ruth:** Dogs are okay, I suppose **[unenthusiastic]**, but I'd have to take it for a walk every day!

**Marcus:** What's wrong with that? Exercise is good for you!

**Ruth:** Sounds like hard work to me. Cats aren't hard work!

**Marcus:** Yes, but a dog's like a friend. Cats don't care about their owners as much as dogs do. A dog is part of the family.

**Ruth:** Well, I might even get a mouse. I think they're really cute!

**Marcus:** A mouse! That's disgusting!

**Ruth:** No, I'm joking! I wouldn't really get a mouse. I'll probably get a cat.

**[Pause three seconds]**

#### **TRACK 19**

**Female Narrator:** **Now Listen Again.**

**[Replay Passage Nine]**

**[Pause three seconds]**

**[BLEEP]**

#### **TRACK 20**

**Female Narrator:** **Passage Ten.**

**Mother:** Arthur, are you going to visit Uncle Harry in hospital on Sunday? He's been so ill after his operation.

**Arthur:** Yes, Mum. I feel guilty because I haven't been to see him yet. Shall I take him a gift?

**Mother:** You could take him some grapes, I suppose. That's what people usually take when they visit someone in hospital.

**Arthur:** I'm not sure Uncle Harry likes grapes, Mum. I thought I might take him a book or a magazine to read. He must be really bored in there.

**Mother:** Yes, he's been in hospital for a few weeks. What about that new detective novel by James Miller? I'm sure that's your uncle's favourite author. You could buy it on Saturday when you go shopping.



**Arthur:** Yeah, okay. I might buy him some chocolates as well, but...maybe not. They're not very good for you, are they?

**Mother:** No, that's true. Fruit'd be a better gift, but I'm not sure what he likes, so don't get him any.

**[Pause three seconds]**

**TRACK 21**

**Female Narrator:**

Now Listen Again.
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**[Replay Passage Ten]**

**[Pause three seconds]**

**Female Narrator:**

That is the end of Part One of the Listening Section. Now turn to Part Two.
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**[Pause five seconds]**

## TRACK 22

Female Narrator:

Listening Part Two.

You will hear a conversation between two friends, Janet and Bill, talking about a new leisure centre.

For questions 11 - 20, decide whether the sentences below are True or False.

You will hear the recording **TWICE**.

You have one minute to read the questions for Part Two.

**[Wait one minute]**

**[BLEEP]**

Female Narrator:

Part Two.

Janet:

Hi Bill, nice to see you. What are you up to?

Bill:

Well, I've just been shopping, but this morning I went to the new leisure centre in Station Road.

Janet:

I went last week for an introduction; I thought it was great. What do you think about it?

Bill:

Yeah, the equipment's fantastic and there are lots of different exercise machines too. They've got a fantastic swimming pool!

Janet:

Well, the pool wasn't open last week when I went, but it looked good. What I liked most was the changing rooms with lockers, and lots of lovely hot water in the showers. Really luxurious!

Bill:

Yeah, the men's rooms were just the same. It's great. I like to do a lot of weight lifting, and the gym has a separate weights area with lots of benches and stuff.

Janet:

Well, I don't do that type of thing, running's my love, and the machines are really modern and amazing. They're great for serious runners.

Bill:

Ok, that sounds good, but not for me. I'm not into all that energetic stuff **[laughing]**! What do you think about the membership fees?

Janet:

Well, not too bad really, considering all the new equipment. I get a discount 'cos I'm still at college. What about you?

Bill:

Well no, I have to pay the full amount. I'm paying £30 per month, with no joining fee. What discount do you get?

- Janet:** I didn't have to pay a joining fee either, but I pay £26 per month. I don't think that's bad.
- Bill:** Yeah, not too bad at all. The café's good and the shop as well. It's nice to have a drink and something to eat after your workout. I'm pleased that it isn't open to non-members. I think that's a good idea.
- Janet:** That's true. But again, when I was there last week the café wasn't open. I don't think everything was in full swing. At the time they'd only been open two days, but it looked good. I'll definitely try it next time I'm in. Like you, I like a drink after my running.
- Bill:** Yes, you should try it. I wasn't too happy about the staff though. A bit too official for my liking! They didn't seem very friendly, and not very helpful when they're explaining the equipment to new members. Did they explain things to you?
- Janet:** Yes they did. The receptionist was a bit snooty, but the gym staff seemed ok. They explained the running equipment very well. Most of us were experienced runners, but the equipment was different from the stuff we're used to, so they went through it all for us.
- Bill:** OK, maybe I just caught them on a bad day **[laughing]**! Well, got to go now. Hope I see you in there and we could have a coffee some time.
- Janet:** Great, I'd really like that. I should be there on Saturday. Hope to see you. Bye.
- Bill:** Bye.

**[Pause three seconds]**

**Female Narrator** Now Listen Again.

**[Replay Part Two]**

**[Pause three seconds]**

**TRACK 23**  
**Female Narrator**

**That is the end of the Listening Section. Do not forget to transfer your answers to the optical mark form before the end of the examination. You will not be given extra time to do this. You may now continue with the rest of the exam.**