

Listening

Part 1

1 B 2 B 3 A 4 C 5 A 6 A 7 B

Part 2

8 C 9 A 10 C 11 A 12 B 13 C

Part 3

14 Brokley 15 half past eight / eight thirty / 8.30 16 blue 17 receptionist
18 hall 19 3 / three

Part 4

20 A 21 C 22 B 23 A 24 C 25 B

Transcript

Test One. There are four parts to the test. You will hear each part twice. We will now stop for a moment. Please ask any questions now because you must not speak during the test.

PART 1 Now look at the instructions for Part One.

For each question, choose the correct answer. Look at question one.

Question 1 One. Where does the man think he left his wallet?

Man: Hello, my name's Joe Smith. I'm ringing because I lost my black leather wallet on Monday. I got off the eleven twenty train from Reading and went to the shop at the end of platform two. I bought some sandwiches so I had my wallet then. Afterwards I went to sit in the waiting room. I remember putting my wallet down. I probably left it there because my next train arrived, so I hurried off to get it. If it's handed in, please can you contact me on 07577886.

Now listen again.

[repeat]

Question 2 Two. What is tomorrow's talk at the Nature Society about?

Woman: Do you fancy coming along to tomorrow's Nature Society talk?

Man: Yeah, the last one on rivers and the plants around them was very good, wasn't it?

Woman: Well, you'll like the next topic too. It's something you're interested in.

Man: Ah – so it's about rainforests then?

Woman: I knew you'd think that – actually there's a talk on that next month. This one'll deal with something closer to home – wild flowers in parks and gardens.

Man: Oh, OK. Not as interesting as jungle wildlife but it still sounds worth going to.

Now listen again.

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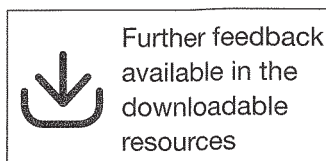
Question 3 Three. What will the woman order for lunch?

Woman: The menu looks good, doesn't it?

Man: Yes. Have you decided what you're going to order? You normally have salad for lunch, don't you?

Woman: Yes, I was thinking I might have the tomato soup, or maybe a toasted cheese and tomato sandwich. They both sound nice and I've heard the bread here's really good. They bake it themselves.

Man: Look, it says everything on the lunchtime menu comes with fresh bread.



Test 1 answer key

Woman: In that case, I'll go for my usual choice.

Man: OK, well, I'm going to try the soup.

Now listen again.

[repeat]

Question 4 *Four. How did the woman find out about the exhibition?*

Woman: Hi Jack. Did you know there's an interesting new exhibition on at the local art gallery? I was looking at the gallery's website recently and I didn't see anything about it. I'm surprised they haven't advertised it more on posters around town either. Anyway, according to what I heard on the radio, it's only on for a couple of days and I think it'll be really popular. I can book tickets online, if you're interested. Let me know as soon as you can.

Now listen again.

[repeat]

Question 5 *Five. What job is the woman's brother doing?*

Woman: Did I tell you my brother's working at Scooter – that new designer clothes place in town? You know, the one that sells really original jeans and T-shirts?

Man: I'm quite jealous! I'd like to work there as a shop assistant myself.

Woman: Well, in fact, he wanted to do that, but they only needed a security guard for the shop. So he was given that job instead. He's pleased – and he gets a great discount on all those amazing designer clothes!

Man: Cool!

Now listen again.

[repeat]

Question 6 *Six. How will the woman travel to her meeting?*

Woman: Hi Brian. This is Amanda, Amanda Smith. I'm calling to let you know that I might be a little late for our meeting. They've cancelled my train. It's really annoying actually as the train's the fastest way to get into town. I tried to get a cab, but the queue at the station was so long. It'll be quicker to rush home and get my own car rather than wait for a taxi. So I'll see you soon, hopefully.

Now listen again.

[repeat]

Question 7 *Seven. Which sport has the man stopped doing?*

Woman: You're doing lots of winter sports this year, aren't you?

Man: That's right. Snow-boarding's been a first-time experience for me. It's taken me a while to learn, but now I find it hard to stop!

Woman: What else have you tried?

Man: Ice-hockey too – I've always enjoyed watching it. It's too fast, though, and I gave it up in the end. Skiing's a bit scary but it's so exciting that I just can't get enough of it. It's a shame it's such an expensive sport to do.

Woman: Yes, I know.

Now listen again.

[repeat]

That is the end of Part One.

PART 2 Now look at Part Two.

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Question 8 Eight. You will hear two people talking about buying a bicycle.

Woman: So have you bought a bicycle yet?

Man: I nearly bought one last week – but in the end I didn't really think the salesman I spoke to knew enough.

Woman: In our local bike shop? They're usually very helpful in there.

Man: Yes. I think he was new. Anyway, maybe I need to do some more research online.

Woman: If you look on the internet, sometimes there's too much information. What about talking to my brother who's a professional cyclist? He'd give you some useful ideas without trying to persuade you to buy a particular product like they do in shops.

Man: I could do.

Now listen again.

[repeat]

Question 9 Nine. You will hear a man telling his friend about his Welsh language course.

Woman: How are you getting on with your Welsh language course?

Man: Not too bad actually. From what other people had told me, I thought the grammar would be really hard, but actually it isn't too bad. The main issue I have to deal with is our teacher – if she spoke more slowly, I'd understand a lot more. I miss so much. Oh well, I'm sure I'll get used to her. Our classes are only an hour long though, so just when I'm getting into the lesson, it's over! Anyway, it's a beautiful language and I'm glad I've taken it up.

Now listen again.

[repeat]

Question 10 Ten. You will hear a woman telling her colleague about her weekend.

Man: Morning! So how was your weekend?

Woman: We went to the city for the day, to the new outdoor street market everyone's talking about. It never stopped raining though and we all got very wet. I was happy to leave. Both the kids spent the next day coughing the whole time. That meant we just sat on the sofa watching TV all afternoon, which was something I really needed to do, despite all the arguments about what to watch. We did eventually manage to find a couple of films that everyone would be satisfied with.

Now listen again.

[repeat]

Question 11 Eleven. You will hear two friends talking about a new restaurant.

Man: Have you been to the new restaurant on the High Street?

Woman: Yes, I guess it wasn't too bad.

Man: I thought the food was pretty good value at least.

Woman: It's true they don't charge too much.

Man: The service was slow though when I went. The waiter had to apologise.

Woman: I don't mind waiting when the food's all freshly cooked. But it was quick enough when I went. That was just it – everything seemed to either be out of a tin or frozen stuff heated up in a microwave.

Man: Such a shame, but you're absolutely right – even if it isn't an expensive place to eat.

Now listen again.

[repeat]

Test 1 answer key

Question 12 *Twelve. You will hear two old friends talking at a party.*

Woman: Oh hi, John, it is you! I thought so – I'd recognise that jacket anywhere.
Man: You know it's always been my favourite.
Woman: Yes, but I thought you'd have a new one after all these years!
Man: Why bother, if it still fits as well as ever? After all, fashion has never interested me that much. I see you have to wear glasses now as well. I'm still not really used to mine.
Woman: But they look good on you, particularly now you've shaved your beard.
Man: Thanks. Anyway, what have you been doing since I last saw you? You look well.
Now listen again.
[repeat]

Question 13 *Thirteen. You will hear two colleagues talking about a meeting.*

Man: Where's this afternoon's meeting?
Woman: Well it was supposed to be upstairs, but surely we're not going to have it now that John's off sick?
Man: Oh? I've heard we're going to carry on as planned.
Woman: I can't believe that. Without John? Oh well, I'm ready for it ... I'm doing my presentation and I think everyone'll like it.
Man: I'm sure you'll be great! Did it take long to prepare?
Woman: To be honest, I spent ages on it. That was fine, but my laptop kept shutting down while I was preparing it. That made me really mad!
Man: Oh dear!
Now listen again.
[repeat]
That is the end of Part Two.

PART 3 *Now look at Part Three.*

For each question, write the correct answer in the gap. Write one or two words or a number or a date or a time.

Look at questions 14 to 19 now. You have 20 seconds.

You will hear a man giving information to people who are starting a one-week singing course.

Man: Hello, everyone. I'm delighted you've chosen to do this one-week singing course. Before we start, I'll give you some important information.
First of all, your teachers. As you know, we're running classes in two different singing styles and each has its own teacher. The jazz course will be taught by Robert Park – some of you will remember him from last year. And Susan Brokley will teach you to sing songs from famous musicals. Her surname's spelt B-R-O-K-L-E-Y.
The course highlight is the concert for family and friends on Friday. It'll begin at half past eight, but if your guests want to get the best seats to watch you, theatre doors open at eight o'clock.
On the night of the concert, we want you to feel relaxed – T-shirts are fine – but we ask that they're blue so everyone looks similar. The traditional colour for concerts is black, of course, but we think that's a bit dark. You'll enjoy performing I'm sure.
Now for some other information. To find your way around the building, you can always ask your teachers or the security guard, if you need help. There's also a map showing where all the rooms are, which you can get from the receptionist. I'll introduce you in a moment.
The lunch break will be at 1pm! We don't have a café, I'm afraid. There's a kitchen for preparing food, but there's nowhere to sit and eat there. So, take your sandwiches or whatever to the hall – much nicer, with a view of the garden next door.

If anyone's using the public car park, there's a charge. A monthly pass costs £20. As you're only here for a week, it's cheaper to pay daily, which is £3, so that'll only cost you £15 in total. OK?
So, any questions?

Now listen again.

[repeat]

That is the end of Part Three.

PART 4

Now look at Part Four.

For each question, choose the correct answer. Look at questions 20 to 25 now. You have 45 seconds. You will hear an interview with a man called Mickey Diaz, who is talking about his work as a hairdresser.

Woman: Welcome to the careers interview. Today we're talking to Mickey Diaz who'll tell us what it's like to work as a hairdresser. Mickey, why did you become a hairdresser?

Man: Both my parents were hairdressers and worked with lots of well-known TV stars but I really expected to do something completely different. It was after college when I was looking for work that a friend said I could help in his hairdresser's shop, so I did, and I ended up staying!

Woman: So, what's a normal working day like?

Man: Busy! I get in early. We decide who's going to do which jobs each day – it's best if we mix things up – do a few women's cuts, some mens, some colour. Stopping for a coffee or a rest can be difficult but I always make time for that. I often stay late to prepare things for the next day too, but that's fine with me.

Woman: What's the best part of the job?

Man: I really enjoy exchanging news with the people who come back regularly for haircuts. Sometimes they want a new style and ask me to be creative. I'm not keen on doing that – I prefer to show people pictures of the latest haircuts and get them to choose one instead.

Woman: So, is there anything you don't like about your job?

Man: Some hairdressers get upset if customers are rude, but I never let anyone bother me. We have to take health and safety courses which I find extremely dull but I know they're necessary. I'm also responsible for training new colleagues at the shop. I prefer cutting hair – I don't mind sharing my knowledge though.

Woman: I see. How does it feel when you've finished a haircut?

Man: It's very important to me to get a haircut right but when the customer walks out of the door, the hair's already growing back. I know I won't see that exact same cut again, which is a shame. I usually feel there's something I could do better, so I'm always trying to improve, to keep customers satisfied.

Woman: Finally, any advice for people who'd like to become hairdressers?

Man: You can study hairdressing at college, but you don't learn as much as you would in a full-time job. People often think hairdressing's badly paid but the money can actually be quite good with tips added. Never forget that you're only as good as your last haircut – a lot of people make the mistake of thinking they've learned all there is to learn – that's rarely true.

Woman: Well, Mickey...(fade)

Now listen again.

[repeat]

That is the end of Part Four.

You now have six minutes to write your answers on the answer sheet.

You have one more minute.

That is the end of the test.