



**English Speaking Board**

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**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.**

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 a conversation between Lucy and her friend, Sarah, who are planning to meet on Saturday. For questions 1 – 10, mark each statement True (T) or False (F). You will hear Part One TWICE. You have one minute to read the questions for Part One.**

**[Wait one minute]**

**[BLEEP]**

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

- Lucy:** Hi Sarah, nice to see you. Have you had a good week at work so far?
- Sarah:** Well, it's been really busy actually, so I certainly haven't been bored. There's been so much work to do I didn't even have a lunch break yesterday.
- Lucy:** Oh dear! It sounds like you might be ready for the weekend then.
- Sarah:** Definitely! Thank goodness it's Saturday tomorrow. Do you want to do something?
- Lucy:** Why not! I'm afraid I'm busy in the morning, Sarah, but we could go out later on. What would you like to do?
- Sarah:** To be honest Lucy, I think I'll be having a nice long sleep in the morning, so the afternoon suits me perfectly. How about meeting in town around 2 o'clock?
- Lucy:** That's fine. Why don't we meet in the new coffee shop? You know, the one called 'Coffee World'. I went there last week and they serve great coffee.
- Sarah:** Good idea, I haven't been there before, so it'll be nice to try somewhere different. How about going to the cinema after that? There's a new film I'd like to see called 'The Last Trip Home'.
- Lucy:** Mmm. What kind of film is it?
- Sarah:** It's a drama, and it was filmed in Africa. It's a little bit sad I think, and it's based on a true story.
- Lucy:** That sounds interesting. As long as it's not a horror film. I hate those!
- Sarah:** Don't worry, it's not. Ben Patterson's starring in it, actually.

**Lucy:** Oh really? I'll certainly go then! He's a great actor...and he's really good-looking. What about going to dinner after the film?

**Sarah:** Well, you choose the restaurant, Lucy, because I chose the film.

**Lucy:** Ok..... I'd love to have some Asian food.....what about the Japanese restaurant near to the cinema? They have fantastic food, don't they?

**Sarah:** Yes they do, and it's healthy too. I really like the noodles and fish. In fact, it's been ages since I had sushi, so I might have some of that for a change.

**Lucy:** Great idea! OK, I'll see you tomorrow around 2 o'clock then? Don't be late Sarah!

**Sarah:** Don't worry, I won't sleep that much! Now, I have to get back to work for the afternoon!

***[Pause three seconds]***

**Female Narrator:**

<b>Now Listen Again.</b>
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***[Replay Part One ]***  
***[Pause three seconds]***

**Female Narrator:**

<b>That is the end of Part One of the Listening test. Now turn to Part Two Section A.</b>
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***[Pause five seconds]***

Female Narrator:

**Listening Part Two.**

**Listening Part Two Section A.**

**You will hear a conversation between John and his mother.**

**John is telling her about his life at university.**

**For questions 11 – 15, choose the correct answer A, B or C.**

**You will hear the recording TWICE. You have one minute to read the questions for Section A.**

***[Wait one minute]***

**[BLEEP]**

- John:** Oh Mum, it's so nice to be home for the weekend!
- Mum:** [Laughs] Well, you've been away for a while, and had a lot of work to do. You must be rather tired.
- John:** Yes, I'm just relieved that the exams are over; for now! I've got a whole weekend to relax. My flat is nice, but it's good to be home.
- Mum:** I can imagine! Now, tell me all about your flat, and your friends.
- John:** Um, well, the flat's a university flat, so it's very convenient. I can get up at 8.30 in the morning and be in class before 9.00! I've my own room and share the kitchen, living room and bathroom with three other people. Actually, we've two bathrooms, so there are no queues in the morning. It's really spacious too, so we all have plenty of room for our things.
- Mum:** It sounds better than I'd expected.....what about your flatmates?
- John:** Err, they're OK too. They're called Mike, Bill, and Jim. Mike is studying history like me, and the other two are studying medicine.
- Mum:** Oh, well they sound very clever, and I suppose they've a lot of studying to do. I mean, medical students need to work really hard, don't they?
- John:** Oh yes! We all do.....we spend ages in the library every night!
- Mum:** Well, I'm not sure I believe that really! I'm sure there are quite a few parties and things as well.
- John:** Oh, just one or two [laughs]. OK, we have a good time as well as working hard! But, you'll never guess what?
- Mum:** Go on, tell me.
- John:** I'm teaching myself how to cook! I can make great pasta, vegetable soup, and Spanish omelettes.
- Mum:** Really? Now, I am impressed! Is the soup from a can or from a packet?
- John:** It's home-made! I'll make some for dinner if you like, just to show you that I can do it!
- Mum:** Mmm, I'll look forward to that! What about the cleaning in your flat? Who does that?
- John:** Actually, we do some, but a cleaner comes in twice a week, so it never gets really bad. We have to wash our own clothes though, but that's easy in the washing machine.
- Mum:** Well, I'm quite surprised by how organised you are. It's amazing what you can do when you try.
- John:** Of course, though actually I do feel homesick sometimes too, and I've really missed your home-made chocolate cake! ...[Fade]

*[Pause three seconds]*

Female Narrator: 

Now Listen Again.
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*[Replay Part Two Section A]*  
*[Pause three seconds]*

Female narrator: 

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

Female Narrator:

**Listening Part Two Section B.**

You will hear David Best giving a talk to a group of people about a nature park. For questions 16 – 20, choose the correct answer A, B, or C. You will hear the recording **TWICE**. You have one minute to read the questions for Section B.

*[Wait one minute]*

**[BLEEP]**

David Best:

Hi, I'm David Best, and I'd like to welcome you to Rose Wood Nature Park. This afternoon I'm going to give you some information about the park and our work, and then you'll be free to look around. I'm a member of the Rose Wood management team, and I've been here since the information centre was opened ten years ago. The centre was built when this area was officially made into a nature park to protect the environment and wildlife. Rose Wood has always been open to the public, and we have visitors from many different parts of Britain, and also from abroad.

This area is important environmentally for various reasons. First of all, there's the lake which provides a home to many important species of birds. The lake used to be polluted with rubbish, chemicals, and other kinds of waste. However, after a big clean-up campaign, the water quality improved, and it's now both clean and safe for birds to live and build their nests in peace. I'm afraid that means fishing isn't allowed.

Another important part of the park is the beautiful forest. A lot of the trees are very old, and need looking after carefully to ensure they stay in good health. In spring, you can find beautiful spring flowers there, so it's worthwhile coming with your camera to take some photos. Naturally, we ask people not to pick the flowers, but to enjoy them in their natural surroundings. These flowers are important because they attract both bees and butterflies, and as we all know the populations of those insects have declined in recent years.

There are many different paths for walking and cycling throughout the park, and we welcome people with dogs too, as long as the dogs are well-behaved, and don't chase the birds! Every month there's a free organised walk with myself or one of my colleagues, around the park. We also attract lots of school children with our special educational programmes.

Finally, it's important that people can relax when they come to the park, so there are picnic tables available, though we don't allow barbecues. There's also a shop, which is open daily, selling books, postcards, and beautiful gifts. We hope to sell a range of outdoor clothes in the future too. However, maybe most

importantly, there's a great cafe, which is open every day of the week. Here, you can enjoy home-made snacks, and delicious cakes. It's certainly not the place to go if you're on a diet!

Well, I've talked enough for now. Have a great day at Rose Wood. [Fade]

***[Pause three seconds]***

Female Narrator: **Now Listen Again.**

***[Replay Part Two Section B]***  
***[Pause three seconds]***

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.**

