

Annual Examinations for Primary Schools 2016

Year 5 ENGLISH (Listening Comprehension) Time: 30 minutes
Teacher's Copy

Guidelines for the conduct of the Listening Comprehension Examination
ALL INSTRUCTIONS ARE TO BE GIVEN IN ENGLISH

The instructions are in the audio CD and students are expected to listen to the audio CD recordings during the Listening Comprehension Examination. The Teacher's Copy, which includes the instructions, texts and tasks set, is to be read by teachers ONLY when the audio CD does not function properly.

Resources

<p>Teacher: Audio CD, Reading Text and Questions Each pupil: Pen and Examination Paper</p>
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Introduction

<p>The teacher in charge distributes the examination papers to the pupils and asks them to write their name, surname and class on the front cover.</p>

<p>THE TEACHER TELLS THE PUPILS TO FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS.</p>
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PROCEDURE

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| a) 5 minutes | Students read the questions. |
| b) 3 minutes | The text is heard for the first time.
<i>(Students may start writing if they wish to.)</i> |
| c) 7 minutes | The questions are read out and students answer them. |
| d) 3 minutes | The text is heard the second time. |
| e) 7 minutes | The questions are read out again and students answer any unanswered questions. |
| f) 5 minutes | Final revision of answers by students. |

Questions 1 to 10 (1 mark each) = 10 marks
Questions 11 a to h (½ mark each) = 4 marks
Questions 12 a to c (2 marks each) = 6 marks

TOTAL 20 MARKS

Instruction 1: You have five minutes to read the questions silently. Do not write anything.
(Students read the questions silently for 5 minutes.)

Instruction 2: Listen carefully as I read the passage A Mouse on Mars! (You may start writing as you listen.)

1. Scientists have long questioned whether there is life on planet Mars. By the looks of the latest pictures taken by the Curiosity Rover of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) there very well might be life on Mars.
2. NASA's Curiosity Rover, a robot exploring the landscape on planet Mars, seems to have spotted something rather unusual among the usually uninhabited and rocky Martian landscape.
3. An Unidentified Flying Object you might think? A three-headed fish? No, the pictures show what seems to be a fluffy mouse - just out on Mars.
4. While there's no official word from NASA about the Martian mouse, amateur astronomer Joe White posted the pictures on an online channel, saying he thinks he's spotted a mouse in the Curiosity Rover's recent footage.
5. He wrote alongside the video: "A possible very large mouse or other rodent on Mars in Gale Crater - sitting on a ridge, plain as day. It is probably an optical illusion but seems to have big ears, nose and eyes. It resembles a huge mouse or jerboa, a long-tailed leaping rodent, in appearance."
6. But hold on to your hats space lovers, because it looks as though the critter might just be a figure of our imaginations, as many people believe the shadowy image to simply show a mouse-shaped rock.
7. The Curiosity Rover touched down on Mars on 6th August 2012 and has been on a special space mission to explore the red planet ever since. Scientists are using the car-sized robot to study the Gale Crater, an old meteor site on Mars!
8. For years scientists believed there was no chance of finding life on Mars, due to its thin atmosphere and freezing winter temperatures - which can be as cold as minus 130°C! But in September 2015 scientists announced they had found salt water on the planet's surface, leading them to think there could be life on Mars - just probably not in the shape of a mouse!

(Adapted from *NASA's Curiosity Rover spots a 'mouse' on Mars!* National Geographic KiDS)

Instruction 3: Now I will read the questions to you once. Listen to the exercises and complete them.

Tick (✓) the correct phrase or sentence to answer the questions.

1. Where is NASA's Curiosity Rover?
 - a) on planet Earth
 - b) on planet Mars
 - c) inside a science lab
 - d) inside a spaceship

(4-seconds pause)

2. What is the Curiosity Rover programmed to do?

- a) take photographs and videos
- b) write stories about planets
- c) interpret pictures
- d) hunt for mice

(4-seconds pause)

3. What did the robot spot?

- a) an Unidentified Flying Object
- b) a three-headed fish
- c) the shape of a mouse
- d) the shape of a car

(4-seconds pause)

4. Who posted the pictures on the online channel?

- a) a professional astronomer
- b) an amateur astronomer
- c) a clever cameraperson
- d) a Martian

(4-seconds pause)

5. Why should space lovers hold on to their hats?

- a) because the image shows a real rodent
- b) because the image shows a real jerboa
- c) because the image is a true picture of a mouse
- d) because the image is a fabrication of our imagination

(4-seconds pause)

6. Since when has the robot been on Mars?

- a) since 2015
- b) since 2014
- c) since 2013
- d) since 2012

(4-seconds pause)

7. How large is the robot?

- a) as big as a plane
- b) as big as a car
- c) larger than a tower
- d) smaller than a bike

(4-seconds pause)

8. Which part of the red planet have scientists been investigating?

- a) Redi Crater
- b) Eagle Crater
- c) Gale Crater
- d) Goba Crater

(4-seconds pause)

9. Why did scientists believe it was impossible to live on Mars?

- a) because of its thick atmosphere and hot temperatures
- b) because of its dense air and very high temperatures
- c) because of its heavy air and warm temperatures
- d) because of its thin atmosphere and freezing temperatures

(4-seconds pause)

10. What made scientists change their minds in September 2015?

- a) They found no water on the planet's surface.
- b) They found rocks on the planet's surface.
- c) They found salt water on the planet's surface.
- d) They found fresh water on the planet's surface.

(4-seconds pause)

11. Put a tick (✓) to show whether each sentence is TRUE or FALSE.

a)	Scientists have long been asking if there is life on Mars. (4-seconds pause)
b)	The Curiosity Rover is a toy robot. (4-seconds pause)
c)	The Martian landscape is usually inhabited by critters. (4-seconds pause)
d)	Joe White used the Internet to share the images. (4-seconds pause)
e)	A jerboa is a rodent with a short tail. (4-seconds pause)
f)	The red planet has an old meteor site. (4-seconds pause)
g)	The temperature on Mars can be colder than minus 100 °C. (4-seconds pause)
h)	There could be living things on Mars. (4-seconds pause)

12. Fill in the blanks with a suitable WORD.

- a) The robot was _____ (1-second pause) _____ the rocky landscape when it spotted something rather _____ (1-second pause) _____. (4-seconds pause)
- b) The thing looked like a _____ (1-second pause) _____ large mouse. It _____ (1-second pause) _____ furry. (4-seconds pause)
- c) Life on Mars _____ (1-second pause) _____ have a form _____ (1-second pause) _____ than that of a mouse. (4-seconds pause)

Instruction 4: I will read the passage and the questions to you a second time. You may complete any unanswered questions as I read.

(The passage and questions are read a second time.)

Instruction 5: You have now five minutes to check your answers, and complete any unanswered questions.

(Students revise and / or complete unanswered questions.)

This is the end of the Listening Comprehension Examination.