



Annual Examinations for Middle Schools 2022

YEAR 8

**ENGLISH
LISTENING COMPREHENSION**

TIME: 20 minutes

TEACHER'S PAPER

Instructions for the conduct of the Listening Comprehension Examination.

Listening and Viewing Instructions:

The exam should take approximately 20 minutes. Before the Listening and Viewing Examination, please ensure that the equipment is functioning properly, that all students are able to follow, that the sound is clear and the voices are intelligible. Teachers / invigilators are asked to play the 20-minute recording in its entirety and to only stop it when it is over. The intervals are included in the recording. The following script is included in case the recording malfunctions and the teacher would need to read the text. Thank you.

Teacher says:	<p>Annual Examination 2022, English Listening and Viewing, Year 8 Track 2.</p> <p>This listening and viewing exam should take approximately 20 minutes. You will listen to and view two texts. You will first be given time to read the questions on Text 1. After, you'll view and listen to and view the text, during which you can answer questions. When the text finishes, you'll be given time to answer your questions. Then, you'll listen to and view Text 1 for the second and last time, after which you'll be given time to revise your answers. The same procedure will be repeated for Text 2. Please remember that you are allowed to write during all parts of the listening and viewing exam.</p> <p>You have the listening examination questions in Section A of the examination paper in front of you. You now have 1 minute to read the questions on TEXT 1.</p> <p>Your one minute to read the questions on Text 1 starts now.</p>
TEXT 1	
1-minute timer	
When the one minute is up, Teacher says:	You will now listen to and view TEXT 1. You may answer your questions while listening.
Text 1	Audio-visual text

Teacher says:	Now you have 1 minute to answer questions on Text 1.
1-minute timer	
When the one minute is up, Teacher says:	You will now listen to and view Text 1 for the second and last time. You may answer your questions while listening.
Text 1	<i>Audio-visual text</i> <i>Students watch and listen to Text 1 again.</i>
Teacher says:	Now you have a final 1 minute to check all your answers on Text 1.
1-minute timer	
TEXT 2	
When the 1 minute is up, Teacher says:	You will now listen to TEXT 2. You have 3 minutes to read the questions on Text 2. When the three minutes are up, you will listen to and view the text. May we remind you that you will be given 3 minutes to answer the questions after the text finishes. However, you are allowed to write during all parts of the listening exam. Your three minutes to read the questions on Text 2 start now.
3-minute timer	
When the three minutes are up, Teacher says:	You will now listen to Text 2. You may answer your questions while listening.
Text 2	<i>Audio text</i>
Teacher says:	Now you have 3 minutes to answer the questions.
3-minute timer	
When the 3 minutes are up, Teacher says:	You will now listen to Text 2 again. You may answer your questions while listening.
Text 2	<i>Audio text</i> <i>Students listen to Text 2 again.</i>
Teacher says:	Now you have 3 minutes for a final revision of all your answers. We encourage you to attempt all questions.
3-minute timer	
Teacher says:	Please put your pens down. This is the end of the Year 8 Track 2 English Listening and Viewing Annual Examination, 2022.

Listening Task 1 – Audio-Visual

Transcript

The Lake District is a mountainous region in the northwest of England. Its barren fells, fast flowing streams and vast spans of open water, make this a place like no other in Britain. During the last ice age, glaciers carved deep valleys in which nestled beautiful lakes, like Coniston water. Other lakes of the District include Lake Windermere, England's largest natural freshwater lake. It's over a kilometre wide, almost 17 kilometres long and up to 64 metres deep. It contains over 340 million cubic litres of water. As you would expect, plenty of river cruises and water-sports activities can be found throughout this region.

Adapted from: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pb_BnVQ_Mv4

Listening Task 2 – Audio

Transcript

Good afternoon, you're listening to FBC Radio 1. I am Emily Johnson and in today's programme "People who made a mark", we introduce Mary Davis, who will speak to us about a famous writer, illustrator and natural scientist. Welcome to our programme Mary!

Mary: Hi Emily and hello everyone. That's right! And do you know who this famous person is? Let me give you a clue! Have you read "The Tale of Peter Rabbit"? It's a very famous children's book. And do you know who wrote it? Well, Beatrix Potter of course. Beatrix was born in 1866. She grew up in England and she had an unusual upbringing because Miss Potter was home-schooled as a child. This was common at the time and the place she lived in. Apart from that, her family could afford it. Her education was planned to suit her interests. She decided which level of education she needed and she herself chose the material she needed to learn. She said that she always found pleasure in nature and books.

In fact, she and her brother kept many small animals as pets – rabbits, hedgehogs, guinea pigs, mice, frogs and even bats! They both liked to draw their pets, but Beatrix liked drawing animals from her own imagination most. Beatrix was a keen art student, and her father knew she had great talent from a young age. So he

paid for art lessons by great artists of the time. But Beatrix preferred to work on her own. She loved exploring and drawing nature when the family visited beautiful places like Scotland and the Lake District. Beatrix was a very smart girl and she even studied fossils and insects! But she was especially interested in mycology. And if you're wondering what that is, well, it's the study of mushrooms! She even wrote a scientific paper about it, even though women at that time couldn't be scientists. To earn some money, Beatrix started drawing animals on cards. She liked writing and illustrating letters too. One day, she wrote a letter to her friend's son, and told him the story of Peter Rabbit. She then decided to turn the story into a book. *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* was published in 1902 – and it was a great success! She wrote, illustrated and published many more books. Apart from books, she also created dolls, painting books, games and other items based on her characters. In 1905, Beatrix bought a farm in the Lake District. Much of Miss Potter's adult life was dedicated to taking care of this area of England. She learned about farming and bought more farms and land to help protect the landscape. She enjoyed country life very much and was very active in protecting the environment. When Beatrix died in 1943, she left almost all her farms and land to the National Trust, a charity which protects historic places and landscapes. You can still visit Hill Top Farm, which is exactly like it was when Beatrix lived there! So, if you haven't read *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*, or other Beatrix Potter books, why not visit your local library or bookshop today?

Emily: That was extremely informative and interesting! Thank you Mary!

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