



Annual Examinations for Secondary 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 3.</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 listen to 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 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	<i>Audio-visual text</i>
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 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 and viewing 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 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 3 English Listening and Viewing Annual Examination, 2022.

Listening Task 1 – Audio-visual

Transcript

A volcano in southwest Iceland has erupted, releasing streams of lava from under the earth's surface. It follows thousands of small earthquakes in the area over recent weeks. The fissure erupted 30 kilometres from the capital Reykjavik and is more than 500 metres long. This is the first eruption in the area in centuries.

Deny Howard reports, "This is what Icelanders have been waiting for, for weeks now. 40 kilometres south of the capital Reykjavik, lava began spewing from the ground on Friday evening. And a no-fly zone has been established in the area. Iceland sits between two tectonic plates, so eruptions aren't uncommon but this is the first in Varkadajsa in 900 years. Normally there are around 1,000 tremors a year but there have been more than 50,000 in the last three weeks, the highest number since digital recordings began in 1991. In 2010, the eruption of another volcano ejected a column of ash nine kilometres into the air. That brought flights to a halt across Europe. Iceland's meteorological office says the lava from this eruption will emerge more slowly and not create such disruption." (1:13)

Danai Howard BBC News

Adapted from: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GiIPSHw60eA>

Listening Task 2 – Audio

Good afternoon, you're listening to Radio 2 and today's programme is about some amazing things a young girl has done.

Nicole Oliveira, 8, is the world's youngest astronomer! She joined a NASA space programme searching for asteroids, and has already spotted 18 space rocks, according to her family.

Nicole lives in Brazil and she's had an interest in space since she was a toddler. She was actually throwing her arms to reach for the stars while learning to walk!

At age eight, she's been nicknamed 'the world's youngest astronomer' thanks to her work with NASA, which also involves attending seminars and meeting scientists.

The project she's involved with is known as *Asteroid Hunters*. It introduces young people to science by helping them make their own discoveries. Her involvement came about because Brazil's ministry of science, is one of the partnership organisations, working with NASA and others.

According to her family, her room is filled with posters of the Solar System, while miniature rockets and Star Wars figures litter her shelves. She works from a computer with two large screens, where she spends her spare time studying images of the night sky, taken by telescopes, to look for space rocks.

Beaming with pride, Nicole told Radio 2 that she's already found 18 asteroids, and plans to name them after Brazilian scientists and family members, like her mum and dad. It could take several years for her 18 discoveries to be confirmed as a space rock, but if they are, then she would become the youngest person in the world, to officially discover an asteroid. She'd break a record set by the young Italian astronomer, Luigi Sannino, who spotted two asteroids in 1999 aged 17.

'She really has an eye. She immediately spots points in the images that look like asteroids and often advises her classmates when they're not sure they've really found any,' Nicole's astronomy teacher says.

She attends a private school in north-eastern Brazil, after having won a scholarship. Her teachers say that the most important thing is that she shares her knowledge with other children. In that way she contributes to the dissemination of science.

Nicole's family moved to live close to her new school in north-eastern Brazil, which is 600 kilometres away from their hometown, so she could take up the scholarship. Her mum says that they understood that Nicole's passion for astronomy was serious, when she asked her parents for a telescope as a birthday present, when she turned four. Her mum says that back then, she didn't really know what her daughter was asking for!

However, Nicole didn't get the telescope before she turned seven. It was then, that all her friends pooled their money to purchase her the device.

This eight-year-old girl has already interviewed astronomers, met with the Brazilian minister of science, as well as with the only Brazilian who went out to space. She hopes that one day she'll go to the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida, 'to see their rockets.' When she grows up, Nicole wants to become an aerospace engineer and get involved in building rockets. We wish her the best of luck!

Adapted from: <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-10048743/Meet-worlds-youngest-astronomer-8-year-old-Nicole-Oliveira-finds-18-asteroids.html>