



Annual Examinations for Secondary Schools 2022

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**ENGLISH
LISTENING COMPREHENSION**

TIME: 15 minutes

TEACHER'S PAPER

Instructions for the conduct of the Listening Comprehension Examination

In the event of a power cut, teachers of English are to read the instructions below.

You have been given a sheet containing the Listening Comprehension questions. You now have **THREE** minutes to read the questions based on the passage, which you will listen to **TWICE**.

Pause – 3 minutes

You will now listen to the passage for the **FIRST** time. You may answer the questions while listening. After the passage is read, there will be a pause of another **THREE** minutes to allow you to answer the questions.

(Reading of passage)

Pause – 3 minutes

You will now listen to the passage for the **LAST** time and you may answer the rest of the questions. After this, you have a further **THREE** minutes for a final revision of the answers.

(Reading of passage)

Pause – 3 minutes

This is the end of the Listening Comprehension examination.



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Listen to a podcast about Warwick Castle

Welcome to another episode in the series Famous British Castles. Today's about Warwick Castle, the finest medieval castle in England, which is set on the picturesque banks of the River Avon. There are few buildings as steeped in history and as marvellously preserved as Warwick Castle. With a vast and impressive heritage spanning centuries, the castle still remains a hotspot for curious tourists and history enthusiasts, largely due to the fact that the castle itself is fascinating, and there are always lots of shows and events held here, making it the perfect place to explore.

William the Conqueror ordered the first castle to be built in 1068 AD shortly after the Norman Conquest. The succeeding Norman Earls of Warwick rebuilt the castle in stone, so that by the 14th century it had become the principal stronghold of the powerful Beauchamp warlords. In later years, as the military importance of the castle declined, the main living quarters were converted and refurbished into a residence in the grandest style. The magnificent State Room interiors date from the late 17th to the late 19th centuries and most of the main fortifications have altered little from the 14th century.

Since the end of the 17th century, Warwick Castle has been a tourist hotspot, and it has been frequented by royals, nobles, politicians and famous individuals, as well as the general public. Today, it is still open to the public and receives an enormous number of tourists each and every year. The top four attractions in the castle are firstly the castle dungeon. Not for the faint-hearted, Warwick Castle's Dungeon is a spooky journey through 300 years of the castle's darkest history and secrets. You will begin by travelling through time with a Monk, as you are transported across Europe, but make sure to keep an eye out, as you never know who is lurking around the corners! Secondly if you are lucky, you may be able to see the Mighty Trebuchet, which is the largest working siege machine in the world, and at Warwick Castle, it is fired twice every single day. The projectile launches over 150m, and it is absolutely enormous; it weighs 22 tonnes, and is over 18 metres high! Thirdly, there's the Horrible Histories Maze. Allow yourself to get lost in time, and explore the layers of fascinating history that exist at the castle. Fun, unique, interactive and educational, this is one of the highlights of Warwick Castle. And lastly you can explore the gardens – with over 64 acres of outdoor open space. What you may not know is that there is so much wildlife present particularly the peacocks, which are synonymous with the grounds. You can head towards the Peacock Garden by the Conservatory for the best chance of seeing them. There's also the daily show, Flight of the Eagles, where a number of birds of prey fly around the arena, and it's very entertaining.

So, what are you waiting for? Join us again next time for another visit to a famous British castle.

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