



Annual Examinations for Middle Schools 2023

YEAR 8

**ENGLISH
LISTENING COMPREHENSION**

TIME: 15 minutes

TEACHER'S PAPER

Instructions for the conduct of the Listening Comprehension Examination.

The exam should take approximately 15 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 15-minute recording in its entirety and to only stop it when it is over. Teachers are kindly asked not to pause or stop the recording. 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.

Listening and Viewing Instructions:

Teacher says:	Annual Examination 2023, English Listening and Viewing. Year 8 Track 1. This exam is 15 minutes long. You will listen to and view one text. You have three minutes to read the questions before you listen to the text. Next, you have 3 minutes to answer the questions. Then you will listen to and view the text for the second and last time. Lastly, you have 3 minutes to check your answers. You are allowed to write during all parts of the exam.
Teacher says:	Look at the listening and viewing exam questions. Your 3 minutes to read the questions start now.
3-minute timer	
When the three minutes are up, Teacher says:	You will now listen to and view the text. You may answer your questions while listening.
Text	<i>Audio visual text</i>
Teacher says:	Now you have 3 minutes to answer your questions.
3-minute timer	

When the 3 minutes are up, Teacher says:	You will now listen to and view the text for the second and last time. You may answer your questions while listening.
Text	<i>Audio visual text</i>
Teacher says:	Now you have 3 minutes for a final revision of your answers.
3-minute timer	
Teacher says:	This is the end of the English Listening and Viewing Annual Examination, 2023.

LISTENING TEXT: AUDIO-VISUAL

LINK: https://youtu.be/O8qilxaBR20?list=PLXB5R79dmFB5pMHb5RI0rml9Q7C5_O_tC

Transcript

You are going to watch and listen to a video about penguins

They're black and white and cute all over: penguins! Penguins are a special family of birds. They are easily recognized by their colouring. All penguins have white bellies and a dark or black back. Penguins also have large heads, short necks, and stand upright on land.

Like all birds, penguins are warm-blooded, covered in feathers, and lay eggs. Unlike most birds, penguins are flightless, which means they cannot fly. Penguins can't fly because they don't need to. Instead of wings for flying, penguins have flippers. They are excellent swimmers and do all of their hunting in the water. In fact, penguins spend so much time in the water that we say they are aquatic.

You may already know that penguins live in Antarctica, the icy frozen continent around the South Pole. However, not all penguins live in cold places! Penguins can be found everywhere from Antarctica to the equator. There are about seventeen different species of penguins of varying sizes, each with a different pattern of feathers and colours. The smallest species of penguin is officially named the little penguin, but they're also called blue penguins and fairy penguins. Little penguins may only reach a height of about 13 inches or 33 centimetres, and only weigh a bit over 3 lbs or 1.5 kilograms. On the other end of the scale, the largest species of penguin is the emperor penguin. Emperor penguins grow 4 feet or 1.1 meters tall and may weigh nearly 100 lbs or 45 kg.

Every other type of penguin falls somewhere in between these two extremes. Penguins lay only one or two eggs per year, and the mother and father take turns keeping the eggs warm and feeding and protecting their chicks.

Although not all species of penguins are endangered, many are. Bad weather, destruction of their natural habitats and hunting or poaching for their oil and eggs can reduce their population. In addition, overfishing by humans can leave penguins without enough food to eat.

Fortunately, all species of penguins are legally protected, in an effort to keep their populations happy and healthy.

I hope you enjoyed learning about penguins today.

Adapted from: *All About Penguins for Kids: Penguins of the World for Children*