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Track 3

Annual Examinations for Middle Schools 2023

YEAR 8 **ENGLISH** **TIME: 15 minutes**

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

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 3.** **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	***Audio visual text***
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	***Audio visual text***
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

Transcript

You are going to watch and listen to a video clip about Europe.

If you love history, then buckle up for a trip to Europe, the birthplace of some of the most famous civilizations ever! Europe is the second smallest of the continents, but for its size in population, it takes third place, right behind Asia and Africa.

Europeans live in some incredible places, from the largest island in the world, Greenland, to the smallest nation in the world, Vatican City. About 10% of the world's population live in Europe, from the subtropical beaches of Monaco to the polar tundras of Norway. You have to brave the cold to see some of Europe's natural wonders! Iceland has one of the best views of nature's light show, the Northern Lights.

If you are not afraid of heights, head to the border of Italy and Switzerland. You can climb one of the most famous mountains in the world, the Matterhorn. It looks like a giant tooth, right? Some of Europe's wonders were built by hand. You may have heard of a few, like the Eiffel Tower that soars above the city of Paris, France. It was once the tallest building in the world and has almost 7 million visitors every year. Or check out the Colosseum in Rome, Italy. It's the biggest amphitheatre in the world, made of stone and concrete and built almost 2,000 years ago! In the 6th century in Athens, Greece, amazing artistic theatres, and temples were built. Ancient Greeks loved watching plays and hosting special events to honour their Gods. The celebrations held in the city of Olympia inspired the world's Olympic Games. Europe is filled with more than just amazing places and people. It's also home to a few amazing animals. In the western forests of Europe, you may hear grey wolves howling, brown bears hunting, or golden eagles soaring overhead! In eastern Europe, you may see the rare Euroasian lynx and the European bison. On the northern edges of Europe, you may even see a polar bear! Europe is packed, with over 742 million people in 47 countries, enjoying beautiful views of mountains and valleys, coastlines and skylines. Europe is full of incredible sights and fascinating cultures. No wonder the most visited continent on Earth is - you guessed it - Europe!

Adapted from: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RNx0akt3_XI