



Annual Examinations for Middle Schools 2024

YEAR 8

**ENGLISH
LISTENING COMPREHENSION**

TIME: 20 minutes

TEACHER'S PAPER

Instructions for the conduct of the Listening Comprehension Examination.

The exam should take approximately 20 minutes. Before the Listening 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. 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 Instructions:

Teacher says:	Annual Examination 2024, English Listening. Year 8 Track 1. This exam is 20 minutes long. You will listen to 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 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 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 the text. You may answer your questions while listening. You are going to listen to the weather forecast brought to you by the Sicily Weather Station.
Text	Audio 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 the text for the second and last time. You may answer your questions while listening. You are going to listen to the weather forecast brought to you by the Sicily Weather Station.
Text	<i>Audio 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 Year 8 Track 1, English Listening, Annual Examination 2024.

LISTENING TEXT: Transcript

You are going to listen to the weather forecast brought to you by the Sicily Weather Station.

This is Marco Bruno, it's 2 p.m. and this is the weather forecast for Sicily for the next few days. Don't put your jackets away just yet! Tomorrow Thursday 14th April, the weather will be very cold and windy, with temperatures going down to 8°C. Satellite pictures are showing bad weather over the Mediterranean Sea and we are closely monitoring the situation.

On Friday 15th April, an area of low pressure will move slowly from the east. Hail and heavy rain will hit those areas around Catania first, before moving towards Messina in the late afternoon. A red warning is marked for Friday after 9 p.m. The villages close to the sea will be the worst areas to be hit. A warning has already been sent to all boat owners to remove their boats from the sea. Meanwhile, restaurants that are found close to the sea have been told not to open and to remove all outside furniture. Temperatures will decrease and will be around 5°C. That's a 6°C decrease in the usual temperatures in April. The wind will be force 5 going up to force 8 in the early hours of Saturday.

On Saturday 16th April, there will be a thunderstorm. There will be heavy rains and flooding. This bad weather will become worse around noon on Saturday. People have been warned to stay indoors and leave their homes only in emergencies. Due to this inclement weather, all football matches and the rock concert, which were to take place in Catania, are cancelled.

Despite gale force 7 easterly winds, things do start looking up on Sunday 17th April with only a few light, scattered showers around Sicily. The humidity level will go up to 85% and the UV index will be 4 with spots of sunshine in some places. However, the temperature will drop to 3°C during the night. This will be the coldest night in April.

Finally, Monday 18th April will be cloudy and wet. The maximum temperature will reach 10°C near the coast and only 1°C in higher areas. The weather will improve on

Tuesday 19th April. There will be a break in the weather with sunny weather on Wednesday 20th April.

Thank you for listening. Stay safe. For more details on the latest weather forecast, please check our website www.sicilyweather.com

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