



Annual Examinations for Middle Schools 2024

YEAR 8

**ENGLISH
LISTENING COMPREHENSION**

TIME: 20 minutes

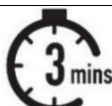
TEACHER'S PAPER

Instructions for the conduct of the Listening Comprehension Examination.

Listening Instructions:

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 2. 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 3 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.
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.
Text:	Audio text
Teacher says:	Now you have 3 minutes for a final revision of your answers.
3-minute timer	

Listening Task – Audio

Transcript

Welcome to your weekly weather forecast! Here's what you can expect across Europe and the Mediterranean region for the coming week.

Spain will experience generally pleasant weather throughout the week. An area of high pressure will lead to sunny skies and warm temperatures. Daytime highs ranging from 25°C to 30°C are expected in Barcelona and Valencia. Temperatures will be slightly higher in Madrid, reaching up to 33°C. At night, thermometers will mark around 18°C to 22°C. There may be some scattered clouds along the coasts, but no rainfall is expected.

Italy and southern France will enjoy sunny and warm days too. Temperatures along the Italian coasts will range from 28°C to 32°C. That's great beach weather, especially on the Costa Smeralda. Urban areas such as Rome might experience slightly hotter conditions, with highs reaching 34°C. Clear skies and calm winds are expected throughout the week. This ensures ideal conditions for outdoor activities. Much cooler weather is expected in the mountains, hovering around the 20°C mark. Great news if you're travelling there!

Much higher temperatures are expected over Greece, as a strong high-pressure system will settle over the country. Temperatures of 38°C to 43°C can be expected in coastal areas. Forests around the many mountains in the country should be avoided as forest fires are common due to the extremely dry conditions. Temperatures at night will not be much better, ranging from 28°C to 32°C. This heatwave could extend for several days. Tourists are being advised not to stay outside in the late morning and early afternoon, particularly in the city of Athens. This is because the busy city is highly at risk of air pollution, which makes the heat worse. Above all, travellers and residents should stay hydrated and cool.

In Northern Europe, expect more extreme weather, but of the other kind. Much colder temperatures, hovering around 5°C, with thunderstorms and gusty winds, are forecast for Denmark. Further east, brace yourself for even more extreme weather: there's a chance of snowfall in Scandinavia and a blizzard in Lithuania, with temperatures crashing down to -5°C. If you're in the area, stay prepared!

And now, a look at the local weather. A strong breeze is expected on Monday as wind speeds reach force 6. This is due to a cold front from the Atlantic ~~ocean~~Ocean passing over Malta on Monday morning. Despite the stronger winds on Monday, no gales are expected. Still, it is advisable to secure any small and lightweight objects on roofs. Plant pots, for example, might fall on and seriously hurt ~~passersby~~passersby.

From Tuesday, the temperature will fall to a maximum of 29°C and remain partly cloudy until Wednesday. Wind speeds from Wednesday will go down to between force 3 and 5. Rain is expected on Thursday, bringing a slight drop in temperature to 27°C. The rain is set to clear by the end of the day. From Friday to Saturday, temperatures are expected to climb back to 29°C with cloud cover remaining.

That was the end of the weather forecast.

Adapted from <https://timesofmalta.com/articles/view/cooler-temperatures-expected-tuesday-rain-thursday-met-office.1051793>