



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 3. 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 a weather update and forecast from ABC Weather Europe.
Text	<i>Audio 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 the text for the second and last time. You may answer your questions while listening. You are going to listen to a weather update and forecast from ABC Weather Europe.
Teacher says:	This is the end of the English Listening Annual Examination, 2024.

LISTENING TEXT: AUDIO

Transcript

You are going to listen to a weather update and forecast from ABC Weather Europe.

This is John Barrister for ABC Weather. Thanks for joining me today, Wednesday, the 15th of May. Let's see what's happening on the weather front across Europe for the rest of the week. We remind you to check our ABC website to access details on the weather forecast of other international cities while for accurate weather forecasts and updates of your city, download the ABC met Weather App.

Now, for the weather update. It's pretty stormy across areas of Northern Italy. Thunderstorm warning, particularly for the region of Emilia-Romagna. People are being advised to limit their travels in northern Italy - following devastating floods that have killed at least 14 people and forced 35,000 to evacuate their homes. Earlier this week, 6 months' worth of rain fell in 37 hours in the region, particularly around Bologna. Many rivers have burst their banks, submerging entire towns and making some villages and hamlets entirely inaccessible. Though thousands of volunteers have started cleaning up, the region remains on red alert today and the rain will not let up until Friday. Strong northerly winds will affect the region reaching a maximum of Force 9 tomorrow morning but gradually losing strength by Friday. Temperatures will remain low at 5 degrees Celsius during the day and 2 degrees Celsius on Thursday and Friday night. The humidity in this area is high as expected, up to 98 percent at times.

Torrential rain triggered "Apocalyptic" stormy weather which wreaked havoc in Bosnia, Slovenia, and Croatia with experts warning that climate-related disasters are on the rise in southern Europe. Unfortunately, the weather will not improve tomorrow, Thursday, with the possibility of a hurricane in Croatia over the weekend. To make matters worse, the temperatures in Bosnia are way below the normal average for this time of year, reaching 2 degrees Celsius during the day and minus 3 degrees Celsius at night with humidity levels soaring up to 95 percent. In Slovenia, severe hailstones the size of tennis balls have been reported with considerable damage to both people and property.

North of that, however, we have a large area of high pressure very close to Ireland and the UK influencing the weather in France, Germany, and southern parts of Scandinavia while also extending its reach further eastwards towards Poland. It's not desperately warm across this part of the world. We do tend to get higher temperatures sometimes this time of the year, but it is pleasant enough, particularly in London where you can

enjoy sunny weather with a high of 20 degrees Celsius during the day and 12 degrees Celsius during the night. This nice spell will persist for a couple of days. The UV index of 3 is moderate but we still encourage you to take precautions by covering up, and wearing a hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen, especially if you will be outside for half an hour or more.

Now for a closer look at the weather in Spain.

While for many European places, March and April were cooler than previous years, Spain has been experiencing very warm and dry weather. With the driest March in twenty-one years, drought conditions are already strengthening, and wildfires have also been reported. In fact, temperatures are now in the mid to upper 30s, possibly very close to 40 degrees Celsius in southern Spain. The rest of the week shows no change in this area. Obviously, wind will be minimal to non-existent. With the extreme UV index of 11, one should definitely avoid being outside during midday hours and wearing a shirt, hat, and sunscreen is a must!

And here are the city forecasts. After hurricane Beta, Lisbon is experiencing the first intense heatwave of 2024 which will challenge the all-time heat records.

Dublin, sunshine all round. The same goes for Copenhagen. In Milan, showers and thunderstorms are certainly on the cards.

Elsewhere, Prague also looking beautiful and sunny but in Helsinki, we're expecting scattered showers.

That is all from me. We'll be back with an update tomorrow.

Adapted from:

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