



Annual Examinations for Middle Schools 2025

YEAR 7

**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 2025, English Listening Year 7 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 podcast about science experiments.
	<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 podcast about science experiments.
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 English Listening Annual Examination, 2025.

Transcript

Hi! I'm Ivy Jones. Welcome to Ivy's Wonder Lab, our bimonthly podcast for our budding scientists. Today, I'm going to tell you about two mind-blowing science experiments which you can easily do at home.

Ever wondered what it would be like to create the coolest, craziest, giant toothpaste you have ever seen? Well, today we're creating colourful, big foam in an experiment called Rainbow Toothpaste. For today's 'At-Home Experiment', we are going to create rainbow bubbles through the power of chemistry. For this, you need one bag of baking soda. You also need food colouring bottles. The more colours, the better. Science is more fun in colour. And finally, you need 800ml of vinegar. Before we begin, make sure there is a grown up nearby when you do this.

Here are the instructions. First, line a tray with baking soda. Shake the tray to make the soda flat. Add the food colouring by sprinkling the food colouring all over the baking powder until the food colouring looks like rainbow fireworks. Now, we are ready for our very special ingredient, vinegar. Vinegar is an acid and baking soda is a base. When we add these two together, it's going to create an acid-based reaction, which is going to produce a lot of carbon dioxide bubbles. Fill your spray bottle with vinegar and slowly squirt it on your tray and you'll get rainbow bubbles, just like that! You will surely hear the fizzing sound it makes. The quicker you squirt out the vinegar, the messier it becomes.

Now, onto our second experiment. Have you ever wondered if balloons can be used for more than just decorations? Well, today we'll find out. And spoiler alert...they absolutely can. For our second home experiment, we are going to make a hovercraft. What you need is a DVD, balloons, a cap from a sports bottle, and a hot glue gun. First, glue the bottle cap right to the centre of the DVD. Use the glue gun to do this, with a grown up's

help, of course. Be careful not to singe your fingers. Put copious amount of glue in the bottle cap before placing it on the DVD and then, press it to make sure it sticks. Make sure the bottle cap is closed. Next, take your balloon and inflate it. The bigger it is, the better the experiment will work. After that, put the balloon onto the bottle cap. It is vital that you do this very quickly and carefully, without letting out too much air. Pull the balloon down as far as it can go to cover the bottle cap. Place the DVD on a clean table. And then, when you're ready for your hovercraft to launch, open your bottle cap and your hovercraft is ready. What happens is that the air from the balloon pushes out, creating a thin film of air right underneath the DVD. It reduces the friction so that the DVD can just slide across the table. And just like that you have a working hovercraft.

That's it for today! Remember, stay curious and keep exploring!