

C1 Advanced Overview of the Listening Paper

Aims of the lesson	To familiarise students with the content of the Listening paper: the parts, task types, test focus, marking and timing.
Time needed	20 minutes
Materials required	Classroom Handout 1 (1 per student) C1 Advanced Handbook or access to the Cambridge English website with information for students

1. Ask the group what they can tell you about the CAE Listening paper, but keep this brief as it will all be covered in the activity. You could write their ideas on the board, and tick correct information/rub out incorrect information at the end. Make sure they know the terms 'multiple choice', 'multiple matching' and 'sentence completion'.

Timing: 5 mins

2. Give a copy of **Classroom Handout 1** to each member of the class and tell them to fold it in half (or you could cut the page in half beforehand.) Ask the class to work in pairs. Call the pairs A or B. Ask the As to look together at questions 1 – 9 and try to answer them. Ask the Bs to do the same with questions 10 – 18. Give them an appropriate time limit (e.g. five minutes). Depending on how familiar your students are with the Listening Paper, you may want to give them copies of the Listening section of the handbook (or specification document), along with the sample test in the handbook, to help them find the answers.

Timing: 5 mins

3. Regroup the whole class so that an A pair and a B pair now make a group of four. As should then ask each pair of Bs the B questions. Bs will have prepared answers for their questions. Then the Bs ask the As the A questions. As will have prepared answers for these. Alternatively, each A could work with a B in pairs.

Timing: 5 mins

4. Check their answers (**see Answer Key**). Discuss any queries with them. It may be useful to write a list of the parts on the board (below), and any points raised:

- 1 three short texts with multiple-choice questions
- 2 sentence completion
- 3 long text with multiple-choice questions
- 4 multiple matching: five speakers on one theme

Timing: 5 mins

For follow-up the students could look at the sample test and in pairs discuss which parts might be easier for them, and which more challenging, giving reasons why.

Classroom Handout 1

Fold the Handout in half. Your teacher will tell you if you are Pair A or B. Students A, look together at questions 1 – 9 and answer them. Students B, look together at questions 10 – 18 and answer them. You have 5 – 10 minutes for this.

A Questions

1. How many parts are there in the Listening paper?
2. How many marks do you get for each question?
3. How many questions are there in each part?
4. In which part/parts do you hear a monologue?
5. How many times do you hear each part?
6. In which part are you asked to do a sentence-completion task?
7. Which of these are you asked to listen for in Part 1?
a) detail b) gist c) attitude
8. Which of these tasks are you asked to do in Part 4?
a) sentence completion b) multiple choice c) multiple matching
9. Where do candidates write their answers?

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Questions

10. How long is the test in total?
11. How many questions are there in total?
12. In which part do you hear a conversation between two or more speakers?
13. How many options are there in each multiple-choice question in Part 1?
14. How many options are there in each multiple-choice question in Part 3?
15. How many speakers do you hear in Part 4?
16. Which of these are you asked to listen for in Part 2?
a) attitude b) detail c) gist
17. In which part/parts might you be asked to recognise a speaker's attitude?
18. How much time do you have to transfer your answers to the answer sheet?

Answers to Classroom Handout 1

1. **How many parts are there in the Listening paper?**
There are four parts. Each part contains a recorded text or texts and a corresponding task.
2. **How many marks do you get for each question?**
Each question in the paper carries one mark.
3. **How many questions are there in each part?**
Parts 1 and 3 have six questions each, Part 2 has eight questions and Part 4 has ten questions.
4. **In which part/parts do you hear a monologue?**
Part 2 features an informational monologue, and in Part 4 there are five themed monologues.
5. **How many times do you hear each part?**
twice
6. **In which part are you asked to do a sentence-completion task?**
in Part 2
7. **Which of these are you asked to listen for in Part 1?**
a) detail b) gist c) attitude
You could be asked to listen to all of these, along with feeling, opinion, speaker's purpose, function, agreement and listener's course of action.
8. **Which of these tasks are you asked to do in Part 4?**
a) sentence completion b) multiple choice c) multiple matching
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9. **Where do candidates write their answers?**
Candidates can write their answers on the question paper but they have to transfer their answers to the answer sheet after the recording has finished. 5 minutes are allowed for transfer time.
10. **How long is the test in total?**
approximately 40 minutes
11. **How many questions are there in total?**
30
12. **In which part do you hear a conversation between two or more speakers?**
in Part 3
13. **How many options are there in each multiple-choice question in Part 1?**
three
14. **How many options are there in each multiple-choice question in Part 3?**
four