Linguaskill Reading and Listening

Reading and Listening test advice for the candidate

Before the test

- Look at the sample test so that you are familiar with the types of questions in the test. This is on the Linguaskill website
- For more information you can read the test format and task types section, also on the website

General test information

- Remember, Linguaskill is an adaptive test. Some questions might be easy and some will be more difficult. The computer chooses the questions based on your previous answers
- Click on the forward arrow to move to the next screen
- You can change your answer to any question on the same screen, but you cannot go back to a previous screen
- The Listening test is first and the Reading test is second
- To show you how much of the test you have completed, there will either be a progress indicator at the bottom of the screen or a timer

At the start of the test

- Use the sound check page to make sure your headphones are working

Listening test advice

- The recordings in the Listening test will play automatically
- You will have some time to read the questions before the recording begins
- You will hear all the recordings twice with a pause between them
- You will need to click on the forward arrow to move to the next task

Advice for short tasks with pictures (Listen and select)

- There is a 10 second pause at the start for you to read the question and look at all three pictures before the recording begins
- Listen and choose the correct option
- Listen again and check your answer

Advice for short tasks without images (Listen and select)

- There is a 10 second pause at the start
- Read the question and look at the options before the recording begins
- Listen and choose the correct option
- Listen again and check your answer
Advice for longer tasks with more than one question (Extended listening)

- There is a 45 second pause at the start for you to read the questions and look at the options before the recording begins
- Listen and choose the correct option for each question
- Listen again and check your answers

Reading test advice

Advice for short tasks with picture/text (Read and select)

- Look at the picture / read the text
- Choose the correct option

Advice for short tasks with no picture (Gapped sentences)

- Read the sentence
- Choose the correct option for the gap

Advice for short tasks with no picture (Social dialogues)

- Read the sentence or question
- Choose the correct response

Advice for longer reading tasks (Extended reading)

- Read the text
- Choose the correct option for each question

Advice for longer texts with gaps and options (Multiple-choice gap-fill)

- Read the text
- Click on each gap and choose the correct option

Advice for longer texts with gaps and no options (Open gap-fill)

- Read the text
- Type ONE word only in each gap