

## Overview of the B1 Preliminary for Schools Listening Paper – Teacher’s Notes

<b>Aims:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to familiarise students with the contents of the B1 Preliminary for Schools Listening Paper</li> </ul>
<b>Materials required:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student handout 1</li> <li>Handbook for teachers</li> <li>Follow-up activity (optional)</li> </ul>
<b>Time required:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>30 minutes</li> </ul>

### Procedure

- Tell students they are going to learn about the B1 Preliminary for Schools Listening test. Divide the class into teams of around 5 students.
- Give each student a copy of **Student Handout 1**, which contains information about the B1 Preliminary for Schools Listening paper.
- Write the following numbers on the board, or dictate them for students to write down:  
1   2   3   4   6   7   15   25   35  
*Timing: 5 mins*
- Ask the teams to write questions based on the information in **Student Handout 1** to which these numbers are the answers. Sometimes there is more than one possible question – teams should write as many questions as possible, so they may write more than one question for each number. Give the students an example, ‘How many questions are there in the B1 Preliminary for schools Listening paper?’ (Answer: 25)  
*Timing: 12 mins*
- Ask teams to read out their questions to the class, so that the others can answer. Ask students to turn over the handout at this stage, so they can see how much they can remember. Give a team a point for each correct answer and correctly formulated question (see **Answer key**).  
*Timing: 13 mins*

### Suggested follow-up activities:

- When you give students a listening practice test, you could also get them to practise using the answer sheet.
- Ask students if they have any questions. Have your **Handbook for teachers** ready.

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### Student Handout 1

There are 25 questions in the Listening paper. There are four parts to the paper. The paper lasts about 35 minutes. You get one mark for each correct answer. The Listening paper has 25% of the total marks in the B1 Preliminary for Schools examination.

In the Listening paper, you hear 15 separate recordings each with different speakers and a different topic.

There are seven short recordings in Part 1, six short recordings in Part 2 and one long recording in each of Parts 3 and 4. You hear each recording twice.

In Part 1 there are seven questions. For each question, you listen to a short recording and answer a question. You choose the picture A, B or C which answers the question. Each recording is two people talking.

In Part 2 there are six questions. For each question you listen to a short recording and choose the option which best answers the question or completes the sentences. The recording is usually a conversation between two friends.

In Part 3 there are six questions. There is one long recording with six gaps to complete. You listen and write the missing word or words in each space (candidates need to remember they cannot write more than two words in each gap). You hear one speaker giving the information.

In Part 4 there are six questions. There is one long recording with six multiple-choice questions. You listen to the recording and choose the correct answer from a choice of three options. The recording is usually one speaker giving information to an interviewer/second speaker.

At the end, you have six minutes to copy your answers on to the answer sheet.

**Answer key**

Possible questions – accept any others which are correct:

How many speakers do you hear in Part 3? Which part of the paper has pictures? **Answer: 1**

How many times do you hear each recording? Which part has six short conversations? **Answer: 2**

How many choices are there in the multiple-choice questions? In which part do you write words? **Answer: 3**

How many parts are there in the paper? **Answer: 4**

In which part do you have six multiple-choice answers? **Answer: 2 and 4**

How many minutes do you have to copy your answers onto the answer sheet? **Answer: 6**

How many questions are there in Part 1? **Answer: 7**


How many different recordings do you hear? **Answer: 15**

How many questions are there in the whole paper? **Answer: 25**

How long does the whole paper last? **Answer: about 35 minutes**

Accept any correct questions, the students will be able to familiarise themselves with the details of the different parts of the Listening paper in activities relating to those parts.

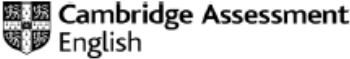
## B1 Preliminary for Schools Listening: Candidate Answer Sheet



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<b>Candidate Name</b>	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>	<b>Candidate Number</b>	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
<b>Centre Name</b>	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>	<b>Centre Number</b>	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
<b>Examination Title</b>	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>	<b>Examination Details</b>	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
<b>Candidate Signature</b>	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>	<b>Assessment Date</b>	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>

**Supervisor: If the candidate is ABSENT or has WITHDRAWN shade here**

**Preliminary for Schools Listening Candidate Answer Sheet**

**Instructions**  
Use a **PENCIL (B or HB)**. Rub out any answer you want to change with an eraser.

**For Parts 1, 2 and 4:**  
Mark one letter for each answer. For example: If you think **A** is the right answer to the question, mark your answer sheet like this:

0	A	B	C
○	○	○	○

**For Part 3:**  
Write your answers clearly in the spaces next to the numbers (14 to 19) like this:

0	E	N	G	L	I	S	H
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Write your answers in **CAPITAL LETTERS**.

Part 1			
1	A	B	C
	○	○	○
2	A	B	C
	○	○	○
3	A	B	C
	○	○	○
4	A	B	C
	○	○	○
5	A	B	C
	○	○	○
6	A	B	C
	○	○	○
7	A	B	C
	○	○	○


Part 2			
8	A	B	C
	○	○	○
9	A	B	C
	○	○	○
10	A	B	C
	○	○	○
11	A	B	C
	○	○	○
12	A	B	C
	○	○	○
13	A	B	C
	○	○	○

Part 3	Do not write below here
14	14 1 0
	○ ○
15	15 1 0
	○ ○
16	16 1 0
	○ ○
17	17 1 0
	○ ○
18	18 1 0
	○ ○
19	19 1 0
	○ ○

Part 4			
20	A	B	C
	○	○	○
21	A	B	C
	○	○	○
22	A	B	C
	○	○	○
23	A	B	C
	○	○	○
24	A	B	C
	○	○	○
25	A	B	C
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