

## Overview of A2 Key for Schools Paper 2 Listening – Teacher’s Notes

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**Aims:**                      ▪ to familiarise students with the A2 Key for Schools Paper 2 Listening

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**Materials required:**                      ▪ Student handout  
     ▪ A2 Key for Schools Handbook for Teachers  
     ▪ Follow-up activity (optional)

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**Time required:**                      ▪ 30 minutes

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### Procedure

1. Tell students they are going to learn about Paper 2 of the A2 Key for Schools Listening test. Divide the class into teams of around 5 students.
2. Give each student a copy of **Handout 1**, which contains information about A2 Key for Schools Paper 2 Listening.
3. Write the following numbers on the board, or dictate them for students to write down:  
                     2            3            5            6            13            25            35  
                     *Timing: 5 mins*
4. Ask the teams to write questions based on the information in **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.  
                     *Timing: 12 mins*
5. Ask teams to read out their questions to the class, so that the others can answer. Ask students to turn over **Handout 1** 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:

1. If you want students to practise using the answer sheet, photocopy it from the **handbook**, write up answers on the board and ask the students to fill in the lozenges in pencil. Set a time limit of 6 minutes to do the task.
2. Ask students if they have any questions. Have the **Handbook for Teachers** ready.



**Overview A2 Key for Schools Listening****Student Handout**

There are 25 questions in the Listening paper. There are five parts. The paper lasts about 30 minutes. You get one mark for each correct answer.

In the Listening paper, you hear 13 recordings. There are five recordings in Part 1 and Part 4. In Parts 2, 3 and 5 there is one recording in each part. You hear each recording twice.

In Part 1 there are five questions. For each question, you listen to a short recording and answer a question. Each recording consists of two people talking. The answers to the questions are pictures.

In Part 2 you listen to a monologue. You listen and you write words or numbers to fill in five gaps. It is important to spell the words correctly.

In Part 3 there are five multiple-choice questions. There is one recording of two people talking. You listen to the recording and choose the correct answer A, B, or C.

In Part 4 there are five multiple-choice questions. There are five recordings of one or two people talking. You listen to the recordings and choose the correct answer A, B, or C.

In Part 5 there are two lists. All the words in each list are from the same lexical set (for example, friends, family members, birthday presents. The first list might be five different places or five people (for example, Jane, Julia, Karl, Emma, Anton). In the second list there are eight words or short phrases (for example, clothes, music, food). You listen to a recording of two people talking and match words from the two lists.

At the end, you have 6 minutes to copy your answers on to the answer sheet.

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### Answer key

Possible questions – accept any others which are correct:

**How many times do you hear each recording? In which part do you write words or numbers?** 2

**How many choices are there in the multiple-choice questions?** 3

**How many parts are there in the paper? How many questions are there in each part? How many recordings are there in Part 1 and Part 4?** 5

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


**How many different recordings do you hear?** 13

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

**How long does the whole paper last?** about 30 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.

### A2 Key for Schools Listening: Candidate Answer Sheet



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**Cambridge Assessment English**

Candidate Name

Centre Name

Examination Title

Candidate Signature

Candidate Number

Centre Number

Examination Details

Assessment Date

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

**Key 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, 3, 4 and 5:**  
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:

**For Part 2:**  
Write your answers clearly in the spaces next to the numbers (6 to 10) like this:

0 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C

0 ☐ E ☐ N ☐ G ☐ L ☐ I ☐ S ☐ H

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

**Part 2**

6	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
7	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
8	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
9	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
10	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>

**Part 3**

11	A	B	C
12	A	B	C
13	A	B	C
14	A	B	C
15	A	B	C

**Part 4**

16	A	B	C
17	A	B	C
18	A	B	C
19	A	B	C
20	A	B	C

**Part 5**

21	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
22	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
23	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
24	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
25	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H

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