

PET: PRELIMINARY ENGLISH TEST

LISTENING PARTS 1 - 2

PET (PRELIMINARY ENGLISH TEST) LISTENING PART 1 - 2 TIPS

In the **PET listening exam**, there are **4 parts**.

You might hear **monologues** (one person speaking) or **dialogues** (two people having a conversation). The topics will generally be neutral or informal and they will be on a range of everyday topics.

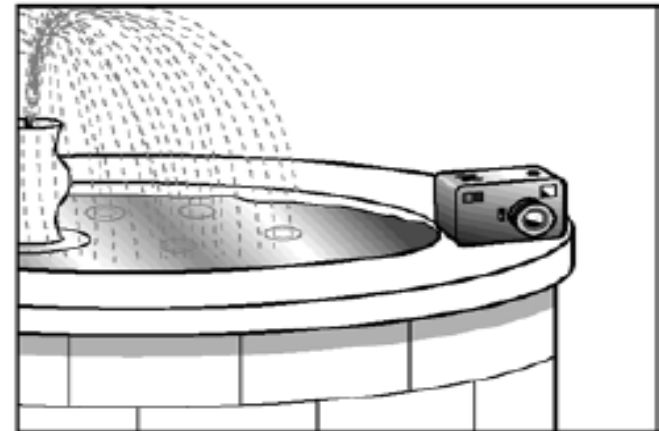
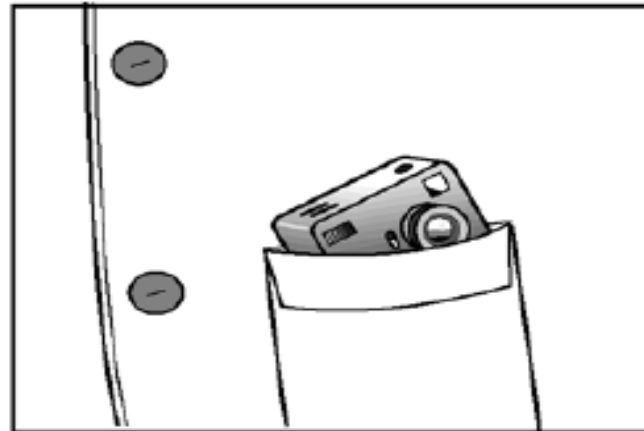
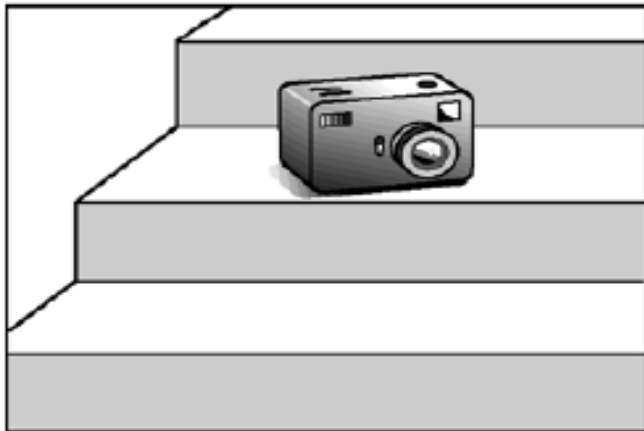
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In this part, you will be given 7 short listening texts, and for each one you will have a question with three pictures (A, B or C). You have to listen to each recording and choose the right answer from the 3 choices. Here's an example of such a question:

Example: Where did the man leave his camera?



A

B

C

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HOW TO DO PART 1-TIPS

Because the answers will always be visual, this might make it sound easy. However, you will have to pay attention to the details in each small picture.

When deciding the answer, there are certain things you will need to remember or do:

- ▶ Always read the question carefully and look at the pictures before you listen.
- ▶ Know the answers can be at the **start, middle or end** of each recording. **They might try to trick you** by putting what could be the answer at the start, when the key information is at the end.
- ▶ You might need to listen for a lot of information, or sometimes only one small detail. **If a picture is quite detailed, then you will have to pay extra attention to the details.**

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Man: Oh no, I haven't got my camera!

Woman: But you used it just now to take a photograph of the fountain.

*Man: Oh! I remember. I put it down on the steps
while I put my coat on.*

Woman: Well, let's try back quickly, it might still be there.

You can see from this answer that she mentions all three: **Fountain**, **a coat and the steps**. However, the answer is clearly the t-shirt. They will nearly always mention something about all the pictures, so you will have to pay special attention to what's being said.

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LET'S START...

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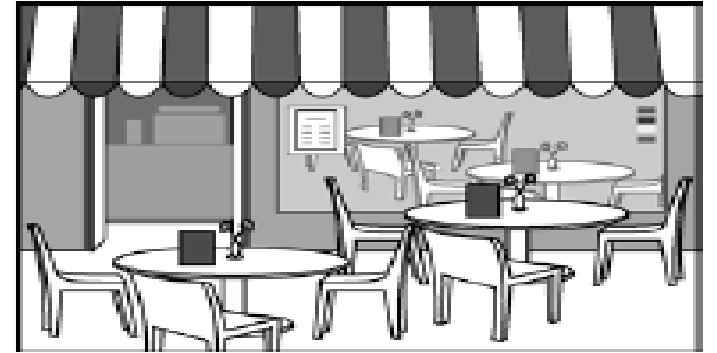
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A

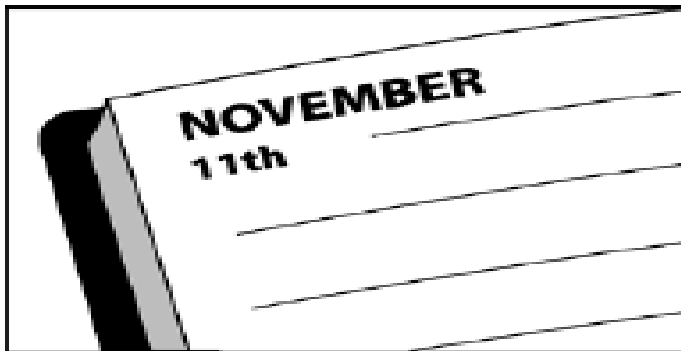


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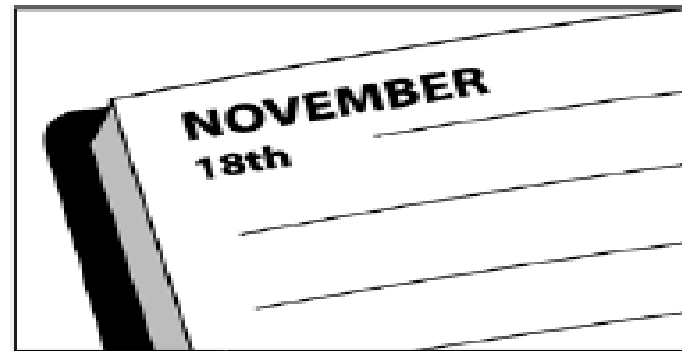


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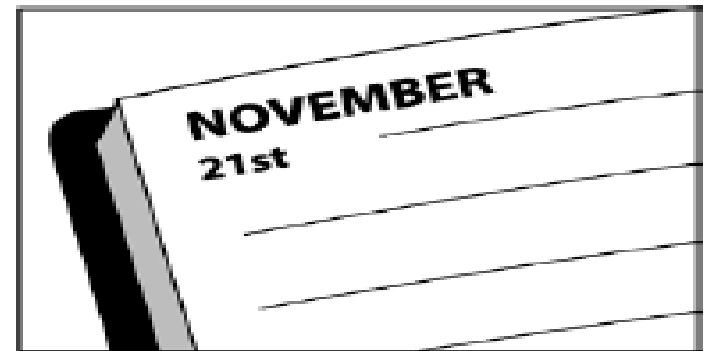
2 When will the man go to see the dentist?



A



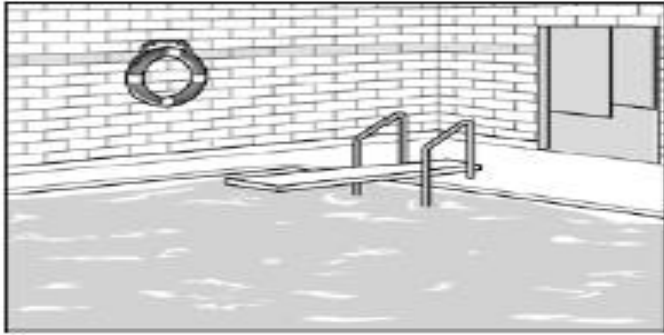
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C

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3 Where are they at the moment?



A

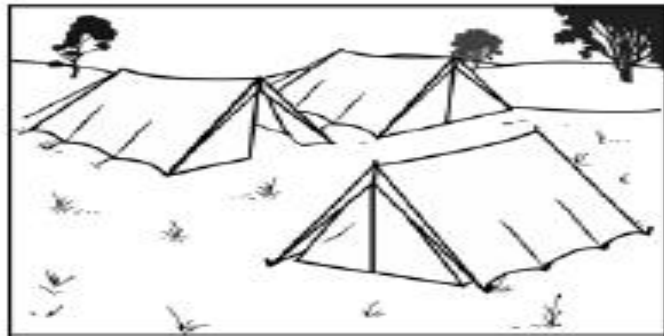


B



C

4 Where did the man stay on holiday?



A



B



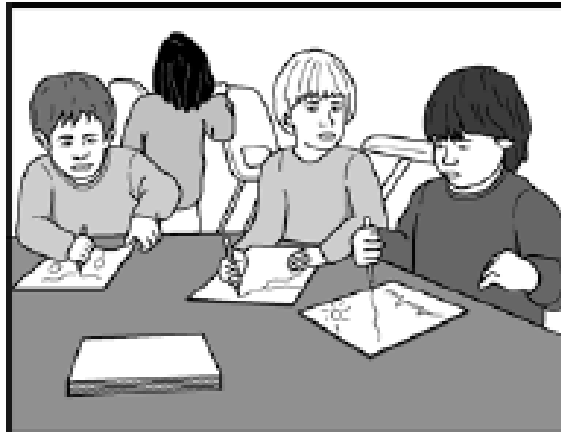
C

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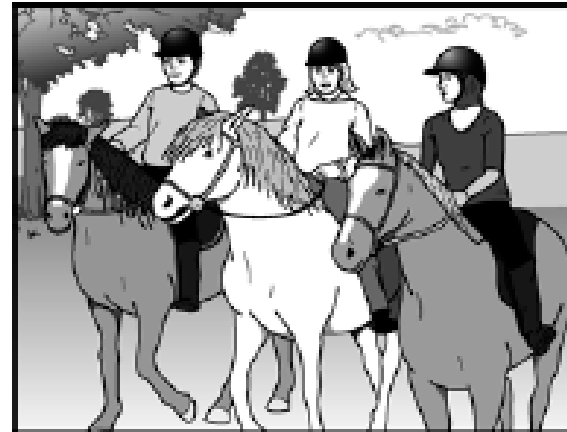
5 Who is the man going to work with?



A



B



C

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6 Where is the boy at the moment?



A



B



C

7 Which goods are reduced in price in the store now?



A



B



C

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LISTENING PART 2...

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This part has 6 multiple-choice questions, but you will hear 1 long monologue or 1 interview here. You have to listen to the recording and choose the right answer **A**, **B** or **C**. You will need to listen to identify specific information and detailed meaning. Here is an example:

8 In Peter's first book, the story takes place in

A a country which he's recently been to.

B a country where he lived as a child.

C the country where he was born.

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When deciding the answer, there are certain things you will need to remember or do:

- ▶ The questions will often use **different words from the recording**, so think about synonyms and paraphrasing.
- ▶ If you don't hear the answer to one question, don't worry about it. Keep focused or you could miss the answer to the next. Remember you always get 2 chances to listen to the recording.
- ▶ Before the recording starts, you get some time to read through the instructions and questions, you should use this to help you focus on and understand what you are likely to hear.

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Woman: *Tonight I'm delighted to welcome the writer Peter Taylor*

Peter: *Good evening.*

Woman : *Peter, your books are all set in different countries, aren't they?*

Peter: *Yes, well... I was born in South Africa and I still live there. Everything in my novels happen in countries I know. I began writing a novel about a family living in Kenya. I spent a couple of years there when I was growing up. My most recent book was about Morocco. I spent several months there last year.*

Woman: *I see. So when did you first visit England?*

As you can see, the recording uses language that appears in all three answers. However, you have to pay attention and listen for the correct one. The answer will nearly always be paraphrased so make sure you are prepared for that.

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9 When Peter first went to England, he visited his

A grandfather.

B uncle and aunt.

C cousins.

10 Peter spends most of his year

A near the beach.

B in a city.

C at his farm.

11 What problem did Peter have in the desert?

A His vehicle broke down.

B He didn't have enough water.

C He was frightened by an animal.

LISTENING PART 2

12 In his spare time, Peter usually

A goes to the cinema.

B gets together with friends.

C does photography.

13 What does Peter want to do in the future?

A publish another novel

B write a history book

C spend more time travelling

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HOW WAS IT?

CORRECT

WRONG

PART 1:

PART 2: