

This listening comprehension test will test your ability to understand spoken English. There are three parts to this test. Special instructions will be given to you at the beginning of each part.

Part 1: Short Conversations and Talks

In this part of the test, you will hear **fifteen** short conversations and talks. At the end of each conversation and talk, you will be asked a question about what was said. You will hear each conversation, talk and question **JUST ONE TIME**. You may make notes in your test booklet as you listen. After you hear the question, read the four choices in your test booklet and choose the best answer to the question you have heard. Please write your answers on your answer sheet.

Part 2: Long Conversations

In this part of the test, you will hear **two** long conversations. You will hear each of them **JUST ONE TIME**. You may make notes in your test booklet as you listen.

Before you listen to each conversation, you will have **thirty to forty-five** seconds to read the instructions and questions which are printed in your test booklet.

After you hear each conversation, you will have **two to four** minutes to answer the questions. Please write your answers on your answer sheet. Use a word, phrase, or short sentence that best answers the questions. In the case of multiple choice questions, select the correct answer from the choices and write the letter (A, B, C, or D) corresponding to your correct choice.

Part 3: Long Talks

In this part of the test, you will hear **two** long talks. You will hear each of them **JUST ONE TIME**. You may make notes in your test booklet as you listen.

Before you listen to each talk, you will have **thirty to forty-five** seconds to read the instructions and questions which are printed in your test booklet.

After you hear each talk, you will have **two to four** minutes to answer the questions. Please write your answers on your answer sheet. Use a word, phrase, or short sentence that best answers the questions. In the case of multiple choice questions, select the correct answer from the choices and write the letter (A, B, C, or D) corresponding to your correct choice.

Part 1: Short Conversations and Talks

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1. A. They're poor housekeepers.
B. They just moved into a house.
C. They're cleaning the house before guests arrive.
D. They just returned home from a vacation.
2. A. Express her opinions more clearly.
B. Make another copy of her paper.
C. Indicate her sources in the paper.
D. Correct some grammatical errors.
3. A. They're planning a trip to Switzerland.
B. They wish they could travel like Ruth.
C. They don't think Ruth is responsible.
D. They feel Ruth shouldn't have left.
4. A. Stay away from Tim.
B. Forgive Tim's rudeness.
C. Ask for Tim's permission.
D. Challenge Tim about his behavior.
5. A. At the end of the second term.
B. After February 21.
C. On May 21.
D. In the next two days.
6. A. The company is busy with earlier orders.
B. The customer ordered more than 1,000 units.
C. The microphone is out of stock now.
D. The customer is getting a discount.
7. A. She'd rather have watched another program.
B. She didn't finish watching the movie.
C. It was an exciting movie.
D. It was based on a real life story.
8. A. Why dancing was added to caroling.
B. How the meaning of the word "carol" changed.
C. The spread of Christmas carols internationally.
D. The function of carols today.
9. A. It lowered global temperatures.
B. It led to another volcanic eruption.
C. It enlarged the holes in the ozone layer.
D. It caused droughts in both hemispheres.
10. A. The rain poured in the windows.
B. Water rushed in under the door.
C. Water came through the ceiling.
D. The pipes burst, flooding the apartment.
11. A. He feels the actors weren't directed well.
B. He's impressed by the group's fine acting.
C. He likes everything except the sets.
D. He's satisfied with the overall effect.
12. A. Endangered species in Guatemala.
B. Adult literacy campaigns.
C. The plight of aboriginal people.
D. The battle against terrorism.
13. A. The unpleasantness for the mother.
B. The mother's nesting habits.
C. The large number of eggs.
D. The father's role at the birth.
14. A. Purchasing more high-quality objects.
B. Organizing its museum collections.
C. Protecting natural preserves.
D. Building a new cultural center.
15. A. Smaller size.
B. Greater weight.
C. Increased shock absorption.
D. More power.

Part 2: Long Conversations

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Questions 16-20

Listen to the following interview with a writer of horror novels and answer each question with a word, phrase or short sentence.

16. When did Taylor realize that he loved to write?
17. Did Taylor's first book come out before, during, or after he worked in advertising?
18. What does Taylor prefer to call the kind of book he writes?
19. In Taylor's opinion, why do people read horror novels?
20. Which would be the best title for Taylor's next book?
 - A. Fright Masters.
 - B. Final Trap.
 - C. Wasted Years.
 - D. Black Death.

Questions 21-27

Listen to the following discussion between a man and a woman about a subject which the woman has been reading about and then fill in the missing information. Each answer will require just a word, phrase or short sentence.

The **overall subject** of the article Carol has been reading: **(21)** _____

The **four specific types of people** Carol mentioned:

Type	Number of People
Type I: (22)	35 million
Type II: (23)	30 million
Type III: People who (24) because (25)	60 million
Type IV: People from (26) relocating in (27)	80 million



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Part 3: Long Talks

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Questions 28-34

Listen to part of a lecture given at a conference and answer each question with a word, phrase or short sentence.

Hospital Innovation

28. According to the speaker, what did hospitals neglect to consider in the past?

29. What is the **first** major innovation that the speaker mentions?

30. How could new hospital buildings implement this?

What three alternative ways does the speaker mention for implementing this?

31. _____

32. _____

33. _____

34. What is the **second** major innovation that the speaker mentions?

Questions 35-40

Listen to the following news report about modern-day pirates and then fill in the missing information. Each answer will require just a word, phrase or short sentence.

Modern-day Pirates**Two trends in modern-day piracy:**

1. The number of attacks is **(35)** _____

2. Pirates are becoming **(36)** _____

High risk areas:

1. Harbors in Brazil because **(37)** _____

2. South East Asian waters because **(38)** _____

Two reasons why shipping companies don't report attacks to the police:

1. Higher **(39)** _____ would result.

2. Stolen ships and cargo are difficult to recover.

Two main purposes of the Piracy Center:

1. To help ships report both attacks and attempted attacks

2. **(40)** _____