

Proulex EPT B1 Listening

In the Listening section, there is a focus on the ability to understand meaning in communicative contexts. This section is divided into three parts. In the first part, candidates will hear a variety of short monologues or dialogues and will be required to identify key information by answering multiple choice questions. In the second part, candidates will listen to a longer piece of text where a topic is discussed in depth and they will be required to identify some general information and some detail by answering multiple choice questions. In the third part, candidates will hear comments from at least three different speakers related to the topic of the discussion from the second part. Candidates will be required to identify the gist, attitude and opinions of the speakers by responding to true/false statements. The listening texts reflect topics which students would encounter in daily life or educational settings. Candidates will only hear each recording once so the challenge of real life listening will be reflected. Some questions will show a speaker's mood or attitude towards content requiring candidates to notice stress and intonation as well as information. A variety of English accents will be used by the speakers to reflect the global nature of English.

General description of the listening test

The listening is divided into three sections. There is a total of **25 questions**. Each of these questions is worth one point. In total the listening is worth **25% of the test grade**.

Paper Format	Divided into three sections
Timing	20 minutes
Task Types	Multiple choice /true/false/
Sources	Daily conversation as reflected in the media such as radio and podcasts
Grading Criteria	There are a total of 25 questions. Each question is worth one point for a total of 25.
Length of the listening	The discussion is about four minutes long. Students will be given time to read the questions before they listen to each section, and time to transfer their answers at the end of the test.

Section 1 description

In section one, candidates listen to eight short conversations where they will hear conversations about everyday topics suitable for the **B1 level**. They are required to listen with attention in order to answer a question that will require them to focus either on the gist or details from the exchange. As well as conversations some announcements or recorded messages may be included.

Section 2 description

In section two, candidates hear an in depth discussion about a topic and are required to distinguish fact from opinion and to listen for key pieces of information.

Section 3 description

In section three, candidates listen to different people commenting on the topic of the discussion in section two. They will need to pay specific attention to the stress and intonation used by the speakers to convey their meaning.

Constructs measured in listening

Listening for gist	-Listening for general understanding -Recognize how details embody a more general concept
Listening for detail	-Identify key information at the word level
Listening for attitude	-Identify the mood or attitude of speakers