

GA Entry 3/B1 CERTIFICATE IN ESOL INTERNATIONAL LISTENING RECORDING TRANSCRIPTS: Sample 1

Listening Task 1:

SPEAKER	MALE / FEMALE	ACCENT
Mr Smith	Male	Standard English
Lizzie	Female	Standard English

Lizzie: Hello, Green Family Farm, Lizzie speaking, how can I help you?

Caller: Oh, hello, yes... I'm calling about the fund raising event at the farm this weekend. I read about it on your website. What time are the activities starting? I'm thinking of bringing my family.

Lizzie: OK, we're open to visitors from 9 o'clock on Saturday morning, but the first event is scheduled to start about half past nine. We'll be open until 5 o'clock, though of course it will start to get quieter in the late afternoon, probably from about 4.

Caller: Is it free entry? I can't remember from the website.

Lizzie: It's free entry for children under twelve. Children over 12 and adults have to buy an entry ticket, but they are only £3.50 each. You can buy tickets when you get here. There's no need to buy in advance but if you book online you get a 10 per cent discount.

Caller: Oh, that's OK, we'll probably just get the tickets when we get there. Can you tell me... what children's activities will there be?

Lizzie: There'll be lots for the children to do! We have face painting, art and craft activities, as well as the opportunity to meet the farm animals. We only ask that the children do not feed any of the animals during the visit.

Caller: That all sounds great fun for the kids. And what about the adults? What can they enjoy?

Lizzie: We've got the vegetable and flower growing displays, and lots of locally produced food on sale, including breads, cakes and ice cream. We'll also have a hot food stall selling sausages and burgers. Of course, you'll also be able to walk around the farm and meet the animals. I am sure that the adults will enjoy the day as much as the children.

Caller: Well, that all sounds like a lovely day out for all of us. Can you help me with some directions to the farm? I'll be travelling on the A57 to get there.

Lizzie: It's really easy to find – from the A57.... Hmm... OK, do you know where the post office is as you come out of the village?

Caller: Yes, the one next to the old church, right?

Lizzie. Exactly. Take the second turning left after the post office.

Caller: First turning left?

Lizzie: No no, the second turning left. Then follow the road for about one kilometre, and you'll see the entry to the farm on your right.

Caller: Thanks, that's really helpful, it sounds perfect. We'll see you all there on Saturday then. Thanks for your help. Bye!

Lizzie: You're welcome. Bye!

Listening Task 2:

SPEAKER	MALE / FEMALE	ACCENT
Simon	Male	Standard English

Oh hi Margaret, it's Simon here from the college. Sorry to ring you so late in the evening. I'm calling about that job application you mentioned earlier today. I know you were in a rush and didn't get chance to talk about it. Of course I'll help you write your CV. I did it a lot when I worked in the Careers Centre. I think I still know all the tricks that people use when writing their CV.

I'm busy tomorrow but can meet you on Tuesday morning if you're free. We can take a look at it then. What was the job again? Something about helping out at the town hall offices? You did mention a couple of jobs but you said that one was better than the other. I know you've done some office work before, so I don't think it'll be difficult... We could also practice some interview questions, I guess. Do you want to do that?

Let me know when you're free. Unfortunately, my diary is fully booked on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. That means if you can't do Tuesday then we're talking about next week, unless of course you want to do it at the weekend. I'm free then. CVs can take a while to write. I can never remember when I did my exams. I always have to find the original certificates, which takes time. But, the sooner we start, the sooner we can get it sent off.

Would you prefer to do it over a coffee? How about meeting at the café on Wilson Street? I can come and pick you up on my way. If you want to do that, then call me back and we'll agree what we're doing and when.... Oh, and if we're going out to do it, print out a copy of the job advert so I can see what it is you're applying for! My number's 0785 145765. OK then, got to rush off again, see you later. Bye.

Listening Task 3:

SPEAKER	MALE / FEMALE	ACCENT
Speaker 1	Female	Standard English
Speaker 2	Male	Standard English
Speaker 3	Female	Standard English

Speaker 1:

I really love burgers, chips, pizza and other fast-food. What could be nicer? Of course, I don't eat them every meal but once or twice a week isn't going to do you any harm. I enjoy a nice big beef burger but with tomatoes and lettuce, so it isn't too unhealthy. You can get a low-fat burger and it's still fast-food. Things like tomato sauce and mustard are actually really good for you and pizza is perfectly healthy. The Italians have eaten it for hundreds of years and they live a long time.

Speaker 2:

I love fast food and I eat it every day. So what if it's a bit unhealthy? So is smoking, drugs or not getting enough exercise. In fact, they are far worse. I might be a few kilos overweight but there are plenty of people bigger than me who live on salads. It's all about what you do with the rest of your life and I'm always busy so I don't have time to cook my own meals. They take so long. I think it's better to eat fast-food than nothing.

Speaker 3:

Fast-food isn't really for me. I prefer traditional food like pasta and I really enjoy the taste of fresh fruit and vegetables. You can make some great tasting meals from eggs, cheese, mushrooms and salad. You just need to have an imagination. The best meal I know is really tasty and not fast-food. I just love to eat a salad with wild mushrooms and a spicy dressing. It's delicious and I eat it all the time. I think fast-food is really unhealthy and leads to obesity, heart disease and strokes. My advice is... avoid.