

7 points for listening exam success



Prepare for the exam by remembering these helpful tips

1 Maximise your 5 minutes' reading time by:

- underlining or highlighting key words
- reading instructions carefully
- paying attention to questions that have two parts to be answered from the same extract.

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2 Listen carefully to the whole extract -

don't base your answer on the first thing you hear.

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3 Answer Section B in the language you've studied - not English.

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4 Try to answer every question -

it's better to attempt questions than leave a gap, especially multiple choice questions.

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5 Look carefully at the specific information the question asks for -

use any examples provided.

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6 Don't give up if you come across a hard question -

there are low, medium and high demand questions throughout the paper.

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7 If the question asks for one reason or one detail -

only give one.

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1

Read the introduction to the question carefully.

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Try to answer every question -

it's better to attempt questions than leave a gap, especially multiple choice questions.

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Read the whole sentence to get all the relevant information -

for example if you think the answer is 'P' (positive), read on to make sure that the correct answer is not in fact 'P and N' (positive and negative).

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Don't copy whole chunks of text -

you might include the wrong answer as well as the right answer.

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If the question asks for one reason or one detail -

only give one.

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Leave yourself enough time to complete the translation -

manage your time across the different sections of the paper.

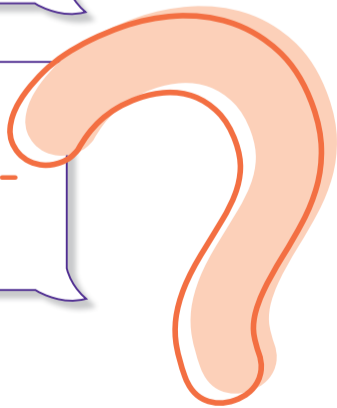
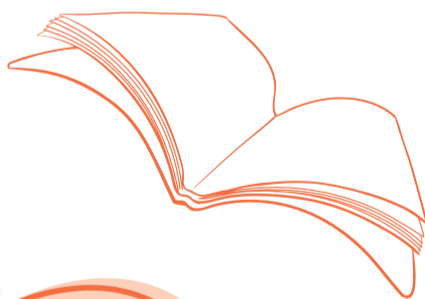
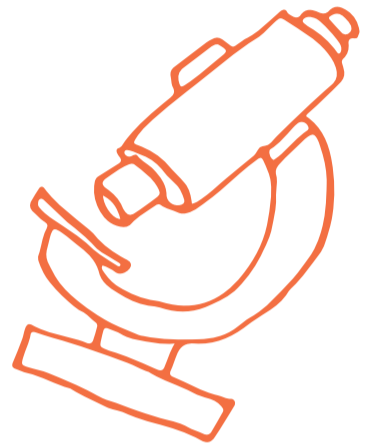
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Don't give up on the translation if you come across something you find difficult -

other parts will be easier.

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Check your translation carefully to make sure you don't miss anything out.



7 points for writing exam success



Prepare for the exam by remembering these helpful tips

1

Aim to write roughly the suggested number of words.

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Plan your answer before starting to write.

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Identify the bullet points that target past/present/future time frames.

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Refer to all bullet points and tick them off once you've covered them.

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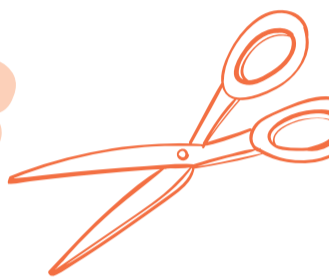
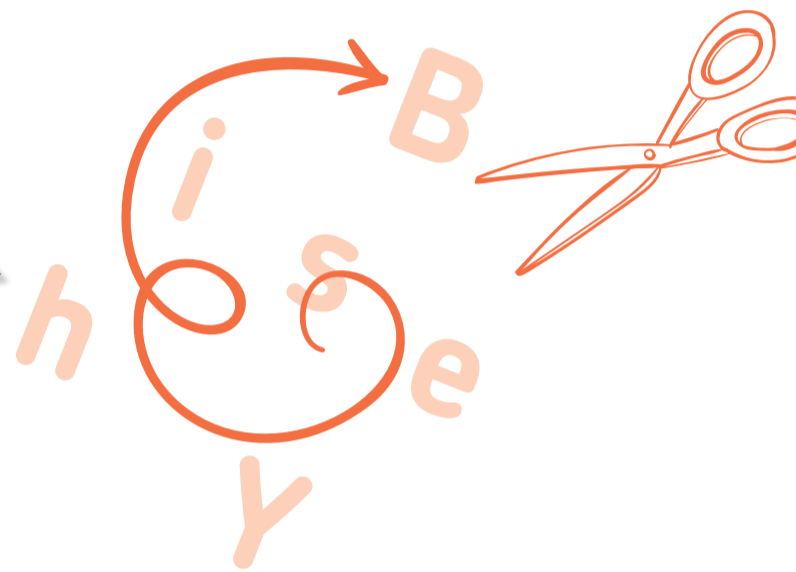
Make sure you include opinions and justifications as required by the task.

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In some cases, the language of the bullet points can be used to help you write a successful response.

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Read what you've written carefully and check your verb formations are accurate.



4 points for speaking exam success



Prepare for the exam by remembering these helpful tips

1 Role play

- Read the introduction carefully – it'll help you understand the scenario.
- Write down what you're going to say for each of the bullet points.
- If a bullet point asks for 'one detail', only prepare one.
- Listen carefully to the question for the unprepared task – there might be two parts.
- Make sure you know common question words such as 'when', 'what', 'how' and 'where'.

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Practise asking for a question to be repeated in the language you've studied.

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3 Photo card

- For each of the three questions on the card:
 - prepare at least three sentences
 - remember to use a verb in each one.
- One of the prepared questions at Foundation tier will need an answer in a time frame other than the present.
- At Higher tier, one question will need an answer which refers to a future event and another question will need an answer which refers to a past event.
- Listen carefully to unseen questions.
- Don't be put off if you are interrupted when answering – it's to make sure you have time for the two unprepared questions.
- Keep your language simple and clear – you're getting marks for communication, not complex language, in the photo card task.

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4 Conversation

- Ask your teacher a question during the discussion of your nominated Theme to make sure you don't forget.
- Vary the language you use by:
 - expressing opinions in different ways
 - using different adjectives
 - using connectives such as 'and', 'but' and 'however' to make your sentences longer.
- Give and justify opinions without being prompted.
- Don't worry if you can't answer a question – your teacher will move on to something else.
- Practise your pronunciation.

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