

Tips for Preparing for the PET Listening Exam

Part 2:

This part has 6 multiple-choice questions, but you will hear one long monologue or interview here instead of individual short ones. You have to listen to the recording and choose the right answer (A, B or C) for each question. You will need to listen to identify specific information and detailed meaning.

- 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 **two 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.
- 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.



Part 2

You will hear an English woman called Britta talking to an interviewer about her life in Berlin, the capital of Germany.

1. How long has Britta lived in Berlin?

- A. four years
- B. six years
- C. twenty years

2. What does Britta say about living in Berlin?

- A. She can't sleep at night because of the traffic noise.

- B. She misses the museums and theatres in Bonn.
- C. She likes living in a big, busy city.

3. The area of Berlin where Britta lives is

- A. a rather expensive place to live.
- B. a good place to eat out.
- C. a long way from the city centre.

4. How does Britta usually travel around in Berlin?

- A. She walks.
- B. She uses her bicycle.
- C. She uses the tram or bus.

5. Britta says that her nephew, Philippe, likes going

- A. to the park with her.
- B. to the shops with his parents.
- C. to a gallery with her.

6. Britta has lots of friends who

- A. live near her.
- B. work with her.
- C. are still in England.

Part 3:

In Part 3, you will hear a longer monologue and will need to fill in 6 gaps. You will have to fill them in using one or two words and to do this you will need to identify, understand and interpret information.

- The words you write will always be the same as you hear on the recording. However, the words around the spaces may be different, so make sure you are ready to **listen for paraphrased texts**.
- Guess what kind of words you need to listen for. For example, is it a verb, noun, adjective, adverb that is missing? Is it a place name, address, location, number, amount, or activity that's missing?
- **Distractors** in tests are answers or information that are incorrect or inferior alternatives. Their purpose is to trick or distract you from choosing or identifying the correct answer
- The listener will need to know and recognise **synonyms**. Importantly, though, be careful of what you hear before you chose the correct answer.



Part 3

You will hear a man called Stephen Mills talking to a group of people about a trip to India to see tigers.

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Stephen's profession: (1).

Date of departure: (2).

Number of tourists in group: (3).

Type of accommodation: (4).

Means of transport in the park:

- open truck in the north

- (5). in the south

Meal not included: (6). on the last day