

Aptis General Listening test

The Listening test has four task types. Candidates can choose to listen to the text once or twice.

Part	Description	Preparation
Part 1 Information recognition	In this part, candidates will listen to a short phone message or a short monologue or dialogue, and they need to identify specific information such as a phone number, a time or a place.	Candidates can visit the British Council's LearnEnglish website for lots of very useful activities, tips, apps and podcasts: http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/ The elementary podcasts are useful preparation for these questions.



Part 1: Information Recognition

In this part, you will listen to short audios which include phone messages, monologues and dialogues.

You need to identify specific information from the audio and choose from answer A, B or C.

You can expect to hear a number of the answers mentioned, but only one will be correct.

You may hear telephone numbers, dates and times and the options will be single words or short phrases.

The level of this task is A1/A2.



Remember that Aptis is a level test, so it includes tasks of all the levels A1-C. For this reason you can expect to find some of the tasks difficult - but you don't have to get 100% correct to get your desired grade

THE LISTENING SECTION: TIPS & STRATEGIES

The questions increase in difficulty, so the final questions are more difficult than those at the beginning. You can play each audio twice.



TIPS

- Although you can listen to each audio twice, you may want to go through the first 5-6 questions quickly if you think the answer is clear. This way you will have more time to think about your answers when the questions become more difficult.
- You should try to eliminate the answers you know are wrong, as well as trying to identify the correct answer. This way, if you're not sure, your guess will only be between two possible choices and you will have a 50% chance of guessing it correctly.



It's difficult to improve your English listening skills in a short time. In addition to studying, you should do as many listening activities as you can from other English exams such as Cambridge PET, FCE or the other British Council test, IELTS. You can find many links to websites if you search the Internet for 'Cambridge PET listening practice', 'FCE listening practice' or 'IELTS listening practice'.

LISTENING: PRACTICE TEST 1

Example:

Jane is cancelling her plans with her friend. Why can't she meet her?

- A. The train is late
- B. There's an emergency
- C. She's not feeling well**
- D. She's busy

1. Listen to the call from your friend to make lunch plans. What class does she have on Thursday afternoons?

- A. A Pilates class
- B. An art class
- C. A dance class
- D. A music class

2. Your classmate calls to say where the class will be. Where is room 205?

- A. On the left of the hall
- B. On the ground floor
- C. After the vending machine
- D. In the main hall

3. Listen to a message that Sonia left you about looking after her son Eric. What does he usually have for dinner on Fridays?

- A. Cereals
- B. Fish
- C. Vegetables
- D. Meat

4. Listen to a message from your colleague Sally. What is the problem?

- A. The budget
- B. The calculations
- C. The recommendations about making cuts**
- D. The investments

5. Listen to the message. What is Liz's phone number?

- A. 01557424224
- B. 01557424221
- C. 01575424212
- D. 01557424212

6. You overhear two friends discussing their plans for the evening. What are they planning to do?

- A. Go for a long walk
- B. Go to the gardens
- C. Go to the beach
- D. Go to the pool

7. Listen to Sam talking about his plans after leaving school. What does he want to do?

- A. Go straight to university
- B. Go travelling
- C. Get a job
- D. Stay with his family

8. You hear a man and a woman discussing their holiday plans. Where do they decide to go?

- A. A friend's house
- B. Morocco
- C. Spain or Portugal
- D. Their usual holiday

9. Listen to a birthday announcement on the radio. Who has a birthday today?

- A. Pete
- B. Harry
- C. Ringo
- D. Katie

10. Listen to two friends speaking about the man's new job. What does he find challenging about it?

- A. The responsibility
- B. The long hours
- C. The daily commute
- D. Working with the other staff members

11. Listen to the airport announcement. What time will the plane now depart?

- A. 06:30
- B. 10:00
- C. 11:00
- D. 12:00

12. You hear an announcement about promotions in a large department store. Which items have the best discount at the moment?

- A. Kitchen appliances
- B. TVs & DVDs
- C. Sports shoes
- D. Beauty products

13. Listen to a book review on the radio. What is the critic's opinion of the book?

- A. Inspirational
- B. Awful
- C. Uncomplicated
- D. Unbelievable

14. You hear a message about an event. What type of event is it this year?

- A. An art exhibition
- B. A music festival
- C. A folk festival
- D. A costume festival

15. You hear information about a sporting event. Where and when will the ladies' event start?

- A. The Boathouse at 2 o'clock
- B. The Main gate at 8:30
- C. The South Gate at 8:30
- D. The Main gate at 10 o'clock

16. You can hear a paragliding instructor give instructions. Which route is the safest?

- A. As high as possible
- B. Along the mountains
- C. Away from the mountains
- D. As low as possible

17. Listen to a radio show. What's the most important advice given?

- A. Think about your objectives
- B. Create a plan
- C. Act on feedback
- D. Study the market

18. You hear news report on the radio about a robbery. What did the thieves steal?

- A. A bank
- B. Money
- C. Documents
- D. A car

19. You can hear two friends speaking about a book. What do they think of it?

- A. Disappointing
- B. Dull
- C. Convoluted
- D. Outdated

20. Listen to a radio programme about a man living in the country. What does he think about the country?

- A. He's really happy about getting a VISA
- B. He's really sad about going to university
- C. He loves everything
- D. He feels discouraged by bureaucracy

21. Listen to the recorded message. What is Julie Knight's telephone number?

- A. 07789678876
- B. 07789788876
- C. 07798678876
- D. 07789788886

22. Listen to two friends discussing a theatrical play. What does Mike think of it?

- A. Emotional
- B. Difficult to follow
- C. Educational
- D. Boring

23. Listen to two friends talking about films. What type of films does James' friend recommend?

- A. Unpredictable
- B. Unforgettable
- C. Thrilling
- D. Emotional

24. Listen to a conversation between Safia and Lee. What does Safia want to buy for Lorna?

- A. A book
- B. A scarf
- C. A belt
- D. A cinema voucher

25. Listen to two friends discussing a film. What's the woman's view of it?

- A. Improbable
- B. Unoriginal
- C. Entertaining
- D. Passionate