

BE Pre Intermediate Listening Test
AREnglish

Name: _____

Progress test 1 (Units 1-3)

Listen to a short speech by Henry Becker, CEO of Hendix Corporation. Choose the best word or phrase – a, b or c – to complete the sentences.

- 1 Mr Becker is talking to _____.
a) new employees b) new customers c) regional managers
- 2 He begins the speech by _____.
a) apologising b) explaining the day's schedule
c) saying what he's going to talk about
- 3 He congratulates the audience because they have _____.
a) won an award b) been successful c) got a pay increase
- 4 He says that he expects employees to _____.
a) always arrive on time b) improve the company c) work hard
- 5 'Honesty, quality and innovation' is the company's _____.
a) motto b) latest advertising slogan
c) mission statement
- 6 He says that he expects employees to _____.
a) make a profit b) be highly competitive c) be fair
- 7 He says that the company is known for its _____.
a) good products b) low prices c) quick delivery
- 8 The company ____ innovation.
a) wants to avoid b) encourages c) won't reward
- 9 Becker says that Hendix is a _____.
a) multinational giant b) strong competitor c) good employer
- 10 He says that Hendix gives workers the right _____ to produce quality work.
a) equipment and training b) management structure c) bonus system
- 11 Hendix helps its employees choose the right direction in their _____.
a) personal life b) working life c) further education
- 12 Becker says that employees' ideas are _____.
a) valuable b) expensive c) unusual

Progress test 2 (Units 4–6)

Listen to radio host Sandra Hebbert interviewing designer Philippe Boisseau. Choose the best answer – a, b or c – to the questions.

- 1 What sort of product does Philippe design?
 - a) stands for trade shows
 - b) cars
 - c) furniture
- 2 What does Sandra ask about?
 - a) Philippe's ideas
 - b) The materials Philippe uses
 - c) Stress in Philippe's job
- 3 What does Philippe say about some furniture designers?
 - a) They paint their furniture.
 - b) They are like artists.
 - c) They are not good businesspeople.
- 4 How does Philippe see himself?
 - a) As a salesperson
 - b) As an artist
 - c) As a businessperson
- 5 What sort of product does Philippe create?
 - a) Comfortable but very expensive
 - b) Mainly beautiful, like a painting or sculpture
 - c) Useful and not too expensive
- 6 How does Philippe get ideas for his product designs?
 - a) He does market research.
 - b) He has ideas and then tries to sell them.
 - c) He hires a team of top designers.
- 7 What does Philippe discover when he talks to people?
 - a) His competitors' secrets
 - b) Gaps in the market
 - c) People's favourite furniture stores
- 8 What did Philippe do two years ago?
 - a) He extended his product range.
 - b) He raised his status.
 - c) He entered the furniture market for the first time.
- 9 What need did Philippe discover?
 - a) People wanted more storage space.
 - b) People wanted more comfortable furniture.
 - c) People wanted desks for the living room.

10 Whose products did Philippe and his team look at closely?

- their competitors'
- their own
- their clients'

11 What does Philippe say about his sofa with drawers?

- It wasn't popular.
- It was wasteful.
- It was a breakthrough.

12 What does Philippe say about the European Furniture Design Award?

- He hopes to win one.
- He won one.
- He didn't win one.

Progress test 3 (Units 7–9)

Listen to a telephone conversation between Agnes Yim and Adnan Yilmaz. They are discussing Mr Yilmaz's visit to Hong Kong next month. Write the letter of each event next to the correct date on the schedule.

- Global Trade Show begins
- Global Trade Show ends
- Mr Yilmaz gives a presentation
- Mr Yilmaz listens to presentations
- Mr Yilmaz arrives in Hong Kong
- Meeting with new sales manager
- Mr Yilmaz goes to Shanghai
- Half day with regional sales manager
- Day open for meetings to be confirmed
- Day off

Monday 31st August	(1) _____
Tuesday 1st September	(2) _____
Wednesday 2nd	(3) _____
Thursday 3rd	(4) _____
Friday 4th	(5) _____
Saturday 5th	(6) _____
Sunday 6th	(7) _____
Monday 7th	(8) _____
Tuesday 8th	(9) _____
Wednesday 9th	(10) _____

Progress test 4 (Units 10–12)

A Listen to Ingrid Watson, a sales representative, describe her company's new product, the TIK-99. Choose the best word or phrase – a, b or c – to complete the sentences.

- 1 Ingrid says that the TIK-99 is _____.
a) healthy b) nice-looking c) comfortable
- 2 The TIK-99 looks like _____.
a) a mobile phone b) an MP3 player c) a watch
- 3 The case and band are _____.
a) one colour b) two colours c) three colours
- 4 You can control the TIK-99 _____.
a) by speaking b) using the navigation window
c) over the Internet
- 5 Ingrid *doesn't* say that the watch works as a _____.
a) web browser b) phone c) voice recorder

B Listen to the presentation again and complete the product description.

Length: (6) _____ mm

Width: (7) _____ mm

Thickness: (8) _____ mm

Weight: (9) _____ grams

Phone talk time: (10) _____ hrs

Music playback time: (11) _____ hrs

Memory: (12) _____ gigabytes