

Unit 8 Listening Test

Part One

Section A: Multiple Choice (8 questions)

Choose the correct answer (A, B, or C).

1. Why was the house originally called *Hawken Hall*?
A) The architect's name was Hawken
B) It was named after the first owner
C) It was located in Hawken Village
2. What made Jack Hawken wealthy?
A) Trade in spices
B) Government service
C) Wool exports
3. What part of the house was added during World War II?
A) The church
B) The Dawson Conservatory
C) The guest wing
4. When did Churchill allegedly stay at Haybridge Hall?
A) In the early 1930s
B) During the Normandy Landings preparations
C) After World War II
5. What happened to the church on the property?
A) It was destroyed in a fire
B) It was converted into a library
C) It collapsed due to neglect
6. Who helped save Haybridge Hall from destruction?
A) The local government
B) An author named William Hoaten
C) The British Royal Family
7. Why didn't the Hoaten family return to the house after the war?
A) They had moved abroad
B) It was too expensive
C) The building was damaged beyond repair
8. What was the goal of the 1970s renovation?
A) To add modern furniture
B) To redesign the exterior
C) To restore it to its 17th-century style

Section B: Fill in the blanks (Grammar & Vocabulary)

Fill in the missing word(s) from the listening. Some answers may include modals or expressions of purpose.

1. The original name of the house _____ Hawken Hall.
2. The Dawson Conservatory _____ added in 1941.
3. The Yardley family managed to make the land productive _____ planting crops.
4. Churchill is said to _____ spent two nights at the Hall.
5. The church on the grounds _____ into ruins during the period of neglect.
6. William Hoaten _____ to buy the house in 1784.
7. The Hall _____ restored in the 1970s by English Heritage.
8. Specialist craftsmen were employed _____ reconstruct the house as accurately as possible.

Section C: Rewrite the sentences in Passive Voice (8 questions)

Change each sentence into passive voice.

1. The Hawken family built the house in the 15th century.
2. Churchill spent two nights in the main guest bedroom.
3. Timothy Warsden sketched the church in 1728.
4. William Hoaten renovated the property.
5. The British Army used the house during World War II.
6. English Heritage restored the house in the 1970s.
7. They employed craftsmen from around the world.
8. Thousands of visitors walk through Haybridge Hall each year.

Part Two

Section A: Multiple Choice – Comprehension (8 questions)

Choose the best answer (A, B, or C) based on what you hear.

1. What did the UK government recently announce?
A) Latin will be taught at all schools
B) A \$5.5 million Latin program in selected schools
C) Latin will replace modern languages
2. What is the goal of the Latin Excellence Programme?
A) To teach Latin to private school students
B) To support ancient language research
C) To increase equal access to Latin education
3. What is Latin described as in the audio?
A) A global language
B) A technical language
C) An ancient Roman language
4. What percentage of state schools currently teach Latin?
A) 49%

B) 2.7%
C) 20%

5. Why is Latin often considered “elitist”?
 - A) Because it is difficult to learn
 - B) Because it’s mostly taught in private schools
 - C) Because it requires expensive textbooks
6. What does Gavin Williamson say Latin can help with?
 - A) Computer programming
 - B) Modern foreign languages
 - C) Ancient tomb translations
7. What did critics like Tim Farron say about the program?
 - A) It is innovative and useful
 - B) It supports modern language learning
 - C) It is a waste of resources
8. What alternative subjects were suggested as more practical?
 - A) Latin and Greek
 - B) Drama and Art
 - C) Arabic, Chinese, or coding

Section B: Fill in the blanks (Grammar & Vocabulary)

Complete the missing words based on the audio.

1. The UK government _____ a Latin programme for 40 schools.
2. Latin is spoken in 49% of private schools but only _____ of state schools.
3. The minister said the initiative was designed _____ level up opportunities.
4. Critics believe the program _____ have focused on modern skills.
5. Latin is considered elitist because only the _____ few study it.
6. Some say children _____ be able to learn Chinese or Arabic instead.
7. One teacher argued that Latin _____ help children in today’s world.
8. The program _____ to help students with learning modern languages.

Section C: Rewrite the sentences in Passive Voice (8 questions)

1. The UK government announced a new Latin initiative.
2. Private schools teach Latin to nearly half of their students.
3. Gavin Williamson introduced the Latin Excellence Programme.
4. The public criticized the programme heavily.
5. Teachers suggested new ways to spend the money.
6. Tim Farron wrote a negative comment on social media.
7. Critics ridiculed the project.
8. A teacher recommended Arabic or Chinese as alternatives.

