

**ESOL International
Sample English Listening Examination**

Level B2 Independent User

Instructions to learners

Check that you have the correct paper.

DO NOT WRITE ON THIS PAPER.

Please complete the information on the mark sheet.

Use black or blue ink. Do not use pencil.

Total marks available: 30

You have **30 minutes** to finish the examination.

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Part 1

You will hear ten sentences twice. Choose the best reply in each situation.

Now look at the replies. You have two minutes to read the replies.

Now listen to the sentences and select the best reply. Mark the answer on the mark sheet.

1.
 - a. No, can you turn it on?
 - b. No, can you turn it up?
 - c. No, can you turn it down?
 - d. No, can you switch it on?

2.
 - a. Really? That's none of his business.
 - b. Really? He needs to keep to his own.
 - c. That's really kind of him.
 - d. That was undecided.

3.
 - a. Yes, it did, did it?
 - b. Yes, it was, didn't it?
 - c. Yes, it was, wasn't it?
 - d. It surely did, wasn't it?

4.
 - a. I can't make up my mind.
 - b. I can't wait!
 - c. I can't see the point!
 - d. It's worth it.

5.
 - a. It depends. If the weather will be nice I will go.
 - b. It depends. If the weather would be nice I will go.
 - c. It depends. If the weather is nice I will go.
 - d. It depends. If the weather is nice I would go.

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6. a. No, it's illegal.
 b. No, it's illegal.
 c. No, it's dislegal.
 d. No, it's mislegal.
7. a. Yes, I'm fed up.
 b. Yes, I feel under the weather.
 c. Yes, I feel ecstatic.
 d. Yes, I don't feel like it.
8. a. I have to look it through first.
 b. I have to see it through first.
 c. I have to think it through first.
 d. I have to make it up first.
9. a. What's the point? I'm already wet through.
 b. What's the point? I'm already soaked up.
 c. What's the point? I'm already soaked down.
 d. What's the point? I'm already wet up.
10. a. I agree, it was delightful.
 b. I agree, it was tasteful.
 c. I agree, it was disgusted.
 d. I agree, it was disgusting.

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Part 2

You will now hear two conversations. You will hear them twice. You have two minutes to look at the questions for both conversations.

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Now listen to Conversation 1.

Record your answers to the questions on the mark sheet.

Conversation 1

1. Who has Mr Smith got an appointment for?
 - a. Himself
 - b. His wife, Emma
 - c. His daughter
 - d. His son

2. The doctor's diagnosis is:
 - a. Stomach virus
 - b. Dizziness
 - c. Food poisoning
 - d. Fever

3. Dr Nelson assures that the patient:
 - a. Will take a week to recover
 - b. Will take couple of weeks to recover
 - c. Will take two days to recover
 - d. Will take some time to recover

4. What are the main symptoms mentioned in the conversation?
 - a. Fever and diarrhoea
 - b. Fever and stomach ache
 - c. Temperature and sickness
 - d. Temperature and stomach ache

5. Which statement is true?
 - a. The patient needs to drink plenty of fluids
 - b. Paracetamol will cure the virus
 - c. Mr Smith does not require a prescription
 - d. They will have to come back for a check up

Now listen to the conversation again and check your answers.

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Now listen to Conversation 2. Record your answers on the mark sheet.

Conversation 2

1. What single item has Sue spent most money on?
 - a. Her foundation
 - b. Catwoman costume
 - c. Tennis racket
 - d. Her dog

2. Sue's dream dinner party would include:
 - a. Five closest friends
 - b. Five ladies
 - c. Five ladies who first come through the door
 - d. Five US presidents' wives

3. Sue likes to relax by:
 - a. Enjoying peace in her own house
 - b. Enjoying busy life in her own house
 - c. Playing tennis
 - d. Having dinner parties

4. What has been the happiest time in Sue's life?
 - a. When she was a child
 - b. When she won 22 Grand Slam singles
 - c. When she got married to Jim
 - d. Now with her husband and children

5. If Sue could do anything she would:
 - a. Stop all wars
 - b. Be in her kitchen with her family
 - c. Be a Catwoman
 - d. Be a kryptonite

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Part 3

You will now hear two radio broadcasts. You will hear them twice. You have two minutes to look at the questions for both broadcasts.

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Now listen to Broadcast 1. Record your answers on the mark sheet.

Broadcast 1

1. Health anxiety is:
 - a. Not a recognised condition
 - b. A serious medical disorder
 - c. A condition with physical symptoms that cannot be explained
 - d. Another word for cancer

2. The main purpose of the broadcast is to:
 - a. Inform
 - b. Persuade
 - c. Describe
 - d. Argue

3. According to the broadcast, which statement is true?
 - a. It is well known what causes anxiety
 - b. People who generally worry in life are more prone to worry about their health
 - c. It is easy to control health anxiety
 - d. Hypochondria is always caused by a mental disorder

4. If you go through a stressful period in your life you may:
 - a. Be less anxious about your health
 - b. Tend to be anxious about everything
 - c. Have a personality disorder
 - d. Be more anxious about your health

5. Depression is:
 - a. A disorder which does not require treatment
 - b. A mental condition requiring treatment
 - c. Obsessive worrying about your health
 - d. Obsession about your future

Listen to the broadcast again and check your questions.

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Now listen to Broadcast 2. Record your answers on the mark sheet.

Broadcast 2

1. According to the broadcast, the person getting married was:
 - a. Prince Harry
 - b. Prince William
 - c. Lady Mellissa Percy
 - d. Duke of Northumberland

2. Which statement about Thomas van Straubenzee is true?
 - a. He is Prince Harry's university friend
 - b. He is Prince William's university friend
 - c. He went on a trip with the Duke of Cambridge
 - d. He went to New Zealand with the Duchess of Cambridge

3. Who received loudest cheers from the crowd?
 - a. Bride
 - b. Groom
 - c. The Princes
 - d. Bridesmaids

4. Why was the Duchess of Cambridge absent from the wedding?
 - a. Because she had a baby
 - b. Because she was expecting a baby
 - c. Because she was ill
 - d. Because she was in New Zealand

5. The phrase 'society wedding' means that:
 - a. People from the town can watch it
 - b. Famous people are getting married
 - c. Social employees are getting married
 - d. Everyone is invited

Listen to the broadcast again and check your questions.

End of Examination

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Instructions: Draw a line through either a, b, c or d to answer each question. ~~b~~
 If you change your mind black out the wrong answer and choose a new one with a line. ~~b~~
 If you think your first answer was right, black out the wrong answer and circle your first answer.

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Part 3 Broadcast 1	1	a	b	c	d	
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	5	a	b	c	d	
Total Marks						

Learner Signature _____

Date _____

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You may **NOT** use a dictionary.

There are 30 questions in this examination.

You must attempt all the questions.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

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You have **60 minutes** to finish the examination.

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Text 1

Read the text about electronic cigarettes and answer the questions on the following page.

Tobacco users worldwide are finally discovering the Electronic Cigarette. People working in small towns and big cities to the biggest movie stars are using them, but are they really a _____ and cheaper alternative to traditional cigarettes? Can they be the answer to quitting smoking? Actual users say they're now enjoy this healthier cigarette without the bad smell, second-hand smoke, and most importantly the cancer causing chemicals. With these big claims, we decided to investigate the new technology for our readers.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Let's look at some of the claims of the electronic cigarette:	8 9
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contains zero tar, tobacco, carbon monoxide, and ash. • Delivers the same amount of nicotine as real cigarettes. • Can be used in bars, airports, restaurants. • Each cartridge costs less than £2 and is equivalent to an entire pack of cigarettes. • Average users can save over £1,000 each year. • You won't "smell" like a smoker any longer. • Emits harmless water vapour. No second-hand smoke. 	10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18
We looked to expert medical doctors and product users and found out what they had to say about electronic cigarettes and the results were surprising. Joel Nitzkin, Chair of the Tobacco Control Task Force for the American Association of Public Health Physicians concluded that "...if we get all tobacco smokers to switch from regular cigarettes to electronic cigarettes, we would eventually reduce the US death toll from more than 400,000 a year to less than 4,000, maybe as low as 400."	19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26
Four very well-known doctors, from the popular TV show "The Doctors" also studied the electronic cigarette and it was even featured as one of their top 10 key health trends.	27 28 29 30
<i>"If you're one of the millions of people out there and you're addicted to smoking, there may finally be some hope for you. The electronic cigarette gives you nicotine, but it doesn't give you any of the other 4000 chemicals that can cause cancer among other problems."</i> Dr Travis Stork from "The Doctors", June 2013.	31 32 33 34 35

Adapted from 'Sheffield Lifestyle'

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1. According to the article, which statement is true?
 - a. Electronic Cigarettes are healthy and expensive
 - b. Electronic Cigarettes can be used in public places
 - c. Electronic Cigarettes are nicotine free
 - d. Electronic Cigarettes are used by people in towns only

2. An average person using an electronic cigarette can save:
 - a. 2 pounds a month
 - b. 2 pounds per a packet
 - c. 1000 pounds a year
 - d. 100 pounds a month

3. Which of these claims is not included in the text?
 - a. You will smell better
 - b. You will save money
 - c. You can use it in bars
 - d. You will not be addicted to nicotine

4. Joel Nitzkin claims that if US smokers use electronic cigarettes instead of regular cigarettes:
 - a. 400 to 4000 people will die instead of 400,000 a year
 - b. 400,000 fewer people will die every year
 - c. 4000 fewer people will die every month
 - d. 400 fewer people will die every month

5. According to the article, Dr. Travis Stork:
 - a. Is an actor starring in a TV show
 - b. Can cure cancer
 - c. Is a doctor on a TV show
 - d. Claims that the electronic cigarette is healthy

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6. A word has been omitted in line 2. The word should be:
- a. Health
 - b. Healthy
 - c. Healthier
 - d. Unhealthy
7. There is a grammatical mistake:
- a. In line 2
 - b. In line 4
 - c. In line 6
 - d. In line 9
8. Which word should always be spelt with a capital letter?
- a. June
 - b. Chair
 - c. Physician
 - d. Stork
9. There is a spelling mistake:
- a. In line 18
 - b. In line 23
 - c. In line 29
 - d. In line 34
10. The best word to replace the word *reduce* in line 25 is:
- a. Decrease
 - b. Increase
 - c. Improve
 - d. Impress

Text 2

Read the article about relaxation and answer the questions on the following page.

Try These 7 Tricks for Instant Calm *From Health magazine*

<p>1. Slow down and reenergize</p> <p>Feeling stressed? Try some of our easy ways to relax, refresh, and reenergize. Lavender: A soothing scent. Sniffing lavender is an instant antidote to anxiety, according to a Japanese study. Try a lavender-scented candle. Its 60-hour burn time will keep you calmer longer.</p>	<p>2. Spend less, give more</p> <p>Feeling overwhelmed are a common complaint. Quick fix: Volunteer at a local charity.</p> <p>A growing body of research shows that volunteers experience a stress-reducing “helpers’ high” and other health _____.</p>	<p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8</p>
<p>3. Turn up the tunes</p> <p>Anxious? Listen to your favourite music, whether it’s jazz or the latest from Jay-Z. Research from the University of Maryland _____ that hearing music you love can relax blood vessels and increase blood flow. That not only calms you down but is good for your heart, too.</p>	<p>4. Your recipe for relaxation</p> <p>Craving something sweet? Try a delicious mango pie. The sweet <u>scent</u> of mangoes—whether they’re fresh or in a jar —may alter your blood chemistry and send a wave of calm over your body, research from Japan shows. Bake your own fragrant pie with our recipe.</p>	<p>9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16</p>
<p>5. Let it out</p> <p>A full 85% of women say a good cry makes them feel better, according to biochemical researchers. Permission to break down—granted!</p>	<p>6. Squeeze here</p> <p>Applying firm pressure on the fleshy skin between your index finger and thumb (called the “hoku” spot in traditional Chinese medicine) is a proven de-stressor, researchers at Hong Kong Polytechnic University say: Just 30 seconds of acupressure reduces upper-body tension by 39%.</p>	<p>17 18 19 20 21 22 23</p>
<p>7. Just 1 minute...</p> <p>of intense exercise can boost energy and help combat stress, according to a recent study. Try Powerhouse Hit the Deck exercise cards from exercise physiologist, Jenny Evans.</p>		<p>24 25 26</p>

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11. According to the article, what is a great remedy to help you relax?

- a. Smell of lavender
- b. Drink of lavender
- c. Gentle exercise
- d. All of the above

12. The title in Text 3 suggests that you should:

- a. Listen to your music quietly
- b. Listen to your music loudly
- c. Do not listen to the music at all
- d. Go to the cinema

13. The 'Hoku' as described in Text 6 is:

- a. The name for traditional Chinese medicine
- b. Chinese name for your thumb
- c. The place between your index finger and your thumb
- d. Name of a researcher from Hong Kong Polytechnic

14. When you feel stressed you should:

- a. Have some chocolate
- b. Have some mango pie
- c. Have some ice cream
- d. Have apple pie

15. According to the article, what is described as "helpers' high"?

- a. Earning a lot of money while helping others
- b. Working to help others without being paid
- c. Looking after family members
- d. Working in a local shop

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16. The word *scent* in line 11 can be best replaced with:
- a. Smell
 - b. Taste
 - c. Feel
 - d. Sight
17. There is a spelling mistake on:
- a. Line 2
 - b. Line 11
 - c. Line 13
 - d. Line 14
18. A grammatical mistake has been made on:
- a. Line 2
 - b. Line 8
 - c. Line 10
 - d. Line 20
19. The best word to complete the sentence in line 8, Text 2 is:
- a. Problems
 - b. Factors
 - c. Changes
 - d. Benefits
20. What is the best word or phrase to complete the sentence in Text 3?
- a. Showing
 - b. Shows
 - c. Have been shown
 - d. Will show

Text 3

Read the article about losing weight and answer the questions on the following page.

Should you lose weight fast?	1
When you're trying to lose weight, it's tempting to want results as fast as possible. But remember, very rapid weight loss is unlikely to help you to maintain a healthy weight long-term. And it comes with health risks.	2 3 4 5 6
You can monitor your weight loss progress using our healthy weight calculator. If you're trying to lose weight, you're probably keen to see, and feel, a difference quickly. It can be tempting to put your trust in one of the countless schemes that promise rapid, easy weight loss. Unfortunately, even if these fad diets do help you to lose weight, you're unlikely to maintain a healthy weight in the months and years afterwards.	7 8 9 10 11 12 13
If you're visualising a future in which you've shed your excess weight, the best choice is to make healthy changes to your diet and levels of physical activity that lead to a safe, steady rate of weight loss, and that last a lifetime. Weight loss tends to plateau after a while and you may need to make further changes. If after six to nine months you haven't achieved a healthy weight, talk to your GP for advice on the next steps.	14 15 16 17 18 19 20
Safe rates of weight loss	21
If you're trying to lose weight, the safe weekly rate of weight loss is between 0.5kg and 1kg. That's between around 1lb and 2lb a week. Lose weight faster than this, and you are at risk of health problems that include malnutrition and gallstones, as well as feeling tired and unwell. Fad diets (that involve simply changing your diet for a few weeks) associated with very rapid weight loss are also unlikely to lead you to a healthy weight in the long-term.	22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29
Take action	30
You can learn more about the diet and physical activity changes that can lead you to a healthy weight future. Remember: the goal is not overnight success. The secret is sticking to the changes you've made, and you can find useful tips from real-life slimmers in the article about weight loss motivation. You can monitor your progress using our healthy weight calculator. This interactive tool calculates your body mass index (BMI), which is a measure of whether you are a healthy weight for your height.	31 32 33 34 35 36 37

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21. What is the main purpose of the text?
- To inform
 - To explain
 - To persuade
 - To describe
22. According to the text, a fad diet:
- Should not last more than a few weeks
 - Is a healthy way to lose weight
 - Can be a long term diet
 - Does not help to lose weight
23. To maintain healthy weight loss, you should:
- Use an interactive tool
 - Visualise your future
 - Make realistic changes to your diet and lifestyle
 - Be on a diet for no longer than 9 months
24. 'Sticking to the changes' in line 33 means:
- Making sure you do not alter your diet too often
 - Maintain the changes you have introduced
 - Stop dieting for a while
 - Introduce further changes
25. When should you consult a doctor?
- Before going on a diet
 - During first weeks of dieting
 - It is not necessary to see a doctor
 - If you have not achieved a healthy weight after half a year

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Text 4

Read the article about London and answer the questions on the following page.

London is the capital of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. It is situated in the southeast of England, sitting along the River Thames. Inner London, Outer London and the City of London form the Greater London area, which is the London we usually talk about. It has an area of 1600 square kilometres with a population of 7.5 million. It is divided into 33 districts. The city has a mayor, a parliament and a city hall.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
This historic city was built in 43BC by the Romans. In around the 1st century AD, under the reign of Rome, England used the River Thames as a vital traffic line, and built the city construction along the banks of the river. Even now people can see the ancient walls left by the Romans. The ancient Romans abandoned the city in the 5th century, and later Angles, Saxons and Danish people all wanted to occupy the city. William the Conqueror invaded the city in 1066 which ended the war. In 1087, William the Conqueror built the Tower of London, which is a well-known tourist attraction all over the world.	8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16
The 12th and 13th centuries were extremely important in the history of London, because London became the hub of government during this period, which lay the foundation for the prosperous London in the Middle Ages. Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral and many law schools were built in this period.	17 18 19 20 21 22
It enjoys a glorious history in the 16th and 17th centuries, during which the culture and power of this nation had been improved a lot. Then, the Protestant Reformation, the peasant uprising, and the Civil War happened one by one. The Black Death, the Great Fire of London and the breakout of the Second World War brought severe damage to this city. However, no matter what adversity it was facing, this city survived. Today, London has lost its dominant status in the world, but it is still attracting people from home and abroad.	23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30
Many people get to know the Tower of London, St. Paul's Cathedral, Buckingham Palace, and the British Museum, even though they have not been to London. I think everyone has a London of their own after visiting this place.	31 32 33 34 35

26. According to the text, which statement is true?
- a. There were many banks built in Roman times
 - b. There were many banks built along the River Thames
 - c. The city was founded by the Romans
 - d. The city was built in 1 AD
27. When could you first study at a law school in London?
- a. In 1087
 - b. In the 12th century
 - c. In the 16th century
 - d. In the 17th century
28. What is meant by 'glorious history' in line 23?
- a. It is a period of growth for the country
 - b. This period in history is very tragic
 - c. There was no cultural significance during this period
 - d. The country lost its power
29. What tragic event is not mentioned in the text?
- a. Fire of London
 - b. The Black Death
 - c. World War I
 - d. World War II
30. Which is the oldest landmark in London mentioned in the text?
- a. Buckingham Palace
 - b. The Tower of London
 - c. Roman Walls
 - d. St. Paul's Cathedral

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



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Learner Signature _____

Date _____

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Instructions to learners

Check that you have the correct paper. Please complete the information above.

Use black or blue ink. Do not use a pencil.

There are two tasks. You must attempt both tasks.

You may NOT use a dictionary.

Total marks available: 40

Allow time to check your work before the end of the examination.

You can ask for more writing paper if you need it.

You have **one hour** to finish the examination.

**NOCN ESOL International Writing
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Formal Writing Task 1 - Allow 30 minutes for this task

Write an article for a local magazine about the benefits of exercising.

You could write about:

- **Advantages and disadvantages of different types of exercising**
- **The health benefits of exercising**
- **How exercising can improve your social or emotional well-being**
- **What could happen if you do not exercise regularly.**

Write 100 - 150 words.

You will be assessed on:

- **content**
- **word order**
- **use of appropriate tenses**
- **use of conjunctions, adjectives and vocabulary**

(20 Marks)

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Informal Writing Task 2 - Allow 30 minutes for this task

Write a letter to a pen pal describing a festival in your country.

You could write about:

- **when the festival takes place**
- **the features of the festival - what happens at the festival**
- **why the festival happens**
- **the type of people that take part in the festival**

Write 150-200 words.

You will be assessed on:

- **content**
- **word order**
- **use of appropriate tenses**
- **use of conjunctions, adjectives and vocabulary**

(20 Marks)

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**ESOL International
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Level B2 Independent User

Instructions to interlocutor

Add the learner's name to the attendance register.

Check the learner has an Entry form and take it from them.

Start the recording - do not stop the recording until the end of the examination.

Complete the examination sheet as the learner responds to the prompts.

The learner must not see this paper

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Sample Interlocutor Script**



Interlocutor:

My name is..... and this NOCN Speaking Examination at Independent User Level B2. Today is (date)

'This is the NOCN ESOL International Speaking examination, (level), (date) for (learner's name).'

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Sample Interlocutor Script**



**This is Part 1 of the Speaking Examination: Personal information.
(Additional questions may be asked to prompt deeper responses)**

I am now going to ask you some questions.

- 1. Can you tell me how long you have been learning English?**
- 2. Please describe three members of your family or three of your friends.**
- 3. Can you tell me what your favourite food is and how you make it?**
- 4. What did you do yesterday?**
- 5. Tell me three things you enjoy doing in your free time.**

Thank the learner.

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This is Part 2 of the Speaking Examination.

Please listen carefully and tell me what you would say in these situations.

Situation 1: You are attending a film club. Talk about a great film you have watched recently.

(Interlocutor may repeat or rephrase the question, if necessary).

Situation 2: You are attending a meeting at a local library. Local residents need to decide about new developments in your area. Two of the main ideas are: build a new leisure complex or build a new shopping centre. Decide which idea you would support. You must introduce yourself formally and present your choice.

(Interlocutor may repeat or rephrase the question, if necessary).

Thank the learner.

This is Part 3 of the Speaking Examination.

You will now take part in a conversation. Your idea presented at the residents' meeting seems to be popular; however, there is one person who thinks strongly that another idea is a better option. Convince your opponent that you are right. You will have two minutes to prepare your arguments. I will take the place of your opponent.

Thank the learner.

End of Examination