

**End of Primary Benchmark  
Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2011**

**English Listening Examination Procedures  
Time: 30 minutes**

**Note:**

**The English Listening Examination Procedures are included in the audio CD and students are expected to listen to the audio CD recordings during the examination. This booklet, which includes the instructions, texts and tasks set, is to be read by teachers ONLY when the audio CD does not function properly.**

**Teachers' Booklet**

## Procedure for Task One

Track 1: 13 minutes 42 seconds

### Look at Task One.

(Allow 15 second pause while students familiarise themselves with the page.)

**Listen carefully. You will listen to the recording twice.**

**Now listen to the newsreader. If you wish you may start underlining the correct word or phrase as you listen.** (2 minutes 32 seconds)

These are the news headlines:

Polar Bear has tooth removed

Librarian wins award

Weather report

Polar Bear has tooth removed

A Polar bear named Walker has had a tooth removed in an operation this week. Walker, who lives at the Highland Wildlife Park in Scotland, needed at least ten people to lift him on to the operating table. The operation, which was carried out by four vets and lasted three hours, was necessary since Walker had a swollen jaw.

Walker was up and eating soon after the operation and he was back to normal the next day. Vets think that the problem started when Walker broke off the tip of a tooth but they don't know how or when it happened.

Librarian wins award

St. Peter's School librarian John Vella has been awarded the title of School Librarian of the year by the Malta School Library Service. In a ceremony held yesterday in Floriana, the librarian won top prize for the excellent work he has done to encourage students to read.

The competition is held in schools around Malta to promote a love of reading and improve reading skills among students. This year over a hundred schools participated and the librarian at St. Peter's stood out for organising book-related activities. He was awarded a certificate as well as two hundred Euro worth of new books for the library.

And now for the weather report ...We couldn't ask for better weather on the first day of summer! Right now it's twenty-five degrees Celsius and clear. We're expecting blue skies throughout the day with only a ten per cent chance of showers. The light wind blowing from the North East will die down by this afternoon. More fine weather is expected in the coming five days with temperatures ranging between twenty-five and twenty-nine degrees Celsius.

That was the last news item. Good day.

**Listen to the sentences and underline the correct word or phrase in the sentences as you listen.**

(3 minutes 18 seconds, including the 4 second pauses after each number)

### Polar bear operation

**Number 1. The operation on the bear's tooth was (quite easy, easy, not easy).**

**Underline the correct word or phrase in brackets now.** (4 seconds)

**Number 2. It took the bear (no time, a long time, some time) to recover from the operation.**

**Underline the correct phrase in brackets now.** (4 seconds)

**Number 3. Walker broke off (all, part, half) of his tooth.**

**Underline the correct word in brackets now.** (4 seconds)

### Librarian wins award

**Number 4. The librarian won (first, second, third) prize in the competition.**

**Underline the correct word in brackets now.** (4 seconds)

**Number 5. (Nearly, Less than, More than) a hundred schools participated in the competition.**  
**Underline the correct word or phrase in brackets now. (4 seconds)**

**Weather report**

**Number 6. The weather on the first day of summer was (not bad, fairly good, fantastic).**

**Underline the correct word or phrase in brackets now. (4 seconds)**

**Number 7. There is (no, a strong, a slight) possibility of light rain.**

**Underline the correct word or phrase in brackets now. (4 seconds)**

**Number 8. In the next few days, the weather will (improve, stay the same, get worse).**

**Underline the correct word or phrase in brackets now. (4 seconds)**

**Now listen to the recording again.**

*(The news is listened to a second time. 2 minutes 32 seconds).*

**Listen to the sentences again. You may finish this task as you listen.**

*(The sentences are listened to a second time. 3 minutes 18 seconds, including the 4 second pauses after each number.)*

**You now have some time to check your answers. (30 seconds)**

**This is the end of Task One.**

*(Allow a 30 second pause between Task 1 and Task 2)*

## **Procedure for Task Two**

*Track 2: 15 minutes 42 seconds*

**Look at the exercises for Task Two.**

*(Allow 50 second pause while students familiarise themselves with the pages.)*

**Listen carefully. You will listen to the recording twice.**

**Now listen to a conversation between an interviewer and Tim Allen. If you wish you may start completing the exercises as you listen. (2 minutes 30 seconds)**

**Tim Allen, who plays Buzz Lightyear, spoke to this interviewer after finishing filming his latest film, Toy Story 3.**

**Interviewer:** Good morning, Tim. Thank you for joining us today. So, how does it feel now that you've finished filming?

**Allen:** Great! It's a great movie with a great story. It reminds me of a box of toys I had when I was young and that I almost lost some of them when my parents' house was flooded with rain water. Luckily, I still have them.

**Interviewer:** What can audiences expect from Toy Story 3?

**Allen:** The film is a remarkable achievement with a fantastic story. It's a simple story really... about friendship and staying together. I love the fact that the ending is really a new beginning. You realise that as one door shuts, another opens. It's very emotional.

**Interviewer:** What happens in Toy Story 3 now that Andy, the boy from Toy Story 1, has grown up?

**Allen:** Andy is now 17 and his mum makes him pack his toys away as he hasn't played with them in a long time. Andy's toys are thrown out by accident and they end up in a day care centre. At first it looks like heaven for the toys, but then they are placed with group of children who don't respect or take care of them. So, they have to find a way to return to Andy's home.

**Interviewer:** What adventures does Buzz Lightyear have in this movie?

**Allen:** Buzz Lightyear is reset by mistake and so he can suddenly speak perfect Spanish and he becomes a bull fighter. He also becomes very romantic and dances with Jessie. I love playing Buzz ... it's hilarious.

**Interviewer:** Can you tell us what it's like to do the voice of a character like Buzz Lightyear?

**Allen:** It's more difficult than you would imagine. There are long recording sessions and we have to spend whole days just grunting and panting and breathing.

**Interviewer:** The original Toy Story film was made fifteen years ago. What has it meant for you as a person and as an actor?

**Allen:** The great thing for me about working on these films is the friendships I've made with all the people who helped make the film and with Tom Hanks who plays Woody. I respect his talent and I think he feels the same way about me.

**Interviewer:** Thank you for joining us Tim and good luck for the future.

**Allen:** Thank you for having invited me.

**Listen to the exercises and complete them.** (*3 minutes 48 seconds, including the pauses after each number*)

**Number 1: True, False or No Information Given? Tick the correct box.**

**(a) Tim Allen thinks that the movie has a brilliant story.**

**Tick the correct box now.** (*4 seconds*)

**(b) Tim Allen lost his toys in a flood.**

**Tick the correct box now.** (*4 seconds*)

**(c) The ending of Toy Story 3 is a new beginning.**

**Tick the correct box now.** (*4 seconds*)

**(d) Andy's mother puts away Andy's toys for him.**

**Tick the correct box now.** (*4 seconds*)

**(e) Andy's toys are taken to a day care centre by bus.**

**Tick the correct box now.** (*4 seconds*)

**Number 2. Tick the best answer.**

**(a) At the Day Care Centre the toys were in heaven, unhappy, cared for.**

**Tick the best answer now.** (*4 seconds*)

**(b) Tim Allen thinks that playing the role of Buzz Lightyear is not funny, quite funny, very funny.**

**Tick the best answer now.** (*4 seconds*)

**Number 3. Tick to show the correct answer.**

**We can tell that Tim Allen really likes his childhood toys because**

- a) he was happy that they were saved.
- b) he gave them to his own children.
- c) he didn't let his mum give them away.

**Tick the correct answer now.** (*4 seconds*)

**Number 4. Complete the sentences.**

**(a) The two things Tim Allen found difficult about doing Buzz Lightyear's voice were ...** (*2 seconds*) **and ...** (*2 seconds*)

**Now fill in the blanks to complete the sentence.** (*10 seconds*)

**(b) Tim Allen enjoyed taking part in these films because ...** (*2 seconds*) **and ...** (*2 seconds*).

**Now fill in the blanks to complete the sentence.** (*10 seconds*)

**Listen to the recording again.**

*(The interview is listened to a second time. 2 minutes 30 seconds)*

**Listen to the exercises again. You may finish off any remaining exercises as you listen.**

*(The exercises are listened to a second time. 3 minutes 48 seconds, including the pauses after each number)*

**You now have some time to check your answers.** (*1 minute*)

**This is the end of Task Two and the end of the Listening Examination.**