

**Teacher's Booklet**

**PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

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Listening Comprehension – Year 6

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**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.

**Procedure for Task One** *(about 9 mins)*

**Look at Task One.**

*(Allow 20 seconds pause while students familiarise themselves with the page.)*

**You will listen to the recording twice. Listen carefully to the interview. If you wish you may start ticking the correct answer as you listen.**

**Interview with Neil Armstrong**

Mr Neil Armstrong was the first man ever to set foot on the moon. This is part of an interview.

**A.** Mr Armstrong how did you feel when you first stepped on the moon?

**B.** The most exciting part for me was the landing on the moon. The landing approach was, by far, the most difficult and challenging part of the flight.

**A.** Was exploring the moon fun?

**B.** Lunar exploration was a great deal of fun and an enormous amount of very hard work, which proves, I hope that hard work can also be fun.

**A.** What do the sky and earth look like from space?

**B.** The sky is a deep black when viewed from the moon. The earth is the only visible object other than the sun that can be seen. I did not see any planets on that day. The earth looks beautiful. It looks quite small, very blue with some clouds that look like white lace. The continents are very clear as well.

**A.** Do you ever have dreams about going back to the moon?

**B.** I have never had a dream about any part of the lunar flight or any similar future flights.

**A.** Mr Armstrong it was an honour to have you here. Thank you very much.

**Task 1**

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

**Number 1:** Neil Armstrong was

- a. a pilot.
- b. an astronaut.
- c. a soldier.

**Tick the correct answer now**

(pause of 4 seconds)

**Number 2:** The landing on the moon was the

- a. easiest.
- b. smoothest.
- c. most challenging.

**Tick the correct answer now**

(pause of 4 seconds)

**Number 3:** Neil Armstrong did not see the

- a. planets.
- b. sun.
- c. moon.

**Tick the correct answer now**

(pause of 4 seconds)

**Number 4:** What was great fun for Neil Armstrong?  
It was exploring the:

- a. world.
- b. planet.
- c. moon.

**Tick the correct answer now**

(pause of 4 seconds)

**Number 5:** Did Neil Armstrong ever dream of returning to the moon?

- a. Yes.
- b. No.
- c. Maybe.

**Tick the correct answer now**

(pause of 4 seconds)

**Now listen to the recording again. You may finish this task as you listen.**

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

**This is the end of Section One.**  
(Allow a 20 second pause between Task 1 and Task 2)

## **Procedure for Task Two** (17 mins)

## Look at the exercises for Task Two.

*(Allow 30 seconds pause while students familiarise themselves with the pages.)*

**You will listen to the recording twice. The text is called Tigers. If you wish you may start completing the exercises as you listen.**

### Tigers

Tigers are endangered creatures. For many years they have been hunted for their beautiful fur. Tigers' habitat has also dwindled seriously as humans have developed land for uses such as farming and housing. We must protect these animals so that their numbers can increase. We ought to learn more about them and we should make sure that they are not allowed to die out.

A tiger is a fierce, strong cat that hunts in forests and jungles. Tigers are the biggest cats in the world. A male tiger may be longer than a car and weighs more than two adult men.

Female tigers are smaller than the males. A female tiger is called a tigress. Apart from their size, male and female tigers look the same. They both have orange fur with thick, black stripes.

Tigers can live in cold, snowy mountains and forests as well as hot jungles, grasslands and swamps. Nowadays, most tigers live in India and other parts of Southeast Asia. Unlike most members of the cat family, tigers seem to enjoy water. They swim well and often soak in streams or pools of water to cool off. Tigers are not very common anywhere in the world. Tigers live on their own for most of the time. A tiger does not make a home but each one lives in its own special area. This is called its territory and it has to be large enough to give the tiger food, water and shelter.

A tiger marks its territory with scent, droppings and scrape marks. It also roars from time to time. These smells, marks and sounds usually tell other tigers, 'I live here, keep out'.

Tigers usually hunt at night. They spend a lot of time searching for food. A tiger's favourite food is deer and wild pigs but it will eat any animals it can catch, from monkeys and peacocks to buffalo and goats. A tiger has many weapons to catch food. It has its long, pointed front teeth, sharp, curved claws and powerful shoulders. But a tiger has to work hard for its meals. It can't run as fast as many of the animals it hunts, so it has to get quite close to them before it pounces.

### Task 2: Tick the correct answer

### Number 1

Tigers have been overhunted for their	a.	jaws.
	b.	fur.
	c.	meat.

**Tick the correct answer now**

(pause of 4 seconds)

### Number 2

The tigers' habitat has	a.	been increasing.
	b.	been decreasing.
	c.	remained the same.

**Tick the correct answer now**

(pause of 4 seconds)

### Number 3

Tigers weigh more than	a.	2 adult men.
	b.	3 adult men.
	c.	4 adult men.

**Tick the correct answer now**

(pause of 4 seconds)

### Number 4

Tigers can live in	a.	cold places.
	b.	hot places.
	c.	cold and hot places.

**Tick the correct answer now**

(pause of 4 seconds)

### Number 5

Tigers eat, drink and find shelter in	a.	the forest.
	b.	the jungle.
	c.	their territory.

**Tick the correct answer now**

(pause of 4 seconds)

### Number 6

What is marked by the animal's smell and dropping?	a.	A tree
	b.	A field
	c.	Territory

**Tick the correct answer now**

(pause of 4 seconds)

### Number 7

What are the tigers' favourite food?	a.	Deer and wild pigs
	b.	Hens and chicks
	c.	Sheep and goats

**Tick the correct answer now**

(pause of 4 seconds)

### Number 8

Before jumping on its prey, the tiger has to	a.	go close.
	b.	observe it for long.
	c.	run fast.

**Tick the correct answer now**

(pause of 4 seconds)

### Number 9

Tigers are <b>endangered</b> creatures. <b>Endangered</b> means	a.	in danger of getting extinct.
	b.	in danger of getting sick.
	c.	in danger of getting hurt.

**Tick the correct answer now**

(pause of 4 seconds)

### Number 10

Tigers usually hunt when	a.	it's bad weather.
	b.	at dawn.
	c.	it's dark.

**Tick the correct answer now**

(pause of 4 seconds)

**Fill in the blanks with a suitable word in each space.**

a) The tiger uses its \_\_\_\_\_ (pause of 4 seconds), pointed, \_\_\_\_\_ (pause of 4 seconds) teeth and \_\_\_\_\_ (pause of 4 seconds) claws to hunt.

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**Now you have some time to check your work.** (1 min)

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