



PRIMARY SCHOOLS
HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION 2009

YEAR 4

ENGLISH
(LISTENING COMPREHENSION)

TIME: 20 minutes

Guidelines for the conduct of the Listening Comprehension Examination

ALL INSTRUCTIONS ARE TO BE GIVEN IN ENGLISH

Resources

Teacher: Reading Text and Questions
Each Pupil: Pen and Examination Paper

Introduction

The teacher in charge distributes the examination paper to each pupil and asks the pupils to write their name, surname and class on the front cover.

THE TEACHER TELLS THE PUPILS THAT:

1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">S/He is now going to read a story called <i>The Parrot and the Monkey</i>They are to listen carefully as s/he reads. They are not to answer the questions or to write anything whilst the teacher is reading.	(3 minutes)
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">They are to open the exam paper and to look at the questions as they listen to her/him s/he read the questions to them once.	(3 minutes)
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">They are to close the exam paper and to listen carefully to her/him as she reads the passage a second time.They are not to answer the questions or to write anything whilst the teacher is reading.	(3 minutes)
4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">They are to answer the questions in number 1 to 14 by putting a tick in a box to show the correct answer and in number 15 by filling in the blank with a word.	(5 minutes)
5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">S/He is going to read the pasage for the third time.They may complete any unanswered questions as the teacher reads.	(3 minutes)
6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">They are now going to check their answers and complete any unanswered questions, making sure they have ticked only one box for each question.	(3 minutes)

THE PARROT AND THE MONKEY

In the gardens of the zoo the animals live as one family. They all know each other. A wild donkey neighs his greetings to the giraffe and zebra who are on the other side of the garden. By blowing, the sea lion calls the visitors to show them how her children are able to catch fish in the pond.

A parrot and a monkey also live in the same zoo. Their cages are next to each other. The parrot is jealous of the monkey. He cannot understand why the monkey is always given more food, and why the visitors usually spend more time looking at the monkey than at him.

“I don’t know why the visitors give more food to you than to me,” says the parrot. “I can sing a song, I am pretty and bright and I look good in the sunlight. I may not be cleverer than you,” continues the parrot, “but I think I am as clever”.

The monkey does not answer the parrot. He is modest and does not want to boast in front of other people. He always tries to be a polite and well-mannered monkey. He does not wish to be unkind to his neighbour so he grins at him, and waves to him in a friendly way with his paw.

However, just at this moment, a man walks up to the cage and answers the parrot’s question. Stopping in front of the cage, he says:

“This is for you, little parrot. Three nuts because you can repeat what other people have taught you. And this is for you, little monkey, a handful of peanuts because you can make up things, and do them by yourself.”

Put a tick (✓) in the box to show the correct answer.

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| 1. Where do the animals in the story live? | in a forest
on a mountain
in a zoo
by the sea |
| 2. Whom does the wild donkey greet? | the parrot and the monkey
the elephant and the deer
the tiger and the leopard
the giraffe and the zebra |
| 3. How does the sea lion call the visitors at the zoo? | by shouting
by blowing
by singing
by roaring |
| 4. Where do the parrot and the monkey live? | They live in cages.
They live on a hill.
They live in a room.
They live on a tree. |
| 5. What do the visitors give to the monkey and the parrot? | They give them toys.
They give them food.
They give them water.
They give them money. |
| 6. What can the parrot do to attract visitors? | It flies round the cage.
It goes near the visitors.
It jumps up and down.
It sings a song. |
| 7. How does the parrot think he looks? | gentle and good
pretty and bright
clean and fresh
big and strong |
| 8. Why does the monkey not answer the parrot? | because he is tired
because he does not like to boast
because he hates the parrot
because he is proud |

9. How does the monkey show kindness to the parrot?
He waves in a friendly way.
He gives him some nuts.
He dances for him.
He gives him a hug.
10. Who answers the parrot's question?
A woman answers the parrot's question
A child answers the parrot's question.
A man answers the parrot's question.
Other birds answer the parrot's question.
11. Where does the man stop?
He stops in front of the cage.
He stops by the pond.
He stops under a tree.
He stops near the giraffe.
12. How many nuts does the man give the parrot?
He gives him six nuts.
He gives him many nuts.
He gives him three nuts.
He gives him no nuts.
13. Why does the man give so few nuts to the parrot?
because the parrot is very lazy
because the parrot only repeats what others tell him
because the parrot is cruel
because the parrot does not want to sing
14. Why is the monkey given more nuts?
because he is bigger than the parrot
because he is very kind
because he is hungry
because he he can make things up by himself
15. Give a word from the passage which shows that the parrot is not happy because the monkey is given more food by the visitors. _____