

Guidelines for the conduct of the Listening Comprehension Examination

ALL INSTRUCTIONS ARE TO BE GIVEN IN ENGLISH

1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SECTION A - Allow 25 seconds for pause whilst children familiarise themselves with the page. • Listen carefully. You will listen to the recording twice.
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Now listen to the newsreader. If you wish you may start underlining the correct word or phrase as you listen.
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to the sentences and underline the correct word or phrase in the sentences as you listen.
4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to the sentences again. You may finish this task as you listen.
5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The teacher will read the passage to you a third time. • You may complete any unanswered questions as the teacher reads.
6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finally you have three minutes to check your answers, and complete any unanswered questions. <p>Repeat for SECTION B.</p>

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Section A

Good Morning. These are the news headlines:

A four year old boy helps thieves to burgle his parents' house
A number of people arrested after a scuffle broke up

Now to more detailed news.

It was 3 o'clock in the morning when a four-year-old boy, Russell Brown, heard a noise in the living room. He found two men and they told him that they were friends of the family. Unfortunately, Russell believed them. They asked him where the video recorder was. Russell showed them, and told them they had a stereo and a CD player too. He even told them that his mum keeps a purse in a drawer and they took that too. The thieves asked Russell to open the back door so that they take the things in the car without making noise. Fortunately, the police caught the thieves last week.

A number of people have been arrested by the police yesterday evening after causing damage to the ground floor of a youth centre club. No one was injured during the incident, which involved around 15 youngsters. It is understood that the argument started during the annual summer party organised by the mayor.

Section A

Tick the correct answer

(1 mark x 5 = 5 marks)

1.	Russell thought that the two thieves were	strangers.	
		neighbours.	
		family friends.	

2.	The thieves stole	video recorder, stereo, CD and mother's purse.	
		video recorder, television set and mother's purse.	
		stereo, CD and video recorder	

3.	The thieves wanted to	pass from the front door.	
		pass from the alley.	
		pass from the back door.	

4.	In the scuffle around	fifteen people were involved.	
		fourteen people were involved.	
		fifty people were involved.	

5.	The party was organised	every year.	
		every term.	
		every week.	

Section B

Computer Crazy

There was one thing Simon couldn't live without and that was the computer. The Banks owned one computer which Simon basically took control of. His father didn't use it much, because whenever he needed to use the computer, he would use the one at the office. And his mother didn't know how to turn on a computer, let alone use it. This meant Simon could use the computer all the time.

Simon mostly played computer games but he owned an email account and occasionally went online to chat with his friends. He didn't know what he would do if his computer broke down.

Simon rarely ate at table with his parents because he hardly came out of his room. You can probably guess why. On one of the rare occasions he did, his parents had some news for him.

"Simon," said Mrs. Banks. "We have something important to tell you and we need your attention." Simon swallowed the food in his mouth and looked up. That told his parents that he was listening.

"Son, your father and I have been talking and we've decided that it's time for another child," said his mother quickly.

"So, we thought it would be nice to foster one," said Mr. Banks.

"We already know the perfect little girl," said Mrs Banks. "She's from Kenya and she's eleven years old; I'm sure the two of you will get along nicely."

The rest of the supper was quiet. Simon ate the food on his plate very quickly as he wanted to get back to his game. He took his last mouthful, excused himself and ran back to his room.

Simon wasn't up early the next day. It was summer so he could sleep as long as he liked. He woke to the sound of a gentle knocking on his bedroom door. He lazily got up and opened it, stealing a glance around the corridor until his eyes finally landed on a girl. She was a pretty, dark-skinned girl with short brown hair. She wasn't too tall, and barely reached Simon's shoulder. One of the first things Simon noticed about her was her smile; it looked like one of those perfect smiles you'd see on television. Simon was a bit taken aback, but he didn't say anything. It was still far too early in the morning for him to think straight

Section B

Tick the correct answer.

(1 mark x 12 = 12 marks)

1.	Simon used	the family computer.	
		his own computer.	
		his father's computer.	

2.	His father used	the family computer.	
		his office computer.	
		his neighbour's computer.	

3.	His mother	was a computer wizard.	
		knew nothing about computers.	
		knew basic computer skills.	

4.	Simon was fond of	playing computer games.	
		sending emails.	
		chatting with his friends.	

5.	The Banks family hardly	laughed together.	
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		spoke to each other.	
		ate together.	

6.	When a computer “breaks down”, it means that	the computer breaks into small pieces.	
		the computer stops working.	
		the computer gets lost.	

7.	The girl was adopted from	Kenya.	
		Pakistan.	
		Somalia.	

8.	Mr. and Mrs. Banks told Simon the news in	the morning.	
		in the afternoon.	
		in the evening.	

9.	Summer meant that Simon could	sleep longer.	
		go out with his friends.	
		help his mum.	

10.	Simon was impressed by	the girl’s eyes.	
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	the girl's smile.	
	the girl's hair.	

11.	Lola was	taller than Simon.	
		as tall as Simon.	
		shorter than Simon.	

12.	<i>Simon was taken aback</i> means	surprised.	
		moved back.	
		went somewhere.	

13. Fill in the blanks with an appropriate word.

Simon Banks is _____ years old from _____.

He couldn't live without his _____. Mr. and Mrs. Banks told Simon that they wanted to _____ another child. She was a pretty, _____ year old girl. She seemed to be a perfect _____ for him.

(1/2 mark x 6=3marks)