



**Corvinus Language Examination Centre**  
**English Language Test**  
**Listening Comprehension**  
**Level B1**

### **Listening Comprehension Test**

- You will hear three different recordings.
- Before the first listening you will have one minute to look through the questions of PARTS ONE and TWO. You will have two minutes before PART THREE.
- After that all parts will be played two times. There will be a short pause between the recordings.
- Write your answers in English.
- You can write your answers on the test paper during the listening and in the pauses.
- After the last listening, you will also have one minute to check your answers.
- Make any necessary changes very clearly because only one answer will be accepted.
- At the beginning of each recording you will hear this sound. (“gong”)



**Part 1**

**Listen to the recording and fill in the missing information in English in 1-5 words. You will hear a story about Ivan. There is an example (0) for you** **(7x1) 7 p**

<b>0.</b>	Ivan's mother tongue is: <span style="float: right;"><b>(0) <i>Russian</i></b></span>
<b>1.</b>	The number of Ivan's children: .....
<b>2.</b>	Ivan's workplace: .....
<b>3.</b>	The four languages (other than English) spoken by a lot of people: .....
<b>4.</b>	The number of people who speak Russian: .....
<b>5.</b>	Ivan has to speak English because: .....
<b>6.</b>	Swedish children start learning English at this age: .....
<b>7.</b>	Western European children hear English not only at school but also: .....

**Part 2**

**Listen to the recording and answer the questions in English in 1-5 words. You will hear a dialogue between Ms Durham and her psychologist. There is an example (0) for you** **(7x1) 7 p**

<b>0.</b>	<b>What does the psychologist first ask Ms Durham about?</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>(0) <i>her job</i></b></span>
<b>1.</b>	What does Ms Durham do? .....
<b>2.</b>	When does she start using her computer? .....
<b>3.</b>	What does she use the computer for in the morning? (write two things) .....
<b>4.</b>	What does she do at 7 o'clock? .....
<b>5.</b>	How does she feel when she goes home? .....
<b>6.</b>	Where did she go to university? .....
<b>7.</b>	How often does she go and see her parents? .....

Part 3

Listen to the recording and circle the right answer. (a,b,c)  
You will hear a dialogue about Jack's travelling habits.  
There is an example (0) for you

(6x1) 6 p

0.	What is Jack doing at the airport?	
	a)	He is waiting for his wife.
	b)	He is reading a book.
	<input checked="" type="radio"/> c)	<b>He is waiting to catch his flight.</b>
1.	How often does Jack <i>usually</i> travel?	
	a)	Once a month.
	b)	Twice a month.
	c)	Five times a month.
2.	Why is he flying to Austin, Texas?	
	a)	He is going to see an oil company.
	b)	He has got an oil company there.
	c)	He was lucky and won this ticket.
3.	He prefers staying in the office because he doesn't like ...	
	a)	airports full of people.
	b)	heavy suitcases.
	c)	flying alone.
4.	He likes travelling very much because he can ...	
	a)	meet new people.
	b)	learn how to cook other nations' foods.
	c)	visit new cities.
5.	He publishes his photographs ...	
	a)	on his blog.
	b)	on an Internet site.
	c)	on an Internet site <i>AND</i> on his blog.
6.	He hasn't visited Hawaii yet because ...	
	a)	he hasn't got enough time.
	b)	he hasn't got enough money for that.
	c)	he doesn't like crowded beaches.

**ANSWER KEY**

(A vastagon szedett információt a válasznak tartalmaznia kell.)

**Part 1**

**Listen to the recording and fill in the missing information in 1-5 words**

**(7x1) 7p**

0.	<i>Ivan's mother tongue is:</i>	<i>(0) Russian</i>
1.	<b>two</b>	
2.	<b>multinational company</b>	
3.	<b>German, French, Spanish, Russian</b>	
4.	<b>(over) 200 million</b>	
5.	it is spoken by a <b>lot of people</b> /in <b>many countries</b> / it is a <b>second language</b> in many countries <i>(A három közül az egyik)</i>	
6.	<b>five</b>	
7.	<b>On TV programmes</b>	

**Part 2**

**Listen to the recording and answer the questions in 1-5 words.**

**(7x1) 7 p**

0.	<i>What does the psychologist first ask Ms Durham about?</i>	<i>(0) her job</i>
1.	<b>A banker.</b>	
2.	<b>at 5 (o'clock)/(a.m.)</b>	
3.	<b>reads her mail / the news / writes comments</b> on Facebook <i>(A három közül az egyik)</i>	
4.	<b>leaves for work.</b>	
5.	<b>stress /stressed/ stressful / she wants to cry.</b> <i>(A négy közül az egyik)</i>	
6.	<b>In New York.</b>	
7.	<b>every second weekend / twice a month.</b> <i>(A kettő közül az egyik)</i>	

**Part 3**

**Listen to the recording and circle the right answer. (a,b,c)**

**(6x1) 6 p**

0.	<i>c)</i>
1.	<b>b)</b>
2.	<b>a)</b>
3.	<b>a)</b>
4.	<b>c)</b>
5.	<b>c)</b>
6.	<b>a)</b>

## **Tapescripts**

### **Part 1**

#### **English is the language of business**

Ivan is a 25-year-old Russian man from Moscow. He has a wife and 2 children. He is an engineer and he works at a big multinational company. Although Ivan's mother tongue is Russian, he has to speak English because his boss often sends him to America. And this is not the only multinational company which sends people abroad. In many workplaces English is a must. English has become the language of business all over the world, however there are many other languages which many people speak. There's German, French, Spanish, and, of course, there's Ivan's mother tongue, Russian. But no matter that Russian is so widespread, with over 200 million speakers, Ivan still has to speak English. So why is it English? England is not such a big country at all, even though there are relatively many people living in it. Anyway English is not only the national language in England, but also a in such big countries as Australia, Canada and the United States of America. Besides, and this is even more important, English has become a second language in many places. Not only in Ireland and India, which were British colonies, but also in Western Europe. Children in Holland, Belgium and Sweden, for example, learn English at school from about the age of five. And they do not only learn English at school. Many TV-programmes come in English only, and without a subtitle. So for the younger generation in the West, speaking English is quite natural. And that's why Ivan has to keep on studying the language.

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Source: [bbc.co.uk](http://bbc.co.uk)

### **Part 2**

#### **A banker's daily programme**

**Psychologist:** So Ms Durham... What did you say your job was?

**Banker:** I am a banker in New York City.

**P:** A real Wall Street banker! That is interesting. It must pay very well, mustn't it?

**B:** My salary is not bad, true. But my life is a chaos. That's why I visited you. My life is a chaos and I need help.

**P:** I will try to help you. Do you think your life is stressful? Could you describe one of your working days to me? A normal day.

**B:** Sure. I get up at half past four.

**P:** So early? Can't you sleep?

**B:** No, not really. When I get out of bed at five I usually switch on the computer and I read my mail and the news.

**P:** That's why you have those red eyes. What do you do next?

**B:** I drink my coffee and watch the news again on TV at six. Then I go back to my computer and I write comments on Facebook. At seven I leave for work. I get to work earlier than everybody else. Before the traffic jam starts. Then I start to work at about eight. There is much to do. At four, when I go home, I feel this strange stress. Sometimes when I hear the cars, I cry.

**P:** Were you born in New York?

**B:** No, in a small village in Alabama. I came to study to New York when I was fourteen. I attended both high school and university here in New York. I've lived here for twenty years. And unfortunately, I've always lived in noisy neighbourhoods. My parents came to live here too. They live in New Jersey. I visit them every second weekend.

**P:** Aha, so your life suddenly became much more stressful when you came to live in the city. This must be a part of your problem. Next time we will continue to talk about it.

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Source: <http://www.english-onlin.com>.

### Part 3

#### A travelling businessman

**Interviewer:** Good morning Sir. I'd like to ask you a few questions if I may.

**Jack:** Well, I'm waiting to catch my flight so I guess I can answer a few questions.

**I:** Thank you, Sir. First of all, how often do you travel?

**J:** I travel about twice a month. My record is five times a month. But that doesn't happen very often, only if I see really big business around.

**I:** And where are you flying to on this trip?

**J:** I'm flying to Austin, Texas. I have to visit an oil company. If I'm lucky I'll be able to buy it. Wish me luck!

**I:** ...ok, and where did you fly on your last trip?

**J:** I flew to Portland, Oregon. I've already been there three times!

**I:** Really! Do you enjoy travelling for business?

**J:** Yes, although I prefer staying in the office. I don't really like crowded airports and waiting for hours. I don't like when they make me open my suitcase either. Not at all.

**I:** And what do you like most about travelling?

**J:** I like visiting new cities and trying out new food. I always have my camera with me and I take many pictures. There are albums full of photos on my computer and I upload the best ones on an Internet site on my blog. People usually comment on them and it seems they like my photography.

**I:** Oh, I see. Is there anywhere you would like to visit that you haven't visited yet?

**J:** Yes, I'd like to go to Hawaii! I love going to the beach! But unfortunately I don't have time for holidays at all. Travelling for business takes up all my time. It's a great pity if you have to work all year. That's what I do.

**I:** OK. Thank you very much for your time today.

**J:** You're welcome. My pleasure.

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source: <http://www.scribd.com/doc/26808285/A-Business-Traveller-Interviewer-Good-Morning-Sir>,



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**ORAL EXAM**

**Time:** 12 (+/-1) minutes

Marks: a maximum of 30 points

**Part 1**

Guided conversation with the examiner

**Part 2**

Answering questions with the help of pictures.  
1 minute preparation time is given.

**Part 3**

Situational role play with the examiner

**EXAMINEE'S COPY (VIZSGÁZÓ PÉLDÁNYA)**

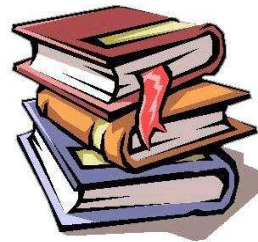
**1.) YOU WILL TALK WITH THE EXAMINER ABOUT DIFFERENT QUESTIONS (4-5 MINUTES)**

**2.) ANSWER THE QUESTIONS WITH THE HELP OF THE PICTURES. DO NOT DESCRIBE THE PICTURES. (4 MINUTES)**

1 minute preparation time is given.

**Free time**

- What do most people do in their free time?
- Do you prefer active or passive ways of relaxing?



**3.) ROLE-PLAY (3-4 MINUTES)**

**Examinee's card**

You want to take your English friend (the examiner) out for dinner in Hungary. Offer:

- Traditional restaurant, live music
- Open-air bar on the riverside
- Staying at home



## EXAMINER'S COPY (VIZSGÁZTATÓ PÉLDÁNYA)

### 2.) GUIDED INTERVIEW (-5 MINUTES)

1. Why do you learn foreign languages?
2. Where do you usually go for holiday?
3. Where is it better to live, in a big city or in a village?
4. What is your best friend like?
5. How do you celebrate your birthday?

#### Extra questions:

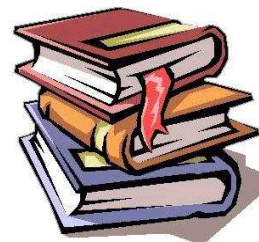
6. *Do you like the climate in Hungary? Why?*
7. *Do you live a healthy life? What does it mean for you?*

### 3.) ANSWER THE QUESTIONS WITH THE HELP OF THE PICTURES (4 MINUTES)

1 minute preparation time is given.

#### Free time

- What do most people do in their free time?
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### 4.) ROLE-PLAY (3-4 MINUTES)

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#### Examiner's card

You are an English person staying in Hungary. Your Hungarian friend wants to take you out for dinner.

- You are on a diet, you do not like traditional Hungarian food
- You would like to eat something light
- You don't like crowded places, you don't drink alcohol