



St Margaret College
Half Yearly Examinations 2013

Year 6

English Listening Comprehension

Time: 30 Minutes

Task 1 - Part 1

(Allow a 15 second pause while students familiarise themselves with the task)

Listen carefully. You will hear the reading twice.

Now listen to the following news. You may start underlining the correct word or phrase as you listen.

These are the news headlines:

- *Extreme Skydiver Breaks World Records with Dive from Near-Space*
 - *Life Is Tough For the World's Tallest Man*
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Lots of people go skydiving. They jump out of an airplane, with a parachute, and sail down to Earth. But on Sunday October 14th, Felix Baumgartner attempted his historic leap from the edge of Space. With his jump, Baumgartner broke three world records. Not only did the 43-year old daredevil complete the jump as planned, at the end of the epic event, he simply got up and walked over to greet his cheering fans. He came down to earth safe and sound, in about 11 minutes. He said he plans to fly rescue helicopters in the U.S. and Austria in the future.

- **Life Is Tough For The World's Tallest Man**

At 8 feet 5 inches, Leonard Stadnik, from Ukraine, is the tallest man in the world according to the Guinness Book of Records. While that sounds really cool and amazing, living a normal life and doing the things we take for granted is a little difficult for this extra-tall man. He receives lots of help from kind-hearted strangers. They provide him with over-sized clothes; custom made shoes, an over-sized bicycle and even a new computer with connection to the Internet. He now has on-line friends from all over the world and is even trying to learn English. Last week, he received the biggest surprise of all - a custom made car from the President of Ukraine - who even took the time to drive him around!

Listen to the sentences and underline the correct word or phrase in the brackets as you listen. (*Include the 4 second pause after each number.*)

1. Felix Baumgartner broke (two, four, three) world records.
2. The sky-diver is (forty-three, fifty-three, forty) years old.
3. The event took place on the (12th of November, 15th of December, 14th of October)
4. He plans to (fly, break, paint) rescue helicopters in the U.S. and Austria.
5. Leonard Stadnik is from (Poland, Russia, Ukraine).
6. The life of a tall man is (amazing, challenging, silly).
7. Leonard receives lots of help from (family, strangers, friends).
8. His biggest surprise was (an over-sized bicycle, a computer, a custom made car)

Now you will hear the announcements again. Listen carefully.

(The announcements are read a second time.)

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(The sentences are read a second time. Include the 4 second pause after each number.)

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

This is the end of Task One. (Allow a 30 second pause between Task 1 and Task 2.)

Look at the exercises for Task Two.

(Allow a 50 second pause while students familiarise themselves with the exercises.)

Listen carefully. You will hear the reading twice.

Task 2

Adolf Hitler was the leader of Germany from 1933 to 1945. He was leader of the Nazi party and became a powerful dictator. Hitler started World War II by invading Poland and then invading many other European countries. He is also known for wanting to exterminate the Jewish people in the Holocaust.

Adolf was born on April 20, 1899 in the country of Austria. Hitler did not have a happy childhood. Both his parents died fairly young and many of his brothers and sisters died as well. Adolf did not do well in school. When World War I began, Hitler joined the German army. Adolf was awarded twice with the Iron Cross for bravery. It was during World War I that Hitler came to love war.

After the war, Hitler entered politics. Many Germans were upset that they had lost the war and many people were poor. On entering politics, Hitler discovered that he was gifted in giving speeches. His speeches were powerful and people believed what he said. Hitler joined the Nazi party and soon became its leader. He promised Germans that if he became leader he would restore Germany to greatness in Europe. Soon Hitler was dictator of Germany.

Hitler was responsible for some of the most horrible crimes committed in human history. He hated Jewish people and wanted to exterminate them from Germany. He forced Jewish people to go to concentration camps where 6 million Jews were killed during World War II. He also had other people and races he didn't like killed including handicapped people.

On September 1, 1939 Germany invaded Poland and World War II began. Hitler formed an alliance with the Axis Powers of Japan and Italy. They were fighting the Allied Powers of Britain, France, the Soviet Union, and the United States.

Hitler's army began to take over much of Europe. Soon Germany had captured much of Europe including France, Denmark, and Belgium. However, the Allies fought back and on June 6th, 1944 soon France was liberated. By March of 1945 the Allies had defeated much of the German army. On April 30, 1945 Hitler committed suicide.

Listen to the exercises and complete them.

(Include the 4 second pause after each number)

Exercise 1:

True, False or No Information Given? Tick (✓) the correct box. (5 marks)

a. Adolf Hitler was born in Austria

True	<input type="checkbox"/>
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False	<input type="checkbox"/>
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No information given	<input type="checkbox"/>
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b. Hitler started World War II by attacking Germany.

True	<input type="checkbox"/>
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False	<input type="checkbox"/>
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No information given	<input type="checkbox"/>
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c. Hitler had three brothers and two sisters.

True	<input type="checkbox"/>
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False	<input type="checkbox"/>
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No information given	<input type="checkbox"/>
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d. Hitler was good at giving speeches to crowds of people.

True	<input type="checkbox"/>
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False	<input type="checkbox"/>
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No information given	<input type="checkbox"/>
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e. He loved Jewish people.

True	<input type="checkbox"/>
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False	<input type="checkbox"/>
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No information given	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Exercise 2:

Tick (✓) the best answer (3 marks)

a. During World War II, Hitler invaded

i.	Asian countries	
ii.	European countries	
iii.	American countries	

b. It is estimated that around

i.	4 million Jews died during World War II	
ii.	5 million Jews died during World War II	
iii.	6 million Jews died during World War II	

c. One of the enemies of Hitler during the war was

i.	America	
ii.	Japan	
iii.	Italy	

Exercise 3:

Complete the sentences (4 marks)

1. During his childhood Hitler was _____.

2. Hitler was a leader and a powerful _____.

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False	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Exercise 3:

Complete the sentences (4 marks)

3. During his childhood Hitler was _____.

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