

SAMPLE OF LISTENING TEST

Example 1 - The Motor car

We've known since 1993 that cars damage the environment. They cost a lot if we take into account what I will call social costs, e.g. congestion, accidents, loss of land and natural habitats, use of valuable oil resources and so on, as well as air and noise pollution. However, cars are still our favourite mode of transport. They are flexible and far more convenient than other forms of transport such as buses and trains. It is therefore unrealistic to expect people voluntarily to give up private cars in favour of these other options.

Example 2 - Australia

Australia occupies a huge area and has a vast number of different environments within its boundaries. For example, there are dense rainforest in the north where the climate is tropical and there is a high rainfall. The inland areas are mostly desert or dry grassland areas where few people live and there are more sheep than anywhere in the world. Most of the people live in the southeast, about 75%, which has a mild climate and rainfall all the year round. Australia exports wool, meat and dairy products. It also produces lots of minerals, eg. coal, iron and gold and is self-sufficient in oil.

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Procedure for Dictation:

- Read out once straight through
- Then read out in short phrases
- One minute pause
- Then read out again straight through
- One minute to check work
- End of test

One mark will be deducted for each word spelled incorrectly, any additional words included which were not included in the dictation or incorrect use of grammar (eg word order, capitalisation, punctuation).