



Sample Assessment Material

Listening Transcript

ES2C24 – VTCT (ITEC) Level 2 Certificate in ESOL
International (C1)



1.1. Listening transcripts

Part 1

1. It is raining heavily now.
2. Is someone knocking on our door?
3. The car could do with a wash.
4. Where is our meeting being held?
5. Would you like to learn another language?
6. Do you want me to run the bath for you?
7. My house is very cold at the moment.
8. We would all be better off without mobile phones.

Part 2

Recording A

Scout: Mr and Mrs Markland, Welcome! I am so glad to meet you. Let me introduce myself. I am Jordan Lawrence and I am the club scout for Huddersfield Ladies Football Team. I'll get straight to the point... Your daughter has been on our radar for a long time now and we'd like her to sign with us as a professional footballer. I have asked you here today because I want to make sure that from here, day one, she has your total support because she will need it.

Mrs Markland: Wow! I am shocked. I thought you were just inviting us here today because you thought that she was an enthusiastic footballer – I didn't realise she was that good.

Scout: Yes, she is extremely good! It is my job to watch young footballer's week in, week out and hopefully spot someone who I think will make the grade as a professional footballer. Your daughter, Lia, in my opinion, will make an outstanding footballer.

Lia: Mum, Dad! This is what I have always wanted. I must sign. I want to be a professional footballer – please support me in my choice of career.

Mr Markland: I know Lia but this is something you can't just jump into. It is something we need to think about – there is a lot we need to consider. Being a footballer is a short career, will it make you enough money to help you move into your next career? What if you are not good enough to make the first team?

Scout: Let me assure you Mr Markland, Lia will be put straight on to a professional wage. It is extremely good money, especially for somebody who is only seventeen.

Mr Markland: But what if things don't work out and she doesn't make it as a professional footballer? Or what if she gets injured and can no longer play?

Scout: At the club, all our young players must enrol on an apprenticeship. This could range from



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accountancy to zoology. The choice is theirs. What this does, it gives them a career to move on to, if they don't make it as a footballer or alternatively at the end of their contract. They will also be given 1-to-1 nutritional advice to ensure peak performance as a sports person, mentoring advice on life skills such as dealing with the media and members of the public, as well as the obvious specific football training required.

Mrs Markland: That does reassure me, what do you think?

Lia: Please Mum and Dad! I must sign.

Scout: Make no mistake Mr and Mrs Markland, your daughter Lia has exceptional footballing skills and I strongly urge you to support her in signing terms with Huddersfield, in with a start of a long and rewarding career for her.

Mrs Markland: You're obviously extremely talented, I trust that you will succeed in whatever you choose to do. Your father and I are fully behind you.

Lia: Where do we sign?

Recording B

Interviewer: Thank you for coming in today. So, I believe you were going to talk about making our gardens wildlifefriendly.

Interviewee: That's right! I am passionate to pass on to all your listeners the many benefits of making their garden's wildlife friendly. I will not only give tips to the listeners on how to make their gardens attract more wildlife but I'll also mention the benefits that can be brought to wildlife as well as the added mental health benefits with gardeners. It's a win-win situation!

Interviewer: Ok then Si, Let's get going. What is your first tip?

Interviewee: Modern gardens are prone to being too tidy, nature is not tidy! Manicured lawns and weed-free borders lack in wildlife. However, if you leave a section of your garden untouched, perhaps a small corner of your garden and leave a few branches, twigs, leaves and forget about it, you will be amazed at how quickly nature will move in. Hedgehogs may well make nests there, a variety of insects will soon appear such as a marmalade hoverfly, soldier beetle, the garden tiger moth, the buff-tail bumble bee, the pirate bug and the easy-identified seven spot ladybird.

Interviewer: Such exotic names! The marmalade hoverfly sounds like it might have come from straight from an obscure Winnie the Pooh adventure. And what would be your second tip?

Interviewee: My second tip would to have plants in your garden that are guaranteed to bring in the wildlife such as the magical butterfly. What is more beautiful than seeing butterfly's flutter from one plant to another in your garden. The sure-fire way of ensuring that you get plenty of butterflies in your



garden is to plant a buddleia tree. Butterflies are attracted to them like magnets. These nectar leaven plants will guarantee you visits by the small white, large white, red admiral, peacock, small tortoise shell, painted lady and if you're incredibly lucky a brimstone.

Interviewer: Well that sounds like a rather good start! What is your next tip?

Interviewee: Put a pond in your garden. It doesn't have to be a large pond. It doesn't have to be an expensive one bought from a garden centre either. Be creative. I've seen people using a washing up bowl to make a delightful garden pond. Whatever you use you will create a wildlife oasis. The pond will attract amphibians such as frogs, insects such as dragonflies, Damselflies and pond skaters. Foxes and hedgehogs may come for a drink of water, birds such as starlings, robins, blue-tits as well as the unmistakable magpies will not only come for a drink of water but for a quick bath too.

Part 3

It is now clear that the planet we live on is in serious trouble. The oceans are being choked by 296,000 tonnes of plastic, which one way or the other is finding its way there every day. At least half of the world's oxygen comes from the oceans, if the oceans are in trouble, then we are in trouble. The oceans are being over-fished and it is estimated that by the year 2050 that there will be no fish at all in the oceans. Deforestation of the planet has reached an unprecedented rate and for each minute that then passes, 150 acres of forest are lost. Whether it be for farming, logging or for new settlements - It doesn't really matter. Acre upon acre of ancient forest is being lost for good.

These are ancient woodlands, they have been around for thousands and thousands of years and are full of biodiversity, which means they have a variety of plant and animal wildlife unique to that habitat. The replanting of trees cannot recreate this wonderful biodiversity. In the UK today, 13 percent of the land is covered by forest. This is 19 percent in Scotland, 15 percent in Wales, 10 percent in England and 9 percent in Northern Ireland. In the doomsday book of 1086, England was reported to have 15 percent of its land covered by ancient woodland. At the beginning of the 20th century in England, only 5% of this woodland remained. The reign of Queen Victoria resulted in many changes and the loss of large areas of woodland was one of them. This deforestation continued in World Wars one and two, where timber was used to build train carriages for transportation of troops and weapons, building of trenches through the wars, temporary lodgings for soldiers and prisoners and vessels. The replanting of around fifteen million trees has taken place through government funding in the last eight years, which has brought land covered by forest in England to the ten percent figure mentioned earlier. The planet is warming up and the ice caps are melting, resulting in the level of oceans rising. Land that was once home of animals or people will be lost forever. In Europe, the Netherlands is most likely to be affected, whilst in North America, cities on the east coast such as New York City and Miami will be particularly vulnerable. In South-East Asia, major cities with large populations such as Bangkok and Shanghai will be under severe threat of being flooded. The production of carbon dioxide whether it be man-made by Cars, Planes, Ships etc. or through domesticated animals such as Cows, is constantly rising and being trapped in the earth's atmosphere. This is resulting of a weakening of the o-zone layer, which leads to further warming of the planet, allowing harmful radiation from the sun to be able to penetrate the earth's atmosphere and reach land or sea. A build-up of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is dangerous as it can lead to us humans suffering respiratory problems, damaged organs and tissue, due to failing to get enough oxygen into our lungs. Therefore, major attention is now focused on the negative affect of our massive meat production on this planet. Firstly, cows



that are producing methane produce more carbon dioxide than all of man's methods of transportation together and secondly the consumption of meat in our diet is also one of the major reasons for deforestation. We quickly need to look at what we eat and find an alternative.