

GA Entry 3/B1 CERTIFICATE IN ESOL INTERNATIONAL LISTENING RECORDING TRANSCRIPTS: HIPPO Sample

Listening Task 1:

| SPEAKER | MALE / FEMALE | ACCENT |
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| Mr Smith | Male | Standard English |
| Lizzie | Female | Standard English |

Lizzie: Hello, Green Family Farm, Lizzie speaking, how can I help you?

Caller: Oh, hello, yes... I'm calling about the fund raising event at the farm this weekend. I read about it on your website. What time are the activities starting? I'm thinking of bringing my family.

Lizzie: OK, we're open to visitors from 9 o'clock on Saturday morning, but the first event is scheduled to start about half past nine. We'll be open until 5 o'clock, though of course it will start to get quieter in the late afternoon, probably from about 4.

Caller: Is it free entry? I can't remember from the website.

Lizzie: It's free entry for children under twelve. Children over 12 and adults have to buy an entry ticket, but they are only £3.50 each. You can buy tickets when you get here. There's no need to buy in advance but if you book online you get a 10 per cent discount.

Caller: Oh, that's OK, we'll probably just get the tickets when we get there. Can you tell me... what children's activities will there be?

Lizzie: There'll be lots for the children to do! We have face painting, art and craft activities, as well as the opportunity to meet the farm animals. We only ask that the children do not feed any of the animals during the visit.

Caller: That all sounds great fun for the kids. And what about the adults? What can they enjoy?

Lizzie: We've got the vegetable and flower growing displays, and lots of locally produced food on sale, including breads, cakes and ice cream. We'll also have a hot food stall selling sausages and burgers. Of course, you'll also be able to walk around the farm and meet the animals. I am sure that the adults will enjoy the day as much as the children.

Caller: Well, that all sounds like a lovely day out for all of us. Can you help me with some directions to the farm? I'll be travelling on the A57 to get there.

Lizzie: It's really easy to find – from the A57.... Hmm... OK, do you know where the post office is as you come out of the village?

Caller: Yes, the one next to the old church, right?

Lizzie: Exactly. Take the second turning left after the post office.

Caller: First turning left?

Lizzie: No no, the second turning left. Then follow the road for about one kilometre, and you'll see the entry to the farm on your right.

Caller: Thanks, that's really helpful, it sounds perfect. We'll see you all there on Saturday then. Thanks for your help. Bye!

Lizzie: You're welcome. Bye!

Listening Task 2:

| SPEAKER | MALE / FEMALE | ACCENT |
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| Anna | Female, young | Standard English |

Hi, my name is Anna. I know that a lot of people think that it's stressful to start a new school, but I'm here to tell you I've done it, and it wasn't so bad. In fact, it wasn't that bad at all!

Not long after my tenth birthday, in January last year, my mum got a really good job in a city 6 hours away from our home town. My parents decided that our whole family would move there within a few months. The plan was that we would start school after the summer, but mum and dad bought a new house in February, and we all moved there before the end of March. It meant that my brother and I had to start a new school in the middle of a school year.

I felt quite anxious before my first day at the new school...I didn't know anybody at all! But you know what? Everybody was really lovely. When I entered the classroom, there was a sign on the board and it said: 'Welcome Anna.' All the girls in the classroom drew flowers all around it. It made me feel ...erm...it gave me confidence to speak to other pupils and start making friends.

On my second day at school, everyone had a maths test, but the teacher told me I didn't have to do it if I didn't want to... I was a bit worried other students would be jealous, but everyone was really cool about it... they even offered to help me with the bits I didn't do at my old school... which was great, because I'm not very good at maths!

By the end of the first week, I felt really at home at my new school...I had met most of the teachers, and got to know all my classmates. It turned out that one of the girls from my class only lives a couple of doors down from my new house! I thought I would miss my old school and friends loads - but I didn't even have the time to think about them.

That girl from my street, Martha...it was her birthday that weekend and she invited me to come over. At first I didn't want to, because all my clothes were still packed away after the move... but then I thought to myself: 'don't be silly, it's going to be fun, even if you wear your old jeans!' ... and I decided to go. Martha turned out to be a really fun girl: she is into a lot of things that I like too: reading books, horse riding and comedy films. I got her a t-shirt with my favourite band on it, and she really liked it. We've been the best of friends ever since.

Listening Task 3:

| SPEAKER | MALE / FEMALE | ACCENT |
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| Speaker 1 | Female | Standard English |
| Speaker 2 | Male | Standard English |
| Speaker 3 | Female | Standard English |

Speaker 1:

I really love burgers, chips, pizza and other fast-food. What could be nicer? Of course, I don't eat them every meal but once or twice a week isn't going to do you any harm. I enjoy a nice big beef burger but with tomatoes and lettuce, so it isn't too unhealthy. You can get a low-fat burger and it's still fast-food. Things like tomato sauce and mustard are actually really good for you and pizza is perfectly healthy. The Italians have eaten it for hundreds of years and they live a long time.

Speaker 2:

I love fast food and I eat it every day. So what if it's a bit unhealthy? So is smoking, drugs or not getting enough exercise. In fact, they are far worse. I might be a few kilos overweight but there are plenty of people bigger than me who live on salads. It's all about what you do with the rest of your life and I'm always busy so I don't have time to cook my own meals. They take so long. I think it's better to eat fast-food than nothing.

Speaker 3:

Fast-food isn't really for me. I prefer traditional food like pasta and I really enjoy the taste of fresh fruit and vegetables. You can make some great tasting meals from eggs, cheese, mushrooms and salad. You just need to have an imagination. The best meal I know is really tasty and not fast-food. I just love to eat a salad with wild mushrooms and a spicy dressing. It's delicious and I eat it all the time. I think fast-food is really unhealthy and leads to obesity, heart disease and strokes. My advice is... avoid.