Preliminary (PET): Listening

You will hear each recording **TWICE**. While you are listening you should write your answers on the question booklet. At the end of the listening paper you will have time to transfer your answers to the answer sheet.

**Part 1:** There are seven multiple-choice questions, each with three pictures. The pictures often show where things are, how something happened, what the time is, or what things someone has. You will hear either one or two speakers in the extracts.

Read the question, then look at the pictures and note any differences between them. Aspects of all the pictures will be mentioned, as distractors are used to really test your listening. Select the most suitable picture and mark your answer in the box.

**Part 2:** There are six multiple-choice a/b/c questions. You will hear one main speaker, who will talk about his/her job, life, interests or experiences. Each question will either be a complete question or a part of a question.

You are given 45 seconds to read the questions and answers. Use this time wisely by highlighting key words, and during the first listening put a tick in the box you think is correct. During the second listening, check that you have selected the correct answer. Again be careful of distractors.

**Part 3:** Six questions need to be completed with one or two words or a number. You will usually only hear one speaker. The speaker gives information about something e.g. a place, an event, a course, or it could be an answerphone message. The questions are in the order in which you hear the recording which will help you pinpoint the part of the recording containing the answer that you need. Make sure you catch it on the second listening. You are given 20 seconds before the second playing of the listening extract.

Always use the time before the listening starts to underline key words which will help when you are listening for the answer. Listen for the key words you underlined, but be aware that they may not always be exactly the same as in the questions. Write the missing information quickly into the space. Then listen for the next question. **CHECK** your spelling carefully at the **END OF THE TEST**.

If you have written a number on the first listening, **CHECK** that the order of the number is correct on the second listening. The words you need for your answer are exactly as they are in the recording. **DO NOT** change them. You only need to write one or two words.
Part 4: There are six sentences and you must decide if they are true or false. You will hear a conversation between two speakers, usually a man and a woman. The speakers usually discuss something which leads to a result by the end of the extract. The topic of the discussion is given in the information preceding the questions, so you know before the listening starts what it is going to be about. You are given 20 seconds before the listening starts to read the questions. USE the time wisely.

Highlight the key words – when listening you will hear these words, or very similar words. Decide whether what you hear means the same as the sentence and then put a tick in box A (correct) or B (incorrect). Establish whether you are listening for an opinion, a fact or a statement.