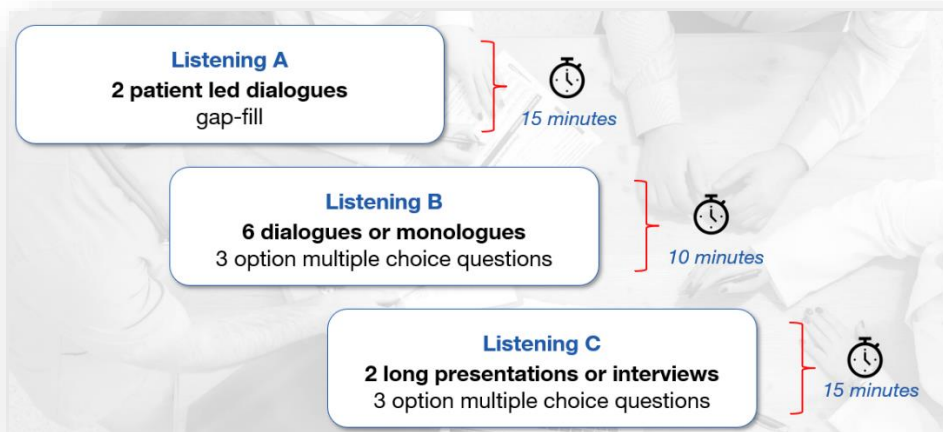


OET Listening A: Strategies



- ✓ Use the heading and information provided to help you decide what to listen for.
- ✓ Predict what type of information you need to complete the gap.
- ✓ Use role play consultations to practice for part A.

Exam format:



What is the format of Part A?

- 2 patient led conversations - approximately 15 minutes in total
- 24 questions - 12 for each extract

Gap fill questions with a word or a short phrase

The context of the conversation will always be provided

You will hear a pharmacist talking to a patient. For questions 13 to 24, complete the notes with a word or short phrase.

You now have thirty seconds to look at the notes.



How should you approach Listening Part A?

Read the context

You will hear a pharmacist talking to a patient. For questions 13 to 24, complete the notes with a word or short phrase.

You now have thirty seconds to look at the notes.

Use the time given to implement the strategies.

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Use the headings and information provided to help you decide what to listen for.

This will also help you to keep up with the conversation.

Reason for conversation

- patient asking for advice about medication
- (13) _____ gave patient Ramipril last week

Reasons for taking blood pressure medication

- (14) _____ rising steadily
- GP suggested lifestyle changes
- did not reduce (15) _____
- also no (16) _____ in activity level
- smokes cigs (17) _____, but has tried to cut down

Side effects patient experiences after taking Ramipril

- feeling (18) _____
- headache (19) _____ for the past two days

Predict what kind of information you need to complete the notes.

Reason for conversation

- patient asking for advice about medication
- (13) **noun - healthcare professional** gave patient Ramipril last week

Reasons for taking blood pressure medication

- (14) **noun - what has been rising?** rising steadily
- GP suggested lifestyle changes

Reason for conversation

- patient asking for advice about medication
- (13) **GP** gave patient Ramipril last week

Patient: I was wondering, if you could give me some advice about these tablets that the **GP** gave me last week I'm not sure that I should be taking them.

Reasons for taking blood pressure medication

- (14) **blood pressure** rising steadily
- GP suggested lifestyle changes

Pharmacist: Right. What tablets are you taking?

Patient: Um, I've got the box here. They're called Ramipril...is that how you say it?

Pharmacist: That's right. Do you know why the GP put you on Ramipril?

Patient: Yes. My blood pressure has been climbing steadily. The GP tried to talk to me about some lifestyle changes..

Be aware of paraphrasing between the audio and the notes

Preparing for Listening Part A

Listen and make headings for the topics discussed, then listen again make notes under these headings

Make a note of patient-friendly language

Mathew Smith's YouTube channel

24 hours in A&E

GP behind closed doors

Patient-friendly Language

Cut down (v) = reduce
"I'm trying to cut down on fast food"

Keep (you/me) up at night (v) = problems sleeping
"Thinking about my job is keeping me up at night"