

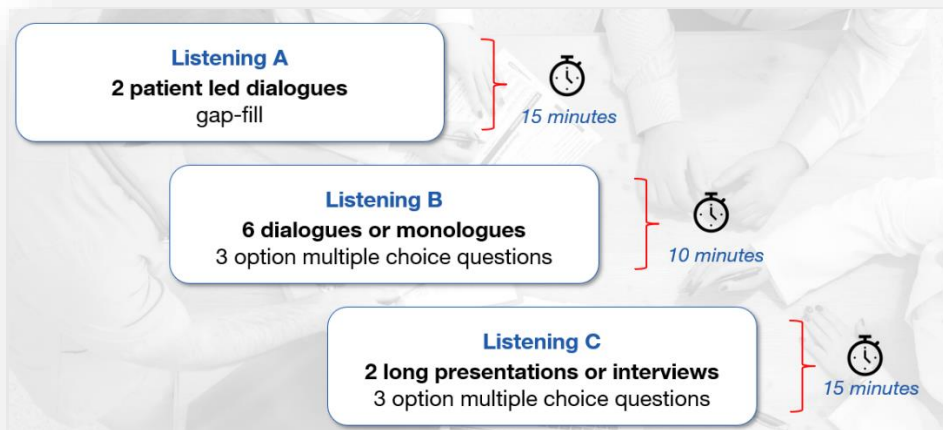


OET Listening B: Strategies



- ✓ Use the context for reference
- ✓ Underline key words
- ✓ Listen to the whole audio.

Exam format:



What is the format of Part B?

- 6 different extracts - about 1 minute each
- There are 6 multiple choice questions with 3 options.
- Each extract will be a different topic and setting
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The context of the conversation will always be provided

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Questions types for Listening Part B

- **Gist** What are the doctors discussing?
- **Detail** What symptom has the patient recently developed?
- **Course of action** What will the nurse do today?

How should you approach Listening Part B?

Read the context given

Understand the question

Read the options and notice the differences

Listen to all of the audio before marking your answer

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Managing the dressings at home is introduced here.

Instructions are given here on how to manage the dressing

Mrs Davidson, I've got your new dressings here. I'll explain them to you, so you'll know what to do, when you go home. The dressings are alginate dressings and there are a few things you need to know, before you use them. The dressings are made of sodium and calcium fibres which have come from a special seaweed. We're going to use the dressings on the ulcer on your lower leg, as the previous dressings haven't helped to heal the ulcer. Well, alginate dressings are very effective in clearing out wounds without making them dry. They'll also protect your ulcer from harmful bacteria which can cause infection and stop the wound from healing. There are a few things you need to be aware of, when you use these dressings. The first thing is to dampen the dressing with saline to make it easier to remove. The alginate forms a type of gel which is usually easy to clean off. Cover the alginate dressing with a non-stick pad and change the dressing every two to three days.

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Information is given that the dressings will be used at home, but not why they will be used.

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Information is given about why alginate dressings are used, but there is no reference as to why they are used at home.

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Preparing for Listening Part B

Study Tip!

Practice in the workplace (if you are currently working in an English speaking environment)

Watch healthcare training videos on the internet

Create a list of verbs commonly used in the workplace which are usually quite formal and learn their meaning

