

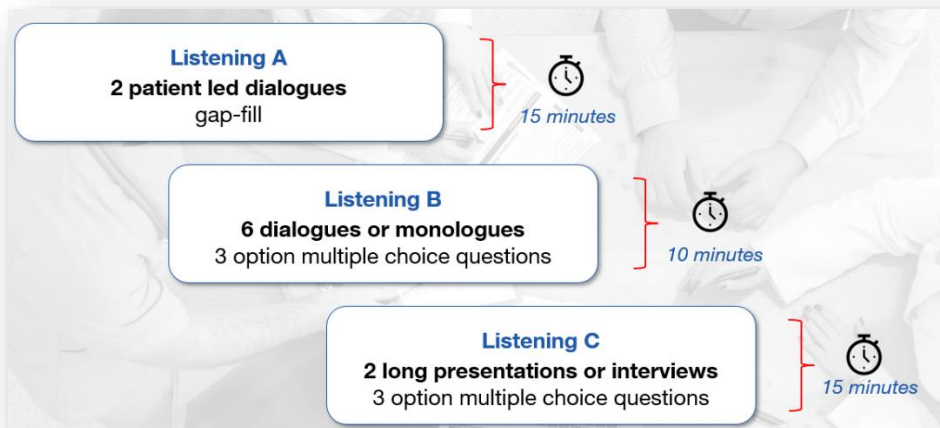


OET Listening C: Strategies



- ✓ Stay focused
- ✓ Read the questions before you listen
- ✓ Use the cues provided in the question
- ✓ Check your answers

Exam format:



What is the format of Part C?

- 2 long presentations or interviews
- 12 questions - 6 for each extract
- 3 option multiple choice questions

The topic of the extract will be introduced and you will have 90 seconds to read the questions and the options before the audio begins.

Extract 1: Questions 31 to 36

You will hear an interview with an educator from the Breast Cancer Network called Paula Westford, who is discussing issues around male breast cancer.



questions to guide you

3 possible answers

colour in the circle with pencil to mark your answer

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You will need to understand large parts of the audio

source: Reach OET B online course

Before listening

You have 90 seconds:

- Look at the context
- Notice the structure
- Understand the questions
- Read the options and notice the differences

How should you approach Listening Part C?

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Preparing for Listening Part C

Study Tip!

Listen extensively to presentations and podcasts

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BBC Inside health

- ✓ Practise listening to longer talks and train your brain to stay focused
- ✓ Listen to a variety of audios on healthcare topics
- ✓ Listen out for the speaker's attitude and opinion
- ✓ Practice dealing with unfamiliar content and vocabulary

Pause & summarise what has been said, then continue listening

Note down the main structure of the talk, then listen again and make more detailed notes

Make a note of any expressions they use to organise their speech

Note down any unfamiliar words, then try and guess the meaning from the context after listening

