



ST NICHOLAS COLLEGE
HALF YEARLY PRIMARY EXAMINATIONS
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YEAR 6

English Listening Procedures

TIME: 30 minutes

Teachers' Booklet



Procedures for Task One

Look at Task One.

(Allow a 15 second pause while students familiarise themselves with the task.)

Listen carefully. You will hear the reading twice.

If you wish, you may start underlining the correct word or phrase as you listen.

'Lords and Ladies' are found between March and April in shady places in valleys and by the walls of gardens and fields. Lords and Ladies are not people but strange looking plants. The tiny flowers are protected by a green leaf which looks like a cap. A smell attracts flies. Flies enter the cap, but when they find no honey to eat, they crawl down the green leaf. For some time the flies are trapped inside the plant and cannot go out. These flowers need insects, because flies carry pollen. When the flies drop some of the pollen on the seeds, the Lords and Ladies open the trap-door and let the prisoners go free. But before the flies go away, the plant gives them a drop of honey as a reward.

Listen to the sentences and underline the correct word or phrase in the brackets as you listen. (3 marks)

(Include the 4 second pause after each number.)

Number 1. Lords and Ladies are (men and women, plants, insects).

(4 seconds)

Number 2. These tiny flowers are protected by a leaf which looks like a (trap-door, plant, cap). (4 seconds)

Number 3. Flies crawl down the leaf to look for (honey, pollen, insects).

(4 seconds)

Now listen to the sentences and fill in the blanks with one word only as you listen.

(5 marks)

(Include the 4 second pause after each number.)

Number 4. Lords and Ladies are found in _____ places.

Number 5. A _____ attracts flies.

Number 6. The flies drop some of the _____ on the seeds.

Number 7. The Lords and Ladies open the _____ and let the prisoners go _____.

Number 8. The plant gives them a drop of _____ as a reward.

Now you will hear the passage again. Listen carefully.

(The passage is read a second time.)

Listen to the sentences again. You may finish this task as you listen.

(The sentences are read a second time. Include the 4 second pause after each number.)

You now have some time to check your answers. (Allow 30 seconds.)

This is the end of Task One. (Allow a 30 second pause between Task 1 and Task 2.)

Procedures for Task Two

Look at the exercises for Task Two.

(Allow a 50 second pause while students familiarise themselves with the three exercises.)

Listen carefully. You will hear the reading twice.

If you wish, you may start the exercises as you listen.

Even on feast days, old Mr Smith sits alone in his shop behind closed doors admiring his goods. The only time he is seen on the street is when he is returning from church or a football match.

On week days his shop is usually crowded. He stands behind the counter in his white apron with a cigarette in his mouth although his doctor has warned him to give up smoking as his heart is very weak.

He is an honest man and his customers are certain that he would never cheat them. He is very patient in dealing with the large numbers of small children who come into the shop to spend their money. They open his jars of sweets and help themselves but nothing escapes the sharp eye of the owner.

His wife sits at the back of the shop keeping her books in the way she herself has invented and even when the shop is crowded with the customers waiting to be served, she never comes out to help her husband. She is a great talker and knows everything about everybody.

On certain days trucks call with very heavy boxes of apples, oranges, butter and other goods while Mr Smith himself comes out and with the strength of a man half his age carries them into his shop.

Listen to the exercises and complete them.
(Include the 4 second pause after each number.)

Exercise 1: True, False or No Information Given
Tick (✓) the correct box in the table below.

(5 marks)

	TRUE	FALSE	NO INFORMATION GIVEN
a) Mr. Smith is a young man. Tick the correct box now. (4 seconds)			
b) Mr. Smith does not go out much. Tick the correct box now. (4 seconds)			
c) He never smokes. Tick the correct box now. (4 seconds)			
d) Mr. Smith's wife is very young. Tick the correct box now. (4 seconds)			
e) She never comes out to help her husband. Tick the correct box now. (4 seconds)			

Exercise 2: Underline the best phrase in the brackets. (4 marks)

- (a) On feast days Mr. Smith (talks with his friends in his shop, plays cards in his shop, sits down by himself in his shop). (4 seconds)
- (b) **Nothing escapes the sharp eye of the owner.** This means (he is always escaping from his shop, his eyes are so huge, he observes every detail around him). (4 seconds)
- (c) Probably Mrs. Smith didn't receive much education because (she talked a lot, she talked a lot about people, she didn't keep her books in the proper way). (4 seconds)

Exercise 3: Complete these sentences. (4 marks)

- (d) Mr. Smith should never smoke because (20 seconds)

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- (e) Although he is an old man, he has the strength of (20 seconds)
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Now you will hear the reading again. Listen carefully.
(The text is read a second time.)

Listen to the exercises again. You may finish off any remaining exercises as you listen.

(The exercises are read a second time. Include the 4 second pause after each number.)

You now have some time to check your answers. (Allow 1 minute)

This is the end of Task Two and the end of the Listening Examination.