



ST NICHOLAS COLLEGE
HALF-YEARLY PRIMARY EXAMINATIONS
February 2015

YEAR 5

ENGLISH (Listening Comprehension)
TEACHER'S COPY

TIME: 30 minutes

Guidelines for the conduct of the Listening Comprehension Examination
ALL INSTRUCTIONS ARE TO BE GIVEN IN ENGLISH

- a) 4 minutes - First reading aloud of text by teacher
- b) 4 minutes - Teacher reads out the questions
- c) 4 minutes - Second reading aloud of text by teacher
- d) 8 minutes - Students answer the questions
- e) 4 minutes - Third reading aloud of text by teacher
- f) 6 minutes - Final revision of answers by students

Resources

Teacher: Reading Text and Questions
Each student: Pen and Examination Paper

Introduction

The teacher in charge distributes the examination papers to the students and asks them to write their name, surname and class on the front cover.
THE TEACHER TELLS THE STUDENTS TO FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE EXAMINATION PAPER (STUDENT'S COPY) AS SHE/HE READS.

INSTRUCTIONS

1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listen carefully as the teacher reads the text about <i>Blackie</i>.• Do not answer the questions or write anything while the teacher is reading.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open the examination paper and look at the questions.• I will read the questions to you once.
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Close the examination paper and listen carefully.• I will read the text a second time.• Do not write anything while I am reading.
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• You have eight minutes to answer questions 1 to 14.• In questions 1 to 12 tick only the correct answer.• In number 13 (a to h) tick to show whether each sentence is True or False.• In number 14 (a to d) fill in each blank with a suitable word.
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I will read the text to you a third time.• You may complete any unanswered questions as I read.
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• You now have six minutes to check your answers and complete any unanswered questions.

Blackie

Lara and Tim stood on the hillside where the rabbits lived. There were deep holes in the sandy banks, and stiff grass in the rabbits' doorways, but there was not a rabbit to be seen. Lara and Tim waited.

"There's one!" said Tim, and there it was, a small brown rabbit with a bobbing, white tail. It ran in and out among the grass. Then it sat still for a moment, and washed its face with its paws. "There's another!" cried Lara. "And another! Oh, look, there are lots of them now!" One after another, little brown rabbits peeped out of their holes.

Lara and Tim could see white tails bobbing everywhere. On the road, not far away, a motor car passed by with a sudden noise. In a second, all the brown rabbits had gone back to their burrows. Not one bobbing tail was left on the hillside. There were only the deep holes in the sandy banks, and the stiff grass growing in the rabbits' doorways.

"Oh!" said Lara. "They've all gone." "We'd better go home too," said Tim. Lara felt rather sad as she walked home beside her brother. She was thinking of Blackie. Blackie was her own pet rabbit and she was very fond of him. He was soft and fluffy, and as black as soot. He lived in a box with wire netting at the front. It was a rather small box. It was only big enough for him to take three steps forward and back again. There was no room for him to run at all. Lara thought how nice it would be for Blackie to run about on the hillside with the wild rabbits. Perhaps that was what Blackie wanted to do after all. Perhaps he longed to be free.

She thought and thought. She was very fond of Blackie, but his box was small, and he couldn't be really happy in it. If she made him a bigger one, it still couldn't be very big. By the time Lara fell asleep, she made up her mind what to do. Blackie should be happy. She would set him free.

In the morning, the children went to the hillside once more. Lara carried Blackie. Slowly, Lara put Blackie down on the grass. He hopped about round her feet for a few moments. Then, he hopped a little further away and returned. Then he sat down and looked round. Never had he seen such beautiful grass and smelled such sweet, fresh air. With a quick little hop of joy, he darted across the hillside and out of sight.

(Adapted - New Edition Wide Range Readers Green Book 2)



Tick (✓) the correct word, phrase or sentence.

1. Where did Lara and Tim stand?

a)	where the birds lived.	
b)	near a tree.	
c)	on the hillside.	
d)	near their home.	

2. How was the first rabbit that appeared?

a)	It was white with a brown tail.	
b)	It was brown and small with a white tail.	
c)	It was large with a white tail.	
d)	It was small with a brown tail.	

3. What did the rabbit do?

a)	It washed its face using its paws.	
b)	It went back to its burrow.	
c)	It ran near Lara and Tim.	
d)	It ate grass.	

4. Why did all the rabbits go back to their burrows?

a)	They were afraid of Lara and Tim.	
b)	They heard the birds singing.	
c)	They wanted to sleep.	
d)	They heard the sound of a car.	

5. What did Lara and Tim decide to do when all the rabbits were gone?

a)	They decided to look for the rabbits.	
b)	They decided to spend some time playing.	
c)	They decided to go for a walk.	
d)	They decided to go home as well.	

6. Why was Lara feeling sad?

a)	She was thinking of her pet.	
b)	She didn't want to go back home.	
c)	She wanted a pet rabbit.	
d)	She was arguing with her brother.	

7. Who was Blackie?

a)	Tim's black rabbit.	
b)	Lara's black pet rabbit.	
c)	Lara's and Tim's pet rabbit.	
d)	Lara's black dog.	

8. Where did Blackie live?

a)	on the hillside with the wild rabbits.	
b)	in a small box with wire netting.	
c)	in a large box in Lara's room.	
d)	in a large box in Tim's room.	

9. What did Lara decide to do with Blackie?

a)	She decided to set Blackie free.	
b)	She decided to make a bigger box for Blackie.	
c)	She decided to give Blackie to her friend.	
d)	She decided to give Blackie to Tim.	

10. When did Lara and Tim go back to the hillside?

a)	the following week.	
b)	the following afternoon.	
c)	the following morning.	
d)	the following evening.	

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11. Blackie had never seen so much:

a)	sunshine.	
b)	nice grass.	
c)	clear water	
d)	bad weather.	

12. How was Blackie feeling as it ran out of sight?

a)	frightened.	
b)	lonely.	
c)	sad.	
d)	happy.	

(12 marks)

13. Put a tick (✓) to show whether each sentence is **TRUE** or **FALSE**.

(4 marks)

		True	False
a)	The wild rabbits lived on the hillside.		
b)	The holes in the sandy banks were shallow.		
c)	The children had to wait until the first rabbit appeared.		
d)	Little black rabbits started coming out of their holes.		
e)	Lara and Tim were best friends.		
f)	In the box there wasn't enough room for Blackie to run.		
g)	Lara realised that Blackie was unhappy.		
h)	Tim carried Blackie as they walked to the hillside.		

14. Fill in the blanks with a suitable **word**.

(4 marks)

- The wild rabbits' home is called a _____.
- Blackie's hair was soft and _____.
- Blackie was as black as _____.
- Blackie looked around him and smelled the sweet _____ air.

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