

ŽUPANIJSKO NATJECANJE IZ ENGLESKOGA JEZIKA
za 8. razrede osnovnih škola

SLUŠANJE S RAZUMIJEVANJEM

Good morning! This is the listening part of the county competition test, and it has two tasks – Task 1 and Task 2. You will have time to read each task before listening to the recording. You will hear each recording twice.

Open your tests to page 2 and look at Task 1.

(short pause)

Task 1

You will hear a recording called 'Teenagers and Art'. For sentences 1 – 6 decide whether they are true or false. Write T for true and F for false. There is an example (0) at the beginning. Write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

You now have 30 seconds to go through the statements. ...

(30 seconds)

You will now hear the recording.

(short pause)

Teenagers and Art

More often than not, art is commonly seen as something that only a chosen few can truly understand. This is even more so when it comes to teenagers, who mostly claim that they do not understand art because of their inability to analyse a work of art, trying to guess what the artist's original intention was. However, art is not only about artists and their creations. Even though there is no doubt that each work of art is supposed to send a message of a sort, the final analysis of the intended message heavily depends on an individual's perspective, personal experience and their present state of mind. In other words, it doesn't matter how old you are, but who you are at a specific moment in your life. You don't have to be artistically talented or visit galleries and museums every Saturday to enjoy art. You just have to be yourself and let your emotions do the rest because it all comes down to what different forms of art can make

you feel. An old painting by some famous sixteenth-century painter may cause nothing but boredom and confusion, but a more recent poem or a novel by your favourite author may cause a feeling of pure happiness and a desire for more. Maybe it will even make you become more creative and productive yourself, which in turn will boost your self-confidence and self-awareness. This is why psychologists, teachers and parents have already recognized the importance of art. They claim that developing an interest in any form of art can easily reduce stress in teenagers, help them improve their performance in other areas, and as a bonus – increase self-esteem. Art as a school subject should, therefore, always play an important role in the school curriculum, helping students learn how to think outside the box and become academically successful. So, it is important to have a little bit of art in your life every day. Just look around you on your way to school and observe the fascinating architecture or other people's fashion style because art is found in the smallest of details around you, not just in museums.

(Count silently to 5 and then say the following)

You will now hear the recording again.

(after the second recording say)

This is the end of Task 1.

(short pause)

Now turn to Task 2.

(short pause)

You will hear a dialogue between a hotel guest and a receptionist. For questions 1 – 6, choose the correct answer, A, B or C. Write your answers (A, B or C) on the Answer Sheet.

You now have 30 seconds to go through the questions. ...

(30 seconds)

You will now hear the recording.

(short pause)

Receptionist: Good morning, Mr Lannister, and welcome to the Dream Palace, one of the best hotels in Toronto!

Mr Lannister: Thank you! I'm so glad I've finally arrived. It took me ages! I booked my flight from New York for Tuesday, but had no idea that the cabin crew had gone on strike on Monday. That's why I'm a day late – I had to wait at the airport for the first available flight! But I'm here now, thank goodness.

Receptionist: Yes, sir, that's the only thing that matters. We hope you enjoy your stay. Your room is ready for you, it's on the second floor, number 207. Here's your key, you'll see you have a beautiful view of the motorway.

Mr Lannister: What?! Motorway? You find that amusing? Oh, no, please, no! Isn't there any other room available? I'm exhausted and can't wait to go to sleep. But how can I? The noise will be deafening!

Receptionist: I'm sorry, sir, we are fully booked, and we cannot offer you another room, but I promise, all our rooms have double glazing, and you'll sleep like a baby. Is there anything else I can do for you?

Mr Lannister: Yes, can you please book me an appointment for a jacuzzi at the spa center?

Receptionist: Of course, sir. We have a slot tomorrow at 10 o'clock, but you'll have to be there 15 minutes early. Your appointment lasts for 60 minutes, plus the time you need to put your clothes back on, so you will be there until 11.15.

Mr Lannister: How much will that cost?

Receptionist: Our regular fee of \$70 includes one spa visit, a glass of champagne and the use of a bathrobe. Since we are out of champagne, we'll give you a 10% off, which means \$63. If you have your own bathrobe, the price will be reduced to \$55.

Mr Lannister: No, I don't have a bathrobe. Thank you so much! Is there a chance to book a massage as well?

Receptionist: Certainly, sir. We have a masseuse working at our spa center twice a week and she'll be there tomorrow. Just ask for Lybbia, it's spelled L-Y-double B-I-A. Tell her what kind of massage you would like and she'll tell you when to come.

Mr Lannister: Oh, great, I'll do that. Another thing, can I order room service tonight?

Receptionist: Of course, sir. We have a set dinner menu. Today's options include steamed cod with vegetables, fried calamari with potatoes and veal tenderloin in mushroom sauce.

Mr Lannister: Excellent. I'll have the fish. Thank you so much. I'll be off to my room now. See you later!

Receptionist: Thank you, sir. Enjoy your stay!

(Count silently to 5 and then say the following)

You will now hear the recording again.

(after the second recording say)

You now have 1 minute to write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

(60 seconds pause)

This is the end of the listening task.

You may now move on to do the other parts of the test.