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## Listening *Did You Hear That?*

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## Overview

*Have you ever wondered what it is like to take a listening test with CASAS eTests Online? You will be amazed at how this web-based testing application delivers! Come take a seat, put on some headphones, and experience for yourself how easy it is to take a listening test. You will learn helpful tips for administering listening tests, and how to use listening practice in the classroom. This hands-on lab is appropriate for anyone involved with test administration and classroom instruction.*

- *Listening Test Overview*
- *Listening Test Administration*
- *Listening Test Directions*
- *Listening Practice*
- *Session Q & A*

## Presentation

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### Welcome!



- Are you new to CASAS?
- Have you implemented listening tests?
- This session is for:
  - Participants new to CASAS who have not implemented listening tests.
  - Participants who have implemented listening tests and want to learn more.

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### Session Agenda

- Listening Test Overview
- Listening Test Administration
- Listening Test Directions
- Listening Practice
- Session Q & A

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## Listening Test Overview

- Benefits
- Features
- Item Types
- Content Standards



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## Listening Benefits

- Competency-based
- Measures six levels as defined by the [NRS](#)
- Balance of life skills & employment-related content
- Test questions powerfully relevant to the everyday lives of today's adult learners
- Appropriate for the listening skills of ESL/ELL/VESL learners

Visit  [Listening Competency Content at www.casas.org > Product Overviews > Curriculum Management & Instruction > CASAS Competencies > Competency Content for Test Series](#)

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## Listening Features

- **Three levels** of progress tests (pre and post), from Beginning ESL literacy to Advanced ESL
  - Level A uses a picture prompt booklet for one section of the test
  - Levels B and C have no test booklets
- **Multiple-choice** with three response choices
- **Three parts** and **three different item types** per level
- **Preview questions** introduce the context of each item type

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**Level A – Item Types** Summer Institute 2018

- **Photo Prompt** – Repetition
  - Listen to a statement
  - Select corresponding photo
- **Comprehension** – Repetition
  - Listen to a statement or dialogue
  - Answer a question about the statement or dialogue
- **Next Line** – Repetition
  - Listen to a statement or dialogue
  - Predict next line of dialogue to finish the conversation

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**Level B – Item Types** Summer Institute 2018

- **Comprehension** – Repetition
  - Listen to a statement or dialogue
  - Answer a question about the statement or dialogue
- **Next Line** – Repetition
  - Listen to a statement or dialogue
  - Predict next line of dialogue to finish the conversation
- **Which Is Correct?** – No repetition
  - Listen to a statement or dialogue
  - Identify a true statement based on the prompt

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**Level C – Item Types** Summer Institute 2018

- **Comprehension** – No Repetition
  - Listen to a statement or dialogue
  - Answer a question about the statement or dialogue
- **Which Is Correct?** – No repetition
  - Listen to a statement or dialogue
  - Identify a true statement based on the prompt
- **Next Line** – No Repetition
  - Listen to a statement or dialogue
  - Predict next line of dialogue to finish the conversation

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### Life and Work Listening Summer Institute 2018

- 980 Series

Item Type	Level A Forms 981L, 982L		Level B Forms 983L, 984L		Level C Forms 985L, 986L	
	No. of items	Repeat	No. of items	Repeat	No. of items	Repeat
Photo prompt	10	Yes				
Comprehension	15	Yes	11	Yes	11	No
Next Line	13	Yes	15	Yes	12	No
Which is correct?			12	No	15	No
Total test items	38		38		38	

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### Listening Content Standards Summer Institute 2018

- L1 Phonology
- L2 Vocabulary
- L3 Grammar
- L4 General Discourse
- L5 Informational Discourse
- L6 Strategies and Critical Thinking

Visit Online Listening Content Standards at [www.casas.org](http://www.casas.org) > Product Overviews > Curriculum Management & Instruction > CASAS Basic Skills Content Standards

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### Listening Test Administration Summer Institute 2018

- Administration Options
- Locator vs. Appraisal
- Test Delivery

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## Administration Options

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- **Appraisal in one sitting**
  - Approximate test time: 30 min.
- **Appraisal and pretest in one sitting**
  - Approximate test time: 90 min.
  - Post-test in future sitting
- **Locator and pretest in one sitting**
  - Approximate test time: 75 min.
  - Post-test in future sitting
- **Listening practice only**
  - Unlimited attempts
  - Not scored



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## Locator vs. Appraisal

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- The listening locator does the work of an appraisal in less time.
  - **Listening Locator**
    - 9 test items – 15 min.
    - Web-based only
  - **Listening Appraisal**
    - 26 test items – 30 min.
    - Web- and paper-based



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## Locator Delivery

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- **Part 1**
  - Comprehension question - repeated
  - 4 test items

*"You will hear everything two times."*

- **Part 2**
  - Comprehension question - not repeated
  - 5 test items

*"Now you will hear everything only one time."*



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**Appraisal Delivery** Summer Institute 2018

- **Part 1**
  - Comprehension question - repeated
  - 11 test items
- **Part 2**
  - Comprehension question - not repeated
  - 15 test items



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**Pre/Post-Test Delivery** Summer Institute 2018

- **Level A**
  - Three (3) parts
  - 38 test items – 49 min.
- **Level B**
  - Three (3) parts
  - 38 test items – 52 min.
- **Level C**
  - Three (3) parts
  - 38 test items – 51 min.



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**Listening Test Directions** Summer Institute 2018

- Choosing an answer
- Going to the next item
- Skipping an item
- Adjusting volume



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**Directions** Summer Institute 2018

- Listen to the speaker.
- Listen to three possible answers
- Choose A, B or C.
- Do not guess.
- Click the arrow to go to the next test question.
- You cannot go back.
- Adjust the volume before you begin the test.

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**Directions Cont.** Summer Institute 2018

- If the test-taker decides *not* to answer an item:
  - He or she may skip the item and go to the next question.
  - Click the "Forward" arrow twice.
- A pop-up message reads:  
  
*"Do you want to skip this question?"*  
*Yes / No*
- Test-takers *cannot* return to previous items on listening tests.
  - ⊘ The "back" arrow is *not* available on a listening test.
  - ⊘ The "review" screen is *not* available on a listening test.

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**Directions Cont.** Summer Institute 2018

- **Don't forget to use headphones!**
  - Headphones with individual volume control are recommended for effective test administration conditions.
  - Be sure the volume on the computer is turned on before starting the test.

*Note!* The computer volume cannot be adjusted after the test begins and the secure browser locks.



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## Now Let's Listen!

- Listening Practice
  - Level A
  - Level B
  - Level C

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## Practice

- Recommended for learners new to eTests CASAS
- Use in the classroom for instruction on how to take a listening test with eTests CASAS
- Three listening practice
  - Level A, B, C
- Each listening practice presents nine (9) practice items
  - 3 Practice items (no auto-advance)
  - 6 Practice items (with auto-advance)
- No cost

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## Practice – Level A

- Photo Prompt – Repetition**
  - Listen to a statement
  - Select corresponding photo
- Comprehension – Repetition**
  - Listen to a statement or dialogue
  - Answer a question about the statement or dialogue
- Next Line – Repetition**
  - Listen to a statement or dialogue
  - Predict next line of dialogue to finish the conversation

Listening Practice Level A
Listening Practice Level B
Listening Practice Level C

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**Practice – Level B** Summer Institute 2018

- **Comprehension – Repetition**
  - Listen to a statement or dialogue
  - Answer a question about the statement or dialogue
- **Next Line – Repetition**
  - Listen to a statement or dialogue
  - Predict next line of dialogue to finish the conversation
- **Which Is Correct? – No repetition**
  - Listen to a statement or dialogue
  - Identify a true statement based on the prompt

Listening Practice Level A

Listening Practice Level B

Listening Practice Level C

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**Practice – Level C** Summer Institute 2018

- **Comprehension – Repetition**
  - Listen to a statement or dialogue
  - Answer a question about the statement or dialogue
- **Next Line – Repetition**
  - Listen to a statement or dialogue
  - Predict next line of dialogue to finish the conversation
- **Which Is Correct? – No repetition**
  - Listen to a statement or dialogue
  - Identify a true statement based on the prompt

Listening Practice Level A

Listening Practice Level B

Listening Practice Level C

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**Session Q & A** Summer Institute 2018



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## Invitation to Participate in Field-Testing

- Seize the opportunity for your Adult Education ESL/ELL learners to try out CASAS listening field-test items.
- The new CASAS Listening GOALS series is designed to measure college and career readiness by aligning to the [English Language Proficiency Standards \(ELPS\) for Adult Education](#) and the recently published NRS Descriptors for ELLs.
- Take a look at potential new test items and provide your feedback.

Complete the online survey today!  
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## Thank You for Attending!

- Be sure to visit the CASAS website at [www.casas.org](http://www.casas.org)
- Follow us on Twitter  [twitter.com/CASASsystem](https://twitter.com/CASASsystem) and use the hashtag [#casassi2018](#) to tweet updates, photos, and stories.
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## Join Field-Testing for Listening!



### Field Testing Announcement

#### Listening

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#### Field-Test Information

- [Field-test dates](#): January through December 2018
- [Target population](#): Adult learners in ESL/ELL programs
- [Content areas](#): Listening
- [Test delivery modes](#): CASAS eTests Online
- [Methodology](#): Students will be administered 2 tests at the same level. Tests may be completed on the same day with a short break. The second test may also be administered within a week's time of the first test.
- [Time commitment](#):
- Levels A & B: less than 60 minutes per test, plus 15 minutes to collect demographics, if needed, before the first test.
- Level C: 60 – 70 minutes per test, plus 15 minutes to collect demographics, if needed.
- [Technology requirements](#): Agencies must have computers or Chromebooks with working audio and provide students with individual headphones for field-testing.

#### With Gratitude

In appreciation of your agency's time and effort participating in field-testing, CASAS will compensate your agency with 100 Web-Test Units (WTUs) valued at \$285 for use in your regular eTesting sessions. Participating students will receive a \$10 Target gift card for completing two tests or a \$5 Target gift card for completing one test.

#### Learn More about field-testing

For more information about participation in CASAS Listening field-testing, please reply to this email and a member of the CASAS field-testing team will contact you. Please take a few minutes to complete the online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ListeningFieldTests> to provide us with information about your agency. Click here for [Field-testing Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#). For information about other studies related to field-testing click here to see [CASAS Research Studies Brief Descriptions](#).

## Listening Practice

LEVEL A	Item Type	Repeat?	Answer	NOTES
<b>PART 1</b>	Practice	Y N	A B C	
Question 1	Photo Prompt	Y N	A B C	
Question 2	Photo Prompt	Y N	A B C	
<b>PART 2</b>	Practice	Y N	A B C	
Question 3	Comprehension	Y N	A B C	
Question 4	Comprehension	Y N	A B C	
<b>PART 3</b>	Practice	Y N	A B C	
Question 5	Next Line	Y N	A B C	
Question 6	Next Line	Y N	A B C	
LEVEL B	Item Type	Repeat?	Answer	NOTES
<b>PART 1</b>	Practice	Y N	A B C	
Question 1	Comprehension	Y N	A B C	
Question 2	Comprehension	Y N	A B C	
<b>PART 2</b>	Practice	Y N	A B C	
Question 3	Next Line	Y N	A B C	
Question 4	Next Line	Y N	A B C	
<b>PART 3</b>	Practice	Y N	A B C	
Question 5	Which is Correct?	Y N	A B C	
Question 6	Which is Correct?	Y N	A B C	
LEVEL C	Item Type	Repeat?	Answer	NOTES
<b>PART 1</b>	Practice	Y N	A B C	
Question 1	Comprehension	Y N	A B C	
Question 2	Comprehension	Y N	A B C	
<b>PART 2</b>	Practice	Y N	A B C	
Question 3	Next Line	Y N	A B C	
Question 4	Next Line	Y N	A B C	
<b>PART 3</b>	Practice	Y N	A B C	
Question 5	Which is Correct?	Y N	A B C	
Question 6	Which is Correct?	Y N	A B C	

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## Listening Practice – Answer Key

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LEVEL A	Item Type	Repeat?	Answer	NOTES
PART 1	Practice	Y N	A B C	It is still raining? (Raining really hard, people holding umbrellas)
Question 1	Photo Prompt	Y N	A B C	How do you like your new apartment? (Tall apartment building with big windows)
Question 2	Photo Prompt	Y N	A B C	I like this shirt but the sleeves are too long. (A woman wearing a long-sleeved shirt)
PART 2	Practice	Y N	A B C	How many children does the man have? (Three)
Question 3	Comprehension	Y N	A B C	What time will the man get home? (5 o'clock)
Question 4	Comprehension	Y N	A B C	What does the man want to do? (Use the woman's truck)
PART 3	Practice	Y N	A B C	Hi, how are you? (Fine, thanks)
Question 5	Next Line	Y N	A B C	I've lived here for six years. How do you like it? (It's nice)
Question 6	Next Line	Y N	A B C	Look out. There's broken glass on the floor. (Thanks, I didn't see it)
LEVEL B	Item Type	Repeat?	Answer	NOTES
PART 1	Practice	Y N	A B C	How many children does the man have? (Three)
Question 1	Comprehension	Y N	A B C	What does the woman say? (She needs to work)
Question 2	Comprehension	Y N	A B C	What button should you press for your credit card balance? (Press 2)
PART 2	Practice	Y N	A B C	Good morning. Hi, how are you? (Fine, thanks)
Question 3	Next Line	Y N	A B C	Dr. Kahn says I need to lose weight. (How many pounds?)
Question 4	Next Line	Y N	A B C	What's wrong with Lupe? (She's worried about her son)
PART 3	Practice	Y N	A B C	Do we need onions? Yeah...let's buy a whole bag. (They're going to buy a bag of onions)
Question 5	Which is Correct?	Y N	A B C	Where's Nancy? (Nancy's visiting her family)
Question 6	Which is Correct?	Y N	A B C	What brings you here today? I'm feeling very run down. (The woman is always tired)
LEVEL C	Item Type	Repeat?	Answer	NOTES
PART 1	Practice	Y N	A B C	What's the problem? (Joe isn't wearing a hard hat)
Question 1	Comprehension	Y N	A B C	What problem does the woman have? (Payroll used the wrong leave time)
Question 2	Comprehension	Y N	A B C	What is the man asking about? (Soccer Camp)
PART 2	Practice	Y N	A B C	Whaddaya doin' this week-end? (Not much...just stayin' home)
Question 3	Next Line	Y N	A B C	Did you say 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave? (That's right)
Question 4	Next Line	Y N	A B C	Andrew, the printer keeps jamming. (Maybe we should use a different repair service)
PART 3	Practice	Y N	A B C	Do we need onions? Yeah...let's buy a whole bag. (They're going to buy a bag of onions)
Question 5	Which is Correct?	Y N	A B C	When was the last time you visited your sister? (The man visited his sister in June)
Question 6	Which is Correct?	Y N	A B C	Your lab results will be reading in about 3 days. (The lab results are not ready)

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