

Pearson Test of English General

# Practice Test 1: Written Test

Level 2  
Intermediate



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Sections	Skills	Score points	Level A1	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
1	Listening	10	1 hour 15 mins	1 hour 35 mins	1 hour 35 mins	2 hours	2 hours 30 mins	2 hours 55 mins
2	Listening and Writing	10						
3	Listening	10						
4	Reading	5						
5	Reading	5						
6	Reading	8						
7	Reading	7						
8	Writing	10						
9	Writing	10						

The written test is scored out of **75 points** in total at all levels. Please see the *Guide to PTE General* at this level for further information.

Please note: The design of the practice tests is not identical to actual PTE General tests.

## SECTION 1

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You will have 10 seconds to read each question and the corresponding options. Then listen to the recording. After the recording you will have 10 seconds to choose the correct option.

Put a cross in the box next to the correct answer, as in the example.

**Example. What are the speakers discussing?**

- A ☐ a book by a new author
- B ☐ a book they have both read
- C ☒ a book by an author they both know

**1. What is the young man's opinion of the festival?**

- A ☐ Everything about it was excellent.
- B ☐ The dance music was better than last year.
- C ☐ Most of it was a positive experience.

**2. What is the woman advising the man to do?**

- A ☐ join the Folk Club
- B ☐ buy his ticket soon
- C ☐ telephone the Box Office



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**3. What will the man be doing next Wednesday?**

- A ☐ celebrating Thanksgiving at home
  - B ☐ getting ready for an interview
  - C ☐ going away on holiday
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**4. What is the main purpose of the announcement?**

- A ☐ to tell people how to get a CD
  - B ☐ to give birthday greetings
  - C ☐ to advertise a jazz festival
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**5. Where is the bottle bank?**

- A ☐ to the right of the school
  - B ☐ in the car park
  - C ☐ by the supermarket
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**6. What does the woman think of Envirotech?**

- A ☐ She's impressed with what they do.
- B ☐ She'd like to work for the company.
- C ☐ They don't give enough money to charity.



**7. What does the woman say about recycling in Norwich?**

- A ☐ The council collects your recycling each week.
- B ☐ There are no collection facilities for plastic.
- C ☐ The council does not take paper away.
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**8. Which type of membership does the man recommend?**

- A ☐ trial membership
- B ☐ individual membership
- C ☐ family membership
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**9. What does the speaker say about the Health and Fitness Roadshow?**

- A ☐ It takes place once a year.
- B ☐ It's on for the whole week.
- C ☐ It's good value for money.
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**10. Who are the speakers?**

- A ☐ doctor and patient
- B ☐ patient and receptionist
- C ☐ receptionist and doctor

(10 marks)

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## SECTION 2



You will hear a recording about recycling. Listen to the whole recording once. Then you will hear the recording again with pauses for you to write down what you hear.

Make sure you spell the words correctly.

(10 marks)



### SECTION 3

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You will hear a radio programme. First, read the notes below then listen and complete the notes with information from the programme.

**Example.** The festival is held close to *Valencia, Spain*.

- 12 The festival's main attraction is.....
- 13 Tomato throwers arrive from.....
- 14 The precise origin of the festival is.....
- 15 The festival brings about.....to the area.
- 16 Shopkeepers use.....to protect their property.



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### SECTION 3 CONTINUED

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You will hear a talk. First, read the notes below then listen and complete the notes with information from the talk.

**Example.** Aerobics aims to increase ..... *fitness* .....

- 17 People usually practise aerobics as part of a.....
- 18 You can join a class in a gym or.....
- 19 Kenneth Cooper and Pauline Potts invented aerobics in.....
- 20 Cooper's book explored scientific approaches to.....
- 21 Cooper's book was probably popular because a lot of Americans were becoming.....

(10 marks)

That is the end of the listening section of the test. Now go on to the other sections of the test.



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## SECTION 4

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Read each text and put a cross (X) by the missing word or phrase, as in the example.

### Example.

#### Recycling Centre

Please do not put electrical or computer ..... in this area. Contact a member of staff who will be happy to help you.

- A ☐ monitors
- B ☐ machines
- C ☒ equipment

22.

Come and get your festival food here! Dinners served from 6pm. Great ..... for ticketholders.

- A ☐ discounts
- B ☐ tickets
- C ☐ performances



23.

Manor Primary School's Easter Fair will take ..... on Sunday 4th April.  
Free entry for children and plenty of fun and games for all.

- A ☐ everyone
- B ☐ place
- C ☐ over

24.

..... recycling facilities are not yet available for this packaging.  
Please dispose of your rubbish carefully.

- A ☐ Unfortunately
- B ☐ Thankfully
- C ☐ Responsibly

25.

Please put your recycling and rubbish out by 7am on your collection day and bring your bins in as soon as possible after collection. Contact us for ..... of garden waste collection.

- A ☐ facts
- B ☐ services
- C ☐ details

26.

Oats are healthy and satisfying. Our nutritious oat biscuits are high in fibre, which keeps you feeling fuller for longer. Oats should be part of every ..... lifestyle, so buy Payne's natural oat biscuits today!

- A ☐ healthy
- B ☐ delicious
- C ☐ filling

(5 marks)



## SECTION 5

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Read the passage and answer the questions below.  
Put a cross (X) in the box next to the correct answer, as in the example.

The Berlin International Film Festival (also known as the Berlinale) is one of the world's most important film festivals. It was founded in 1951, and has been celebrated annually in Berlin, each February, since 1978. It is the largest film festival in the world, and 274,000 tickets are sold each year. Dieter Kosslick has been Director of the festival since 2001.

The festival lasts for two weeks and films are screened daily, at various venues around the city. Many of the screenings sell out over a week early, so if you're planning to visit the festival you should check out the schedule and telephone the cinema to check that tickets are available. Each year the festival shows anything up to 400 films, that are organized into different categories. A visitor can see, for example, short films, German films, films aimed at young people, etc. At the end of the festival the films are judged and the best win prizes such as the Golden Bear Award, the Silver Bear Award and the Teddy Prize, which is for films in a special category.

The European Film Market (EFM) takes place at the same time as the Berlin Film Festival. It includes lectures and workshops and attracts young filmmakers from all over the world.

Berlin has a long history of film. Germany's first commercial film screening took place in the city in 1895, and it was the centre of German filmmaking until the start of the Second World War. Although Potsdam plays a key role in German film now, Munich has taken over as the country's main film centre. However, in February at least, the Berlinale restores Berlin to its place at the forefront of the film world.

**Example. How does the text describe the Berlin Film Festival?**

- A ☐ as the world's most important film festival
- B ☐ as the world's oldest film festival
- C ☒ as the world's biggest film festival



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**27. When did the Berlin Film Festival become a yearly event?**

- A ☐ 1958
- B ☐ 1978
- C ☐ 2001

**28. What is the duration of the festival?**

- A ☐ 1 day
- B ☐ 1 week
- C ☐ 2 weeks

**29. What are festival-goers advised to do?**

- A ☐ check where a film is screened
- B ☐ buy tickets for a screening early
- C ☐ call the cinema before going to a screening

**30. What happens at the end of the festival?**

- A ☐ Awards are given to the best films.
- B ☐ Films in special categories are shown.
- C ☐ Visitors choose the best films.

**31. Which city is presently the most important in the German film industry?**

- A ☐ Berlin
- B ☐ Munich
- C ☐ Potsdam

(5 marks)



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## SECTION 6

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Read the newspaper article below and answer the questions.

More than 18,500 households across Liverpool will be able to put out plastic for roadside recycling collections from next month. Households will receive waterproof sacks to store plastic bottles.

From May 25, people will be able to leave plastic items outside their homes for collection with their usual recycling.

Liverpool City Council has bought a new double-decker recycling vehicle, the first of its kind, costing £250,000. The council estimates that it will remove 784 tonnes of plastic a year – that's the equivalent of 18 Airbus 320 aeroplanes from outside people's houses!

**Example.** How many households will be able to recycle plastic?  
more than 18,500

32. What will households get to put their plastic in?

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33. When exactly will the new recycling service begin?

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34. Who paid for the new recycling vehicle?

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35. How much plastic will the new vehicle collect each year?

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## SECTION 6 CONTINUED

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Read the leaflet below and answer the questions.

Like most people, you probably started the year with plans to eat healthily. Here're some ideas to keep you motivated. Food affects your energy levels, so eat regular meals and always have breakfast, the most important meal of the day. Try wholegrain bread with banana or cereal with low-fat milk.

Try to eat foods to meet your body's requirement for a range of vitamins. Have fruit rather than sweet snacks or desserts, and don't forget plenty of fresh vegetables with main meals.

Drink lots of water. Aim for 6-8 glasses a day. You may need more if you exercise or if the weather becomes warmer.

**Example.** What do many people decide to do at the beginning of each year?  
eat healthily

36. Why should you make sure you eat regular meals?

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37. What kind of milk does the leaflet recommend?

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38. What should your body have a variety of?

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39. How much water should you try to have?

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(8 marks)



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## SECTION 7

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Read the web article and complete the notes. Write no more than three words in each gap from the article.

### Recycling is better than rubbish!

We cannot change the fact that people produce rubbish. However, we can change the amount of rubbish that we create, how we manage it, and what we do with it. We can protect and improve our environment by thinking about how we manage our waste, and what we can recycle. Because if we can reuse products, then we produce less, which conserves our planet's energy.

Businesses produce six times as much rubbish as private households. New laws are in place to make sure that businesses look carefully at the rubbish they produce, and what they do with it. However, as householders, we also need to think about what happens to our rubbish, and how it is recycled.

Most of us take part in "kerbside" recycling schemes, where the local council collects our recycling (usually glass, paper, aluminium and plastic), and then takes it to a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). At the MRF, workers sort the recycling and send it to manufacturers, who make it into new products.

Most of the paper recycled in the UK is made into newspapers (now made from 100% recycled paper) or other paper products. Over 80% of the glass collected from British households is recycled and reused in the UK, mostly to make new glass bottles and jars. Some of our recycling is also exported. For example, China pays high prices for British waste plastic because it doesn't have the raw materials to make its own.

It is also possible to recycle some more unusual items, usually through charities rather than your local council: charities can make money from recycling your old mobile phone, people in developing countries can use your discarded spectacles and computers and you can even recycle CDs and DVDs. So, think before you throw anything away!



**Example.** The article states that we are responsible for what we do with our rubbish.

40. If we re-use waste products we can save.....

41. More rubbish is produced by companies than.....

42. Councils take household recycling to.....

43. British newspapers are made entirely of.....

44. China buys British waste plastic because it cannot.....

45. Charities will often recycle things that are more.....

46. People in poorer parts of the world can use things like your old.....

(7 marks)





## SECTION 8



Use the information in Section 7 to help you write your answer.

47. You have read the web article on recycling in Section 7. You decide to send the article to a friend. Write an email to your friend to go with the article. Write 70-90 words and include the following information:

- why the article is interesting
- what you or your family recycle and how
- ask your friend's opinion on recycling

**Write your answer here. Do not write outside the box.**

(10 marks)



## SECTION 9

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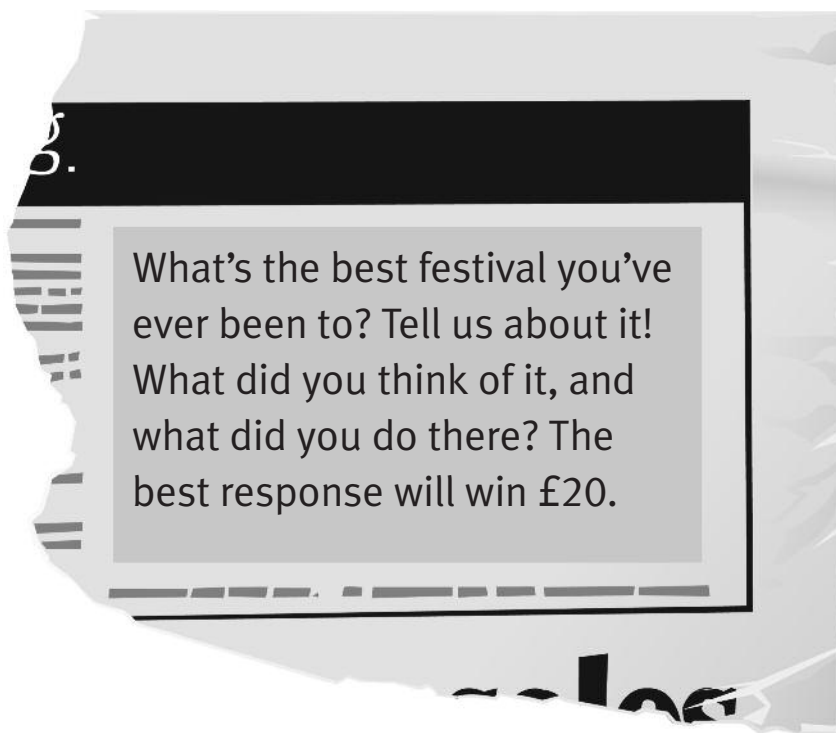
Choose one of the topics below and write your answer in 100 – 150 words.

48. A) Your teacher has been talking to you about keeping fit and healthy. Write an essay on the following subject:

Why you need to keep fit and healthy, and how you can do it.

Or

48. B) You see the following notice in your college magazine:



Write about a festival you have been to.



Write your answer here. Do not write outside the box.

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(10 marks)



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## ANSWER KEY

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### Section 1

Example: C

1. C
2. B
3. B
4. A
5. C
6. A
7. B
8. A
9. A
10. B

### Section 2

11. Recycling / involves making used materials / into new products / and to stop the waste of materials / that could be useful. / It saves energy / and reduces / the different types of pollution. / Most importantly, / it decreases gas emissions / which cause global warming.

### Section 3

Example: Valencia, Spain

12. (a huge/ very big/large) tomato fight
13. all (over) the world
14. unknown/not known
15. 50,000 tourists/visitors
16. (large) (plastic) covers



### Section 3 Continued

**Example:** fitness

- 17. group/class
- 18. fitness centre
- 19. the 1960s
- 20. exercise
- 21. lazy/overweight/lazy and overweight

### Section 4

**Example:** C

- 22. A
- 23. B
- 24. A
- 25. C
- 26. A

### Section 5

**Example:** C

- 27. B
- 28. C
- 29. C
- 30. A
- 31. B

### Section 6

**Example:** more than 18,500

- 32. waterproof sacks
- 33. May 25
- 34. Liverpool City Council
- 35. (around/about) 784 tonnes



## Section 6 Continued

**Example:** eat healthily

- 36. (because) food affects (your) energy levels
- 37. low-fat
- 38. vitamins
- 39. 6-8 glasses a day

## Section 7

**Example:** rubbish

- 40. our planet('s energy)
- 41. (private) households
- 42. Materials Recovery Facility/MRF
- 43. recycled/waste paper
- 44. make its own (plastic)
- 45. unusual
- 46. spectacles/glasses and computers/CDs/DVDs

## Section 8

**47. Sample answer:**

I'm sending you this article on recycling. I think it's interesting because recycling is really important nowadays in order to save the planet.

My family recycles most of our household waste, such as paper, glass and cans. We put it outside our house and the council collects it once a week. There is also a recycling bin at our local supermarket for used bags and twice a year I give old clothes, books and CDs to charity.

Is recycling important to you? What do you do in your area? (90 words)



## Section 9

### 48 A. Sample answer:

It's really important to keep fit and healthy today! Most of us are unfit because we do not have enough exercise and we eat unhealthy food. This is what we need to do about it!

First of all, we all need to exercise more. We can do this by walking to college or work instead of taking the bus or train. Another good idea is to go to a lunchtime or evening exercise class, or join a gym. Most gyms offer discounted membership for students.

We also need to think about what we eat and drink. Young people, especially, eat a lot of fast food. This is unhealthy and can make us put on weight. We need to try and eat more healthy food like brown bread, fresh fruit and vegetables. It is also not a good idea to drink alcohol and smoke. (143 words)

### 48 B. Sample answer:

The best festival I have ever been to was the Glastonbury Music Festival when I was seventeen. It's held in Somerset, England, every year. I've been to lots of other music festivals, but at the time it was the biggest festival I had ever been to! I found it a little bit crowded, as thousands of people were camping in two or three fields. It was also very muddy!

But it was great fun. I enjoyed listening to different types of music, like reggae, jazz and rock. There were some interesting shops and market stalls and I also liked eating different types of food from the cafes and food stalls, and meeting lots of new people. Everybody was very friendly there. (121 words)





## TRANSCRIPTS

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This is the Pearson Test of English General Level 2. This test takes 1 hour and 35 minutes.

### Section 1

You will have 10 seconds to read each question and the corresponding options. Then listen to the recording. After the recording you will have 10 seconds to choose the correct option. Put a cross in the box next to the correct answer, as in the example.

**Example: Listen to the conversation. What are the speakers discussing?**

M: Excuse me. I hope you don't mind me asking but I noticed the book you're reading. What do you think of it?

F: It's wonderful. Probably his best yet.

M: I love his novels. I can't wait to read this one.

*The correct answer is C*

**1. Listen to the conversation. What is the young man's opinion of the festival?**

F: That's the best festival I've ever been to!

M: Do you really think so? I enjoyed it overall, but I didn't think the dance music was as good as last year.

**2. Listen to the conversation. What is the woman advising the man to do?**

M: Hello, can you tell me when the tickets for the Folk Festival will be available?

F: From next Monday. You can telephone or call into the Box Office. But, remember that Folk Club members have priority, and tickets are limited. Don't leave it too late!

**3. Listen to the conversation. What will the man be doing next Wednesday?**

F: Will you be able to come and celebrate Thanksgiving with us this year?  
It's next Wednesday.

M: Oh, I'd love to. But I have a job interview next Thursday and I need to use the holiday to prepare.

**4. Listen to the announcement. What is its main purpose?**

M: Welcome to the Marksbury Jazz Festival. As this is our 21st birthday celebration we're offering everyone a free CD. Just take your entry ticket to the sales office to collect your gift.

**5. Listen to the conversation. Where is the bottle bank?**

F: Excuse me, how do I get to the bottle bank?

M: Cross the road, then turn left onto Mill Road. You'll see the school on your right. Carry straight on, and then it's outside the supermarket, just past the car park.



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## Section 1 Continued

### 6. Listen to the conversation. What does the woman think of Envirotech?

F: Hey, have you heard of Envirotech?

M: No?

F: It's a new company. They recycle old mobile phones. You get some cash and they give £10 to charity. I saw their advert in the paper and it really seems to work well.

### 7. Listen to the message. What does the woman say about recycling in Norwich?

F: Welcome to the recycling information line. Norwich City Council removes rubbish for recycling from outside your house every other week. We currently take glass bottles, cans and paper. You need to take your plastic bottles to a recycling station.

### 8. Listen to the conversation. Which type of membership does the man recommend?

M: Hello, Bristol Tennis Club.

F: Hello, I'd like information about membership please.

M: Trial membership is £10 a week, which we advise at first. Or full individual membership is £35 a month. For a family it's £65, which may be cheaper, depending on what you want.

### 9. Listen to the advert. What does the speaker say about the Health and Fitness Roadshow?

M: A reminder about the annual Health and Fitness Roadshow! Come and see us here later this week to get valuable advice on your diet, find out how to quit smoking and many other things. It's all free but, remember, we're only here for one day!

### 10. Listen to the conversation. Who are the speakers?

F: Hello, I have an appointment booked for Thursday morning, but I need to change it.

M: Which doctor do you usually see?

F: Dr Brown. Can I come on Friday instead?

M: No problem, I've booked you in for 10.30 on Friday.

## Section 2

### 11. You will hear a recording about recycling. Listen to the whole recording once. Then you will hear the recording again with pauses for you to write down what you hear. Make sure you spell the words correctly.

F: Recycling / involves making used materials / into new products / and to stop the waste of materials / that could be useful. / It saves energy / and reduces / the different types of pollution. / Most importantly, / it decreases gas emissions / which cause global warming.



### Section 3

**12. – 16. You will hear a radio programme. First, read the notes below then listen and complete the notes with information from the programme. You will hear the recording twice.**

La Tomatina is a food festival held near Valencia, Spain, on the last Wednesday in August each year. The highlight of the festival is a huge tomato fight, which always takes place between 11am and 1pm. Thousands of participants come from all over the world to fight in a battle where they throw around 150,000 tomatoes in the space of two hours. No-one knows the exact origins of La Tomatina, although a popular theory is that it began when angry citizens attacked their council leaders with tomatoes. We do know it has been a strong tradition since 1944 or 1945, and attracts up to 50,000 tourists to the region each year. Music, dancing and fireworks are all part of the festival, and on the night before a huge paella cooking competition takes place. Women traditionally dress entirely in white, whereas men do not wear shirts. Local tradespeople prevent damage to their shops with large plastic covers.

**Now listen again**

**17. – 21. You will hear a talk. First, read the notes below then listen and complete the notes with information from the talk. You will hear the recording twice.**

Aerobics is a popular physical exercise. Its goal is to improve a person's fitness by combining rhythmic exercise with stretching. People usually join a group to practise aerobics, and the exercises are usually performed to music. Classes are available in most gyms and fitness centres, and each class is designed for a particular level of experience. Aerobics was developed in the 1960s by Dr Kenneth Cooper and Pauline Potts, both members of the United States Air Force. Cooper published a book, "Aerobics", in 1968, which included a series of scientific exercise programmes based on running, swimming, cycling and walking. The book immediately became a bestseller. Most people believe this is because he wrote it at a time when many Americans were starting to become lazy and overweight.

**Now listen again**

**That is the end of the listening section of the test. Now go on to the other sections of the test.**



