

Listening assessment

Here is an example listening assessment activity.

Guidance for mentors:

Please could you write two short paragraphs (about 5 lines each). Students will not see these paragraphs as you will be reading them aloud to them.

Students should get a short vocabulary list, containing perhaps four / five words that they may find difficult.

Please write three or four questions relating to each paragraph.

Students don't need to write full answers, but they should be listening out for gist and detail in the text.

Here is an example of what could go in the assessment. The two questions below have two parts (Part 1 – listening for gist; Part 2 – listening for detail).

“Last weekend I went to the cinema in London with my best friend, Sarah. We watched a comedy, it was funny. We took the train home and talked the whole way about the film. Jane”

Question ideas

1. Who did Jane go to the cinema with? Give a detail about this person. (2 marks)
2. How did they get home? Give a detail Jane mentions about the journey? (2 marks)