

LISTENING – What to expect during the Listening test



The CELBAN Listening test takes about an hour. You will listen to audio and video scenarios in various settings, such as a hospital, home, clinic, medical office, or phone calls such as shift-to-shift reports. These scenarios include interactions between nurses and patients, family members, and other professionals. Listening scenarios are played only once. You will be given time before the scenario begins to pre-read the multiple-choice comprehension questions. Pre-reading will prepare you to focus your listening on what is important.

Listen, read and write at the same time

You will listen to audio, or view video, read the questions, and select your answers all at the same time. This could be challenging if you are unprepared. Here are some tips and strategies:

Mark answers in your test booklet as soon as you hear the information you need. Do not wait until the end of the section to mark your answers.

Practice before the test to find out what strategies work best for you

- Listen to audio/video; occasionally look at the video.
- Focus more on reading and answering the questions.

At the end of each scenario, you will be given a short time to review your answers.

Practice Ideas

Observe and listen to language in different, authentic contexts.

Identify relevant audio and video sources to practice your listening.

Create your own practice questions using accessible videos and podcasts. **Exchange** them with members in your study group.

Practice listening, or viewing, and answering questions at the same time.

Listen to current reports and podcasts about health topics. **Discuss** the report's significance. **Summarize** the main points. Include some important details.

Listen to audio instructions one time. **Repeat** back to someone else.

