

ŽUPANIJSKO NATJECANJE U ZNANJU ENGLESKOGA JEZIKA
za 7. razrede osnovnih škola

SLUŠANJE S RAZUMIJEVANJEM

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

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

(short pause)

Task one

You will hear a recording of a story inspired by an Irish folktale *The Little White Cat*. For items 1 to 6, choose the correct answer: A, B or C. Copy your answers on the Answer Sheet. There is an example at the beginning (0).

You now have 30 seconds to read the questions.

(30 seconds)

You will now hear the recording.

(short pause)

THE LITTLE WHITE CAT

A long, long time ago, in a valley far away, a giant lived in a great castle, surrounded by trees that were always green. The castle had a hundred doors, and every door was guarded by a huge hound, who tore to pieces anyone who went up to the castle without the giant's permission. After he killed the king of the land and his people, and burned his palace, he took his only daughter, the princess, to the castle in the valley. Here he gave her beautiful rooms, and a hundred dwarfs to take care of her and play the sweetest music for her. The giant gave her diamonds brighter than the sun, but he would not allow her to go outside the castle, and told her if she went one step beyond its doors, the hounds would attack her. A week after her arrival, a war broke out, and before he set out for battle, the giant sent for the princess, and informed her that upon his return he would make her his wife. When the princess heard this she began to cry, because she would rather die than marry the giant.

She could not sleep that night and opened the window to see if she could somehow escape this awful destiny, but the window was just too high and the hungry hounds were on the ground. She was dreaming of a prince who would come and save her, and as she was about to close the window, she saw a little white cat climbing the tree. The princess stepped back, and the cat jumped into the room.

"I am a friend of yours, and I have come to help you." said the cat.

"I have never been in greater need of help!" said the princess.

“I know that”, said the cat, “and now listen to me. When the giant comes back from battle and asks you to marry him, say to him you will when his dwarfs bring you three bottles of fairy dust - one yellow, one red, and one blue.”

“They are so small the dwarfs will be done with their work very soon.” said the princess.

“They won’t.” said the cat. “It will take them a month and a day to make one, so it will take them a while to gather all three. But the giant will also think they can be made in a few days, and he will promise to do what you ask. He will soon see his mistake, but he will not make you marry him until you get the fairy dust. In the meantime, I will send for help. A friend from the Land of the Silver River owes me a favour.”

The princess did as the cat told her and waited worriedly. She dreamed of a brave prince saving her, even though she knew the chances of that were slim. When the day of her wedding to the giant arrived, a prince came to the castle and challenged the giant to a duel. The prince fought with a magic sword which had a diamond handle, while the giant used his biggest iron stick. They fought all day long and, with his final atom of strength, the prince stabbed the giant in the heart. The giant fell over and died, and the princess rushed down to the prince to thank him for saving her. They left the castle in the valley that same night and went to the Palace of the Silver River in the prince’s land. They fell in love and had the greatest wedding the land had ever seen.

[Count silently to 5 and then say the following:]

You will now hear the recording again.

(after the second recording say)

Now you have 1 minute to copy your answers on the Answer Sheet.

(60 seconds pause)

This is the end of Task one.

(short pause)

Now turn to Task 2

(short pause)

You will hear 6 speakers talking about their favourite animated films. Match the speakers 1 to 6 with the statements about their films. There are three extra statements that you do not need. Copy your answers (A – I) on the Answer Sheet. There is an example (0) at the beginning.

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

(30 seconds)

You will now hear the recording

(short pause)

THE BEST ANIMATED FILMS

Speaker 1

I was a teenager when I first watched *The Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*. It follows the basic story of a popular fairy tale and is still popular with younger children. However, from a modern point of view, it is quite old-fashioned. Girls nowadays do not dance and sing around the house while cleaning. They are more independent and do not need a prince to save them. And the scene where the witch gives a poisoned apple to Snow White still makes my blood run cold!

Speaker 2

Oh, my favourite animated film is *Wall-E*, definitely! It is funny in many ways, but the plot is quite serious. We see a possible version of our future on this planet – destroyed and empty cities without people. The main character is a robot who is cleaning up the mess humans have left on the planet and who has the key to bringing life back to the planet – an ordinary green plant. I think it really has a strong message – save the Earth while you can by changing your behaviour!

Speaker 3

Shrek – the one and only! Such a strange and entertaining character! Shrek is not a typical hero – he's a huge green ogre who's impolite, grumpy, ugly, dirty, with disgusting eating habits. He lives in a swamp in the land of Far, Far Away, enjoys his privacy and hates it when a group of fairy tale characters come and bother him on his territory. To get his peace back, he needs to rescue Princess Fiona and take her to Lord Farquaad. However, in the end, he falls in love with her.

Speaker 4

Coco is my favourite animated film! Funny and sad at the same time, it tells the story of a boy who learns many things about his family history, that is, about his family members who are no longer alive. We can learn a lot about the customs of the Day of the Dead. What impresses me is how it shows the importance of the memories we create with our family members and photos that keep these memories alive. There are some wonderful songs as well.

Speaker 5

How to train your dragon is my Number 1! It takes us to a fantasy world of brave people who fight their enemies - dragons. Hiccup, a clever boy and the son of the village leader, catches a mysterious dragon, Night Fury. The boy cannot kill it and they develop a true friendship, ending the war between the two sides. Unfortunately, in a battle that takes place later, Hiccup loses his leg. Imaginative and clever as he is, he makes a prosthetic leg for himself.

Speaker 6

Toy Story is the best one for me! It is about a boy named Andy, who has lots of toys. His favourite one is Woody, a cowboy doll. For his birthday, he gets a new toy – Buzz Lightyear,

an action figure. It soon becomes Andy's favourite toy and slowly replaces Woody. Woody becomes so jealous of Buzz Lightyear that he tries hard to get rid of him, but without success.

[Count silently to 5 and then say the following:]

You will now hear the recording again.

(after the second recording say)

Now you have 30 seconds to copy your answers on the Answer Sheet.

(30 seconds pause)

This is the end of the listening task.

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