

Listening Section Directions

This section of the test involves listening to a recorded excerpt and completing a written response based on your comprehension of the excerpt. The listening excerpt will be played twice.

The audio will begin automatically once you advance to the next screen. There will be 20 seconds of silence before the audio excerpt begins to play. During these 20 seconds, you should familiarize yourself with the test question(s).

Once the audio begins, you will not be able to pause, stop, or replay it. Therefore, listen carefully. **You will not be able to go back and review your written response in this section of the test.** Once you move to the next section, you will NOT be able to go back. Therefore, be sure to compose your response carefully and scan your response sheet(s) before you move to the next section.

Your final response must be written on the Response Sheets provided and scanned using the scanner provided at your workstation. **Your response may be written in either English or the target language.** You will NOT have another opportunity to scan your response after you leave the assignment screen so it is imperative that you scan your response immediately following the assignment.

Instructions for scanning your response sheets are available by clicking the "Scanning Help" button at the top of the screen.

Your response to this assignment will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

Literal Comprehension: Accuracy and completeness in comprehending the literal content of spoken language

Inference: Ability to infer information implied in spoken language

Click the **Next** button when you have finished reading these directions and are ready to begin the listening section of the test. Be sure you have your headset on before proceeding.

Select the **Next** button to continue.