

SUGGESTED RECORDING GUIDELINES

for Checkpoint A

Part 2: Interpretive Listening

SAY:

"This is the 2023 Checkpoint A exam in [Spanish/French/Italian/German/Chinese] Part 2, Interpretive Listening section."

(Pause)

*"There are four (4) questions in Part 2a. Each question is based on a short passage, which will be read aloud to you. Listen carefully. Before each passage, you will hear background information in English once, then you will hear the passage in **[target language]** twice. After you have heard the passage for the second time, you will hear the question in English once. The question is also printed in your test booklet. You will have about thirty (30) seconds to answer before hearing the next question. Choose the best suggested answer from the four choices given and*

[write its number in the space provided], or [mark the appropriate response on your Scantron].

Base your answer on the content of the passage, only. You should not read the question and the suggested answers while you are listening to the passage. This will allow you to give all your attention to what you hear. We will now begin."

(Pause)

- First read the setting in English once.
- Then, read the passage in the target language twice in succession. Make every effort to read the passage in the way students would hear it in an authentic setting.
- Then, read the question in the target language once.
- Pause for approximately thirty seconds before proceeding to the next item.
- Continue until all items in this section are complete.

(Pause)

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"Turn the page to Part 2b. Read the directions to yourself."

(Pause)

*"There are 2 questions in Part 2b. Each question is based on a short passage, which will be read aloud to you. Listen carefully. Before each passage, you will hear background information in English once. Then you will hear the passage in **[target language]** twice. After you have heard the passage for the second time, you will hear the question in **[target language]** once. The question is also printed in your test booklet. After you have heard the question, you will have about thirty seconds before hearing the next question. During that time, read the question and the four suggested answers in your test booklet. Choose the best suggested answer and write its number in the space provided in your answer booklet or fill in the appropriate bubble on your Scantron. Base your answer on the content of the passage, only. You should not read the question and the suggested answers while you are listening to the passage. This will allow you to give all your attention to what you hear. We will now begin.*

- Record each of the items in Part 2b as follows:
- First read the background/setting in English once.
- Then, read the passage in the target language twice in succession. Make every effort to read the passage in the way students would hear it in an authentic setting.
- Then, read the question in the target language once.
- Pause for about thirty seconds before proceeding to the next item.
- Continue until all items in this section are complete.

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"Turn the page to Part 2c. Read the directions to yourself."

(Pause)

*"There are 2 passages with 2 questions for each passage in this part. You will hear one passage in **[target language]** twice, followed by **two questions** in English. Listen carefully to each passage. You may take notes in your test booklet while you are listening to the passage if you prefer to do so. After you have heard the questions, read the questions and the four suggested answers for each question in your test booklet. Choose the best suggested answer and [write its number in the appropriate space on your answer sheet] or [fill in the appropriate bubble on your answer document]."*

- First read the passage in [target language] twice in succession. Make every effort to read the passage in the way students would hear it in an authentic setting.
- Then, read each question once, pausing approximately 20 seconds between each.
- Continue until all items in this section are complete.

"This ends Part 2, Listening"