

SUGGESTED RECORDING GUIDELINES

for Checkpoint B

Part 2: Interpretive Listening

SAY:

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

(Pause)

*"There are five (5) 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. After you have heard the question, you will have about thirty (30) 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] 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 listening comprehension stimulus (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 five (5) 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.

“This ends Part 2, Listening”