

# English Midterm Exam Study Guide

## Exam Format

The exam has four parts:

1. Listening Comprehension
2. Speaking
3. Reading Comprehension
4. Writing

## Part 1: Listening Comprehension - What to Study

- Skill: Understanding spoken English in conversations and announcements.
- How to Practice:
  - Giving/Following Directions: Practice vocabulary for locations (next to, across from, between, left, right, straight) and places in a school (library, science lab, hallway, fountain, office).
  - Understanding Schedules: Review days of the week and how to talk about time (8:30 = "eight thirty"). Practice noting differences in routines on different days.
  - Listening for Details: Train yourself to listen for specific information like names, times, locations, and daily activities. Ask a friend to read a short paragraph to you, then try to write down the key facts.

## Part 2: Speaking - What to Study

- Skill: Speaking clearly and correctly in English.
- How to Practice:
  - Introducing Yourself: Prepare a short introduction: your name and something you like or enjoy doing.
  - Describing Routines: Be ready to describe what you do in the morning, afternoon, or on a specific day. Use sequence words like first, then, after that, finally.
  - Giving Simple Directions: Practice explaining how to get from one place to another using clear commands (Go straight..., Turn left..., It's next to...).
  - Making Polite Requests: Know how to ask for something politely ("Could I please borrow...?", "Excuse me, may I...?").
  - Spelling: Be prepared to spell your full name (first and last) clearly, letter by letter.
  - Describing Pictures: Practice looking at a simple picture or series of pictures and describing what is happening in complete sentences (e.g., "The man is waking up," "She is eating breakfast").

## Part 3: Reading Comprehension - What to Study

- Skill: Understanding written English in emails and sentences.
- How to Practice:
  - Reading for Information: Practice reading short paragraphs (like emails or notes) and finding answers to Who, What, When, Where, Why questions.
  - Finding Synonyms & Opposites: Review common vocabulary and think about words that mean the same thing (big/large) or the opposite (first/last, start/finish).
  - Grammar Correction: Review present tense verbs, especially the third-person singular (he/she/it walks, he/she/it watches). Practice identifying and correcting common mistakes in simple sentences

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### **Part 4: Writing - What to Study**

- Skill: Writing correct questions, paragraphs, and notes.
- How to Practice:
  - Forming Questions: Look at an answer and practice writing the correct question that would lead to it. Focus on question words: What time...?, Why...?, Where...?, How...? (spell), and Do you...?
  - Writing a Paragraph: Practice writing a short, organized paragraph (6-8 sentences) about a familiar topic like your daily routine or your school. Connect your ideas smoothly.
  - Writing a Short Note: Practice giving clear, numbered instructions (First... Second...). Practice combining directions with a simple plan or invitation

### **General Vocabulary Review**

- Make sure you are comfortable with the meaning and spelling of words related to:
- School Supplies: notebook, pen, pencil, textbook, eraser, backpack.
- Classroom Objects: chair, table, clock, whiteboard
- Daily Routines: wake up, eat breakfast, take a shower, brush teeth, go to sleep.
- Time: days of the week, morning/afternoon/evening, telling time (7:00, 8:30).
- Actions: read, write, listen, spell, ask, walk