

**Background to ELLiE Listening tasks**

Listening tasks (Pt I & Pt II) were carried out in all ELLiE classrooms during each year of the main study (3 years). The tasks were administered by the visiting researcher on each occasion. To ensure consistency of pronunciation etc., a recorded version of the listening text was used in all classrooms.

The sample tasks included here were administered in the first year of the main study (2007-8). In the second and third years some adjustment to the selection of tasks was made, increasing the difficulty factor in line with children's growing maturity and broader vocabulary range.