



LISTENING

Different Types of Questions
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LISTENING TEST

Timing: approx. 30 minutes + 10 minutes transfer time

Questions: 40 items



LISTENING TEST

Test Parts: 4

Part 1: conversation between two people set in everyday social context

Part 2: monologue set in everyday social context

Part 3: conversation between up to 4 people set in an educational or training context

Part 4: monologue on an academic subject



LISTENING TEST

Skills Assessed:

1. Understanding of main ideas and specific factual information
2. Recognising opinions, attitudes and purpose of the speaker
3. Following development of an argument



IELTS LISTENING

- *You will hear a conversation between a clerk at the enquiries desk of a transport company and a man who is asking for travel information. First you have some time to look at questions 1 to 5.*
- This means the dialogue is in the context of *travelling and transportation*.
- Also, there are instructions in sentence completion questions telling you how many words and/or numbers are required to fill in the blanks. For example:

Write **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS** for each answer.

The options you have:

- One word
- Two words



Write **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER** for each answer.

The options you have:

- ✓ One word
- ✓ Two words
- ✓ Three words
- ✓ One word and a number
- ✓ Two words and a number
- ✓ Three words and a number
- ✓ A number

Remember that whenever you see '**OR A NUMBER**', there is always one answer containing a number.



Questions 23 and 24

Choose **TWO** letters, **A–E**.

Which **TWO** immediate benefits did the company get from Laura's work placement?

- A** updates for its software
- B** cost savings
- C** an improved image
- D** new clients
- E** a growth in sales

Be careful to look for **TWO** answers in the recording - Question 23 and 24, but the order is not important.



HOW TO TRANSFER IN 10 MINUTES

The most important thing to do in the final 10 minutes is transferring the answers from the booklet to the answer sheet. To do so:

- Check if you are using the LISTENING ANSWER SHEET - Reading and Listening answer sheets are two pages of one sheet.
- For questions where the answers are letters, you should write ONLY the number of answers required. For example, in multiple-choice questions, if the answer is 'A', you should write only 'A' in the answer sheet. If you write all the words in the alternative A, the answer will be marked wrong.
- Answers may be written in upper or lower case.
- Both UK and US spelling are acceptable.
- All standard alternatives for numbers, dates and currencies are acceptable.
- All standard abbreviations are acceptable.
- Check the instructions of each question to ensure you are within the word limits.
- Check the plural and singular nouns.
- Never leave a blank.

LISTENING ANSWER SHEET

- There is a green ribbon distinguishing this page from that of reading test.

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IELTS Listening Answer Sheet

Candidate Name: _____
Candidate No. _____ Centre No. _____
Test Date Day _____ Month _____ Year _____

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1		✓	21		✓
2		✓	22		✓
3		✓	23		✓
4		✓	24		✓
5		✓	25		✓
6		✓	26		✓
7		✓	27		✓
8		✓	28		✓
9		✓	29		✓
10		✓	30		✓
11		✓	31		✓
12		✓	32		✓
13		✓	33		✓
14		✓	34		✓
15		✓	35		✓
16		✓	36		✓
17		✓	37		✓
18		✓	38		✓
19		✓	39		✓
20		✓	40		✓

Marker 2 Signature: _____ Marker 1 Signature: _____ Listening Total: _____

SIX COMMON TYPES OF LISTENING QUESTIONS

- In general, there are 6 types of questions in the Listening section:
 - Form, note, table, flow-chart, summary completion
 - Plan, map, diagram labeling
 - Matching
 - Multiple choices
 - Sentence completion
 - Short answer question



1. FORM, NOTE, TABLE, FLOW-CHART, SUMMARY COMPLETION

- **Form**
- Summarize the details in the recording such as name, phone number, and date
- Example:

Questions 6-10

*Complete the form Write **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS** for each answer.*

PERSONAL DETAILS FORM	
Name:	Mary (6)
Address:	Flat 2
	(7) (8) Road
	Canterbury
Telephone:	(9)
Estimated value of lost item: (10) £	

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- **Note**

- Summarize the specific and detail information in the recording.
- Example:

Questions 26-31

Complete the notes below using NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS.

Course requirements:

Tutorial paper:

- *A piece of work ON A given topic. Students must:*
- (26) *for 25 minutes*
- (27)
- *give to lecturer for marking*

Essay topic:

Usually (28)

Type of exam:

(29)

Library:

Important books are in (30)

Focus of course:

Focus on (31)



- **Table**

- Summarize information related to some categories (for instance place, cost, time...)
- Example:

Questions 5–10

Complete the table below.

*Write **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER** for each answer.*

WEEKEND TRIPS			
Place	Date	Number of seats	Optional extra
St Ives	5	16	Hepworth Museum
London	16th February	45	6
7	3rd March	18	S.S. <i>Great Britain</i>
Salisbury	18th March	50	Stonehenge
Bath	23rd March	16	8
For further information: Read the 9 or see Social Assistant: Jane 10			



- **Flow-chart**

- Summarize a process with particular steps displayed by arrows.

Example:

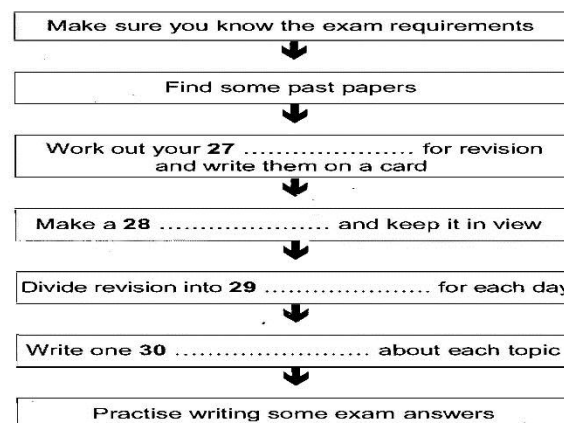
Listening

Questions 27–30

Complete the flow-chart below.

Choose **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER** for each answer.

Advice on exam preparation



- **Summary paragraph**

- You are responsible for filling in the gaps in the given paragraph. Notice that your answer must meet all the requirements about spelling, grammar, and word limit.
- Example:

Questions 14-21

*Complete the notes below by writing **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS** in the spaces provided.*

The Government plans to give **(14)** \$ _____ to assist the farmers. This money was to be spent on improving Sydney's **(15)** _____ but has now been re-allocated.

Australia has experienced its worst drought in over fifty years. Farmers say that the money will not help them because it is **(16)** _____.

An airplane which was carrying a group of **(17)** _____ was forced to land just **(18)** _____ minutes after take-off. The passengers were rescued by **(19)** _____. The operation was helped because of the good weather. The passengers thanked the **(20)** _____ for saving their lives but unfortunately they lost their **(21)** _____.



HOW TO ANSWER THESE TYPES OF QUESTIONS

1. Read the instruction.....**word limit**
2. Prediction.....**N,V,ADJ,ADV,NUMBER,.....** Example:
Name: Shaun Rodgers Room no. _____
3. Synonym.....grades/ points.....**Grades** are often letters and can be for an essay; **points** are always numbers, usually out of a possible total.
*e.g.: Unfortunately, I didn't get very good **grades** last year.*
4. Singular / plural
5. Copy the exact word

YOUR TURN

On the right write type of words you need to complete the notes .
Now listen and answer questions 1-4.

Questions	Type of words
Drive from Melbourne to Philip Island: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approx 1.....km• Takes about 2..... People go there to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Observe the 3.....returning home• Watches seals from 4.....or through telescopes.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A number2.3.4.



2. PLAN, MAP, DIAGRAM LABELING

○ Plan Labeling

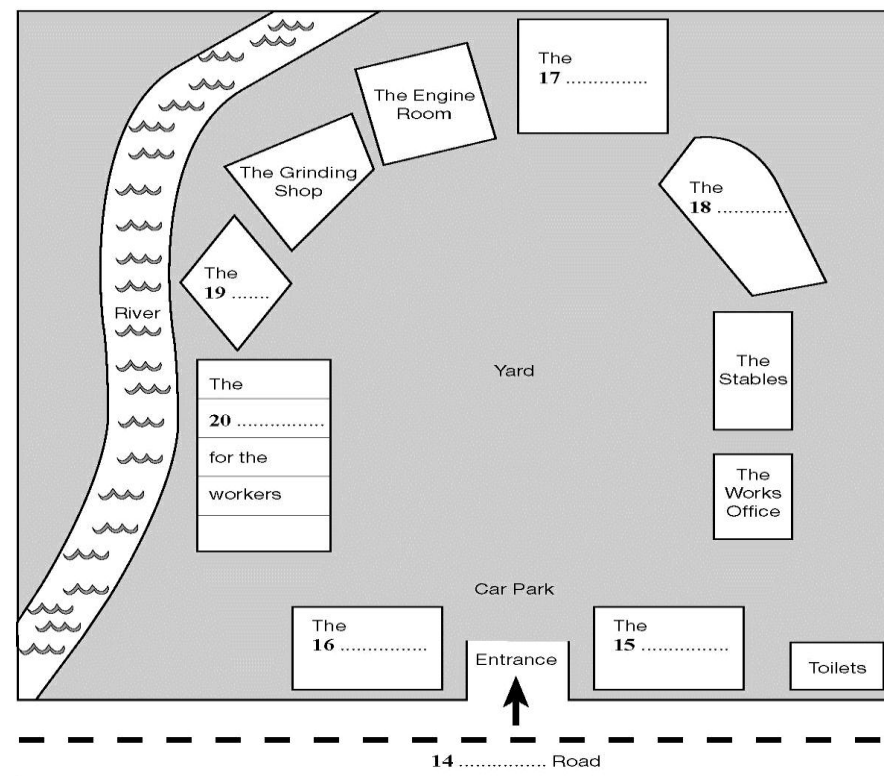
- The following type is about completing a plan (e.g. of a factory), a map (e.g. of a city area) or a diagram (e.g. a part a device). There will be some answers for you to pick.

○ Example:

Questions 14–20

Label the plan below.

*Write **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS** for each answer.*



- **Map labeling**

- The second type is **Map Labeling**. There will be many places like a hospital, factory, park... and your job is to listen to the recording, look at the given map and label all the gaps in that map.

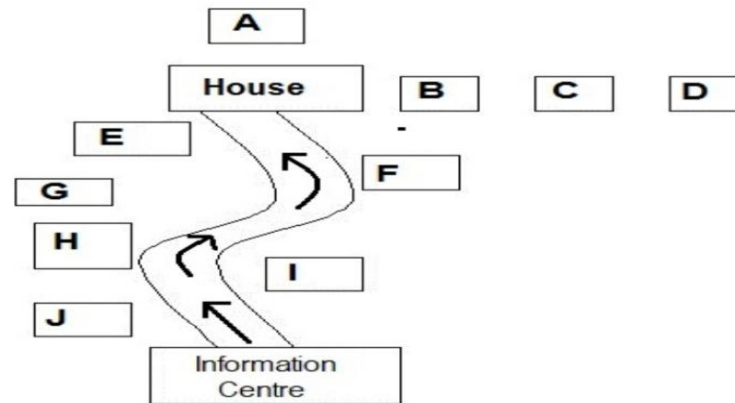
- **Example :**

Questions 14-17

Label the map below:

Write the correct letter, A-J next to questions 14-17

ROSEWOOD HOUSE AND GARDENS



- | | | |
|----|-----------------|-------|
| 14 | Pear Alley | |
| 15 | Mulberry Garden | |
| 16 | Shop | |
| 17 | TeaRoom | |



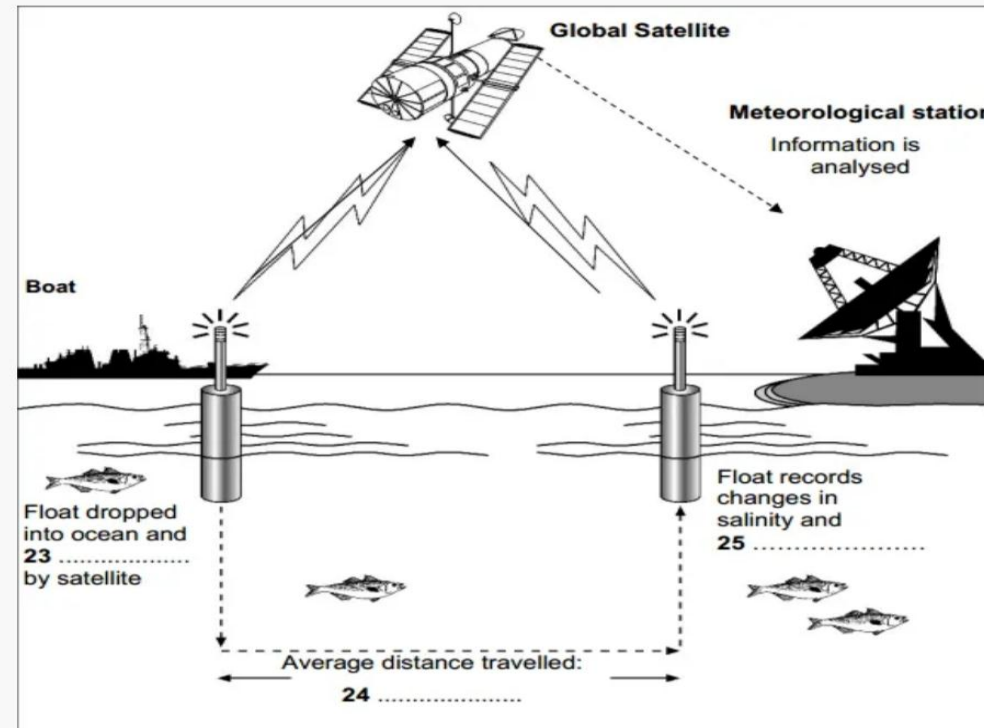
◦ Diagram Labeling

It will give you a diagram which can demonstrate the parts of a machine, or phases of a process. The speaker in the recording will describe the diagram very clearly and logically so that you can understand it easily.

Complete the notes on the diagram below.

Write **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER** for each answer.

THE OPERATIONAL CYCLE




- DESCRIPTION of LOCATIONS and following DIRECTIONS.
- EXAMPLE:
- As you **enter** the department the seating area is directly **in front of you**.
- As you **enter** seminar room B the staff room is **behind you**.
- As you **enter** seminar room A the reception is **directly behind you**.
- There are male and female cloakrooms **on either side** of the main entrance.
- As you **come out** of the lecture theater the language lab is **in front of you**.
- From the office to seminar room B you need to **cross** the seating area.
- To access the office you need to **go through**
 - the reception.
- As you **leave** seminar room A, the men's cloakroom is **on the right**.

YOUR TURN

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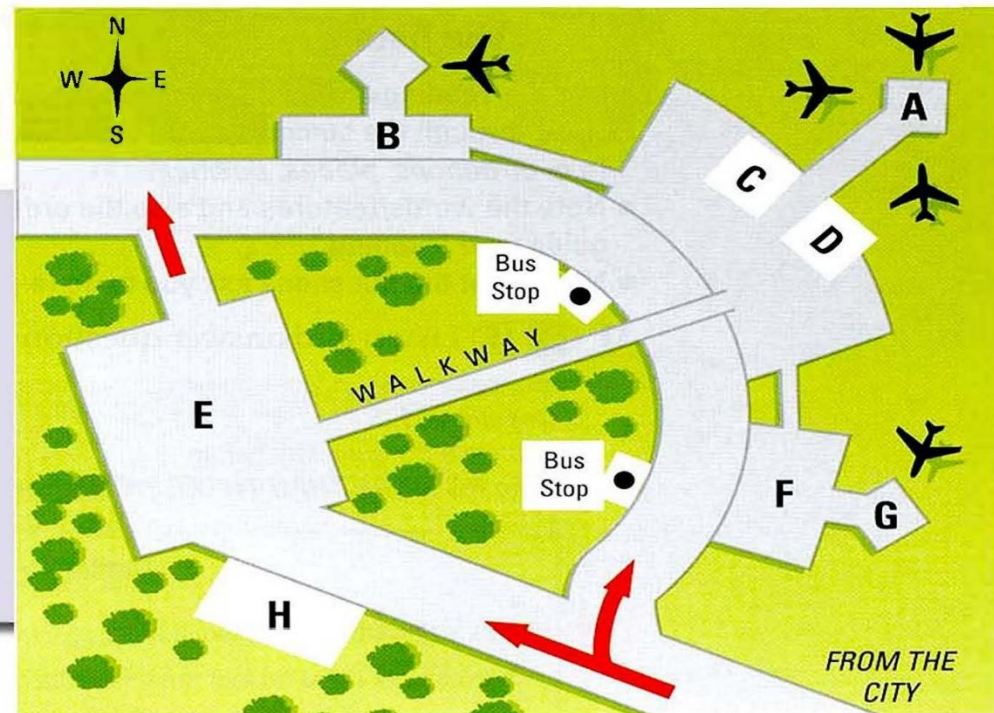
Labelling a map or plan

- 6  17 Look carefully at the plan of an Australian airport, then listen and answer questions 1–4.

Label the plan.

Write the correct letter **A–H** next to questions 1–4.

- | | |
|---------------------|-------|
| 1 Car park | |
| 2 Domestic Terminal | |
| 3 Lifts | |
| 4 Regional Terminal | |



3. MATCHING

- Candidates are given a list of items from the audio and are requested to match it with a set of options on the question paper. The set of options might be criteria of some kind.
- Example :

Questions 23–27

What recommendations does Dr Johnson make about the journal articles?

Choose your answers from the box and write the letters A–G next to questions 23–27.

- | |
|---|
| <p>A must read
B useful
C limited value
D read first section
E read research methods
F read conclusion
G don't read</p> |
|---|

Example

Anderson and Hawker:

Answer

A
.....

Jackson: 23

Roberts: 24

Morris: 25

Cooper: 26

Forster: 27



4. MULTIPLE CHOICES

○ Example :

Questions 1–5

Choose the correct letter, A, B or C.

Example

How long has Sally been waiting?

- A** five minutes
- B** twenty minutes
- C** thirty minutes

- 1 What does Peter want to drink?
 - A** tea
 - B** coffee
 - C** a cold drink
- 2 What caused Peter problems at the bank?
 - A** The exchange rate was down.
 - B** He was late.
 - C** The computers weren't working.
- 3 Who did Peter talk to at the bank?
 - A** an old friend
 - B** an American man
 - C** a German man
- 4 Henry gave Peter a map of
 - A** the city.
 - B** the bus routes.
 - C** the train system.
- 5 What do Peter and Sally decide to order?
 - A** food and drinks
 - B** just food
 - C** just drinks



5. SENTENCE COMPLETION

○ Example : **Questions 11–13**

NO MORE THAN 3 WORDS/ NUMBER

RIVERSIDE INDUSTRIAL VILLAGE

Riverside Village was a good place to start an industry because it had water, raw materials and fuels such as **11)** &

The metal industry was established at Riverside Village by **12)**..... who lived in the area. There were over **13)** water-powered mills in the area in the eighteenth century.



6. SHORT ANSWER QUESTION

○ Example:

Questions 19 and 20

*Write **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER** for each answer.,*

19 How often do the Top Bus Company tours run?

.....

20 Where can you catch a Number One Sightseeing Tour from?

.....



MATERIALS

- 6-min English (*British Accent*)
- TED talk
- Podcasts
- Luke's English Podcasts (LEP) (*British Accent*)
- LBC (Radio Channel) (*British Accent*)
- BBC (Radio Channel) (*British Accent*)
- VOA (Radio or TV Channel) (*American Accent*)
- NPR(*American Accent*)

- Largest collection of video quotes from movies: www.playphrase.me
- RSA

