

## BRITISH COUNCIL - IELTS Listening Test

### Key details

the paper  
40 questions  
4 sections  
30 minutes  
get more difficult as you progress

The IELTS listening test is designed to assess your ability to understand spoken English. The listening test is the same regardless of whether you are taking the IELTS academic or general training module.



### assess

ability to understand spoken English

### IELTS modules

Listening Test academic general training  
same

You will only hear each passage once. It is vital you follow the instructions.



10 minutes

- spelling is important
- capitalization is not
- no penalties for wrong answers

At the end of the listening you have 10 minutes to transfer your answers to the answer sheet.

### tips to prepare

Look for key words in the question - underline or circle them.

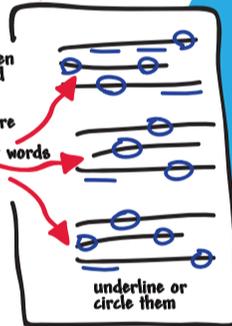
What is the situation?  
What is the topic?  
Who might be speaking?  
What might be the answers?

predict as much as you can



- you are given time to read
- analyse the questions here
- look for key words - nouns - verbs

- type of answers needed - name - telephone number - adjective



underline or circle them

Try to predict as much as you can before you listen.

Synonyms are important - there is often a word in a question and a different word with similar meaning in the listening audio.



### Synonyms

- a word in the question
- different word in the listening with similar meaning

You need to make these connections to answer questions.



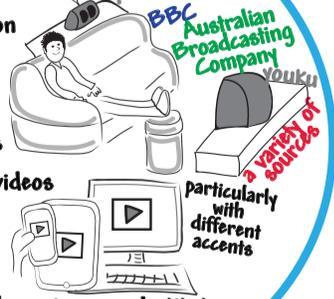
Check out our listening practice resources at:

<http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/listen-and-watch>

Look out for other British Council videos + downloads on IELTS Speaking, Writing + Reading.

### Practice range of resources

- television
- films
- radio
- lectures
- online videos



particularly with different accents

there is no substitute for practice