



## UNIT 1: GETTING READY TO LISTEN

### Getting ready to listen

In this unit you will practise:

- understanding the context
- using correct spelling
- listening for specific details
- understanding numbers

#### 1. Understanding the context

**Test Tip:** Before you do each section, you will be given 30-45 seconds to look at the questions.

Use this time to study the questions and try to predict what you might hear.

*1.1. You are going to hear the introductions of four IELTS Listening sections. Before you listen, try to predict the context by reading the questions in the table below. Choose FOUR answers from the box and write the correct letter, A-F, in the table.*

Section	Listening test questions	Context
1	Total number of guests: ..... Susie will organise invitations and .....	C
2	What type of gift does the speaker recommend for a child's birthday?	
3	The students chose this topic because  A. They have a lot of information about it. B. They would like to learn more about it. C. They think they will get a higher mark.	
4	<b>Aim:</b> To assess the impact of loss of habitat on native animals  <b>Methods:</b> Calculate the current numbers of native animal species Study their movements by attaching .....	

#### Contexts

A. shopping for food	D. describing a research project
B. discussing an assignment	E. buying presents
C. organizing a party	F. explaining how something works

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**1.2. Listen again. Decide how many speakers you will hear in each of these sections. Try to write down who the speakers will be.**

**2. Using the correct spelling**

**Test Tip:** Always check your spelling. If you make a spelling mistake in the IELTS Listening paper, your answer will be marked wrong.

**2.1. Listen and write the letters you hear.**

1. ....
2. ....
3. ....
4. ....
5. ....

**2.2. Listen to five short conversations and complete notes 1-5 with NO MORE THAN ONE WORD AND/OR A NUMBER**

1. Name: Mr Andrew .....
2. Address: 63 .....Road, Birmingham
3. Website address: www. .... .com
4. Meet at the .....Hotel
5. Registration number: .....

**3. Writing numbers**

**3.1. Listen and circle the number you hear in each pair (a-j).**

a. 1 <sup>st</sup> / 3 <sup>rd</sup>	f. 15 / 50
b. \$10.50 / \$10.15	g. 52 / 62
c. 6 <sup>th</sup> / 5 <sup>th</sup>	h. £110 / £810
d. 17 / 70	i. 31 <sup>st</sup> / 33 <sup>rd</sup>
e. 19 / 90	j. 22 <sup>nd</sup> / 27 <sup>th</sup>

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**3.2. Listen and complete the information below**

1. How much does the woman pay for her room? £.....
2. New students need to bring \$ .....
3. Garage width: .....m      Height: .....m
4. How much does the woman pay for the bus tickets?  
A. \$25      B. \$55      C. \$75
5. Party date: .....

**3.3. Listen to extracts from four different talks and choose the correct answer (A, B or C).**

1. The survey found that the majority of students drink  
A. Water      B. Coffee      C. Tea
2. What point does the speaker make about skiing?  
A. A small percentage of the US is suitable for skiing.  
B. A surprisingly large number of Americans like skiing.  
C. A relatively small proportion of Americans have tried skiing.
3. The number of wild elephants in Africa is estimated to be at least  
A. 53,000      B. 470,000      C. 690,000
4. According to the speaker, which two can weigh the same?  
A. The tongue of a blue whale and an elephant  
B. An elephant and a blue whale  
C. A bus and an elephant