

UNIT 1: URBAN AND RURAL LIFE

LISTENING

Exercise 1: In this unit, you will practise the skills you need to achieve a mark of 10 out of 10 in IELTS Listening Section 1. Read the information. Then decide if the statements are True or False.

To achieve Band 7.5 in the IELTS Listening test, you typically need a minimum of 32 correct answers out of 40. Because the listening questions get harder, you should aim for 10 out of 10 in Section 1 and avoid making simple mistakes due to being unprepared.

- 1 Section 1 questions are the easiest.
 True False

- 2 Spelling isn't important.
 True False

- 3 Names and addresses will always be spelt out.
 True False

- 4 If I write 'Hillavenue' instead of 'Hill Avenue', it will be wrong.
 True False

- 5 It's OK if I write '%50' instead of '50%'.
 True False

- 6 I must write '12,000' and not '12.000' or '12000'.
 True False

- 7 I must write '1 p.m.' and not '13.00' or '13:00'.
 True False

- 8 'Hard-working' is considered one word.
 True False

Exercise 2: Read the information about pronouncing telephone number.

It is likely that you will hear *telephone numbers* in the IELTS Listening test. It is a good idea to learn natural ways of saying telephone numbers, as this will help you to notice and write the numbers correctly. Let's look at how telephone numbers are typically pronounced in British English. For example:

4241 660124

- The number 0 is usually pronounced *oh*. You are less likely to hear *zero* in British English.
- Each number is said separately. In the example above, 4241 would be pronounced *four, two, four, one* – not *forty-two, forty-one*.
- When the same two numbers appear together, they are typically pronounced using the word *double*. In the example above, 660 would be pronounced *double six, oh*.
- When the same three numbers appear together, we typically say the first number separately, and the second and third numbers with *double*. For example, the number 888 would typically be pronounced *eight, double eight*.
- There is usually a pause after groups of three or four numbers. The telephone number 4241 660124 would typically be pronounced *four, two, four, one / double six, oh / one, two, four*. We sometimes group the first five numbers of a mobile phone number together. For example, the mobile phone number 06922 214 876 would typically be pronounced *oh six nine double two / two one four / eight seven six*.

1 566

- five, double six
- five hundred and sixty-six
- five, six, six

2 0207

- oh, two, oh, seven
- zero, two hundred and seven
- zero, two, zero, seven

3 3888

- three, eight, double eight
- three, triple eight
- thirty-eight, eighty-eight

4 413428

- forty-one / thirty-four / twenty-eight
- four, one, three / four, two, eight
- four, one, three, four, two / eight

Exercise 3: Read the information. Then put the addresses in the correct order.

Postcodes (or, in American English, *zip codes*) always have the same format. In the UK, they typically have two parts, separated by a space. The first part begins with an abbreviation of the town or city, which is usually followed by one or two numbers. So, a postcode for Bristol starts *BS*. The second part of a postcode begins with a number, which is followed by two letters.

Postcodes typically come at the end of an address in the UK. The address begins with the house / apartment number, followed by the street name, then the town or city and the province (known as *county* in British English – occasionally omitted if it's a big city). If the apartment or house has a name, this comes before the street number at the beginning.

1

Devon 6DD D10 Henbury Lane 10 Torquay

2

BS8 Coldwell Road 8AL Bristol Flat 4 15

3

Apartment 203 5AD 34 M9 Manchester River Walk

4

Little Fields House Milton Keynes Yew Tree Lane MK4 16 5RJ

Exercise 4: Read the information. Then correct the spelling mistakes in the days and months.

It is easy to lose marks in the IELTS Listening test because of simple spelling mistakes. Make sure you know how to correctly spell the days of the week and the months of the year.

- 1 Munday
- 2 Tusday
- 3 Wenesday
- 4 Tursday
- 5 Feburary
- 6 Jiun
- 7 Settember
- 8 Ottober
- 9 Desember

Exercise 5: Read the information. Then listen to a telephone conversation between a volunteer and an agent at a volunteering organisation. Complete the notes. Write **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS AND / OR A NUMBER** for each answer. The first one has been done for you. (Track 1.1)

You will often hear more than one date, time or number, and the correct answer is not always the first one that you hear. The speaker may correct themselves or go back to the original item mentioned. Make sure you pay attention to this and listen carefully.

World Care Volunteering

Location: Africa

Name: Hannah **1** _____

DoB: 9th **2** _____ 1977

Address: Garden Flat, 15 Hotwell Road, Bristol, **3** _____

Tel: **4** _____

When available: **5** _____

Package interested in: **6** _____

Current job: **7** _____

Experience: **8** _____ years

Prices:

1 week from £300, 2 weeks from **9** £ _____

1 month: **10** £ _____

Exercise 6. Exam practice A (Track 1.2)

Questions 1-6

Complete the form below.

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

PRIME RECRUITMENT	
Employee record	
<i>Example</i>	<i>Answer</i>
SurnameRiley.....
Email	1 @worldnet.com
Nationality	2
Reference (professional)	Name: John Keen Job: manager of 3
Reference (personal)	Name: Eileen Dorsini Job: 4
Special qualifications	current 5 certificate certificate of competence in 6

Questions 7-10

Complete the table below.

Write **NO MORE THAN ONE WORD** for each answer.

PRIME RECRUITMENT CHILDCARE VACANCIES			
Location	Name	Children	Special requirements
London	Benton	girl and boy	be keen on 7
near Oxford	Granger	8 boys	be animal-lover
9	Campbell	four girls	be willing to 10 when camping

Exercise 7. Exam practice B (Track 1.3)
Questions 1-10

Complete the notes below.

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

Midbury Drama Club

Background

Example	Answer
• club started in	...1957.....

- prize recently won by 1 section
- usually performs 2 plays

Meetings

- next auditions will be on Tuesday, 3
- help is needed with 4 and
- rehearsals take place in the 5 hall
- nearest car park for rehearsals is in Ashburton Road opposite the 6

Costs

- annual membership fee is 7 £.....
- extra payment for 8

Contact

- secretary's name is Sarah 9
- secretary's phone number is 10

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Questions 1–6

Complete the notes below.

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

Name: Mr 1 _____
Current address: 4 West Cottages, Humblington, Devon, 2 _____
Destination address: 8b Greenend Road, E19 4RR
Date of move: 30 August
Time booked: 3 _____
Value of insurance cover: 4 £ _____
Total cost for service: around £2,000
Telephone number: (07238) 5 _____
Website: www. 6 _____ .co.uk

Questions 7–9

Choose the correct letter, **A, B** or **C**.

- 7 The removals package that the man chooses is
A Premium.
B Silver.
C Economy.
- 8 The woman believes that the best thing about We-Move-U is that they
A cost less than people expect.
B are very efficient.
C provide excellent service to their clients.
- 9 After the man makes a booking, there will be
A no more charges.
B a 10% charge when the move is completed.
C a charge if the man changes the day of his move.

