

# LISTENING

**IN THIS UNIT YOU WILL LEARN HOW TO**

- identify the speakers in a conversation.
- listen for numbers
- answer multiple-choice questions.



**LEAD-IN**

**01▶** In Section 1 of the Listening test you will hear two people talking in everyday situations.

Tick **TWO** situations that could be in Section 1 of the Listening test.

- A Discussing a course assignment
- B Describing changes in family life over time
- C Choosing a gift
- D Arranging a birthday celebration

**02▶** Listen and match the conversations with two of the situations above.

Conversation 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Conversation 2 \_\_\_\_\_

**IDENTIFYING THE SPEAKERS**

**03▶** Listen to the conversations again and pay attention to the speakers. For questions 1–4, write M for male and F for female next to the people.

	Male or female?	Information wanted
Conversation 1	manager 1 ____ customer 2 ____	5 The customer would like to ... A book a table. B order a meal.
Conversation 2	shop assistant 3 ____ customer 4 ____	6 The customer wants to buy ... A a necklace. B earrings.



In Section 1 of the Listening test you will hear two speakers. In Section 3, there will be two or three speakers. In each case the speakers' voices will sound different from each other to help you easily identify who is speaking. The answers could be given by any of the speakers. In Section 1, there is normally one person who has to find out information from the other.

**04▶** Listen again and for questions 5 and 6, choose the correct answer, A or B.

## LISTENING FOR NUMBERS

**05** Listen and circle the number you hear in each pair.

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- a 1st / 3rd                      e 19 / 90  
b \$10.50 / \$10.15          f 52 / 62  
c 6th / 5th                      g £110 / £810  
d 17 / 70                        h 22nd / 27th

Listen again and practise saying the numbers.

**06** Listen to the next part of conversation 1 and choose the correct answer.

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- 1 How many people does the woman want to make the booking for?  
A 8                      B 12                      C 16  
2 What is the date of the booking?  
A 12th                      B 16th                      C 17th

### TIP 06

You will usually hear all the numbers given in the options but only one will be correct. It is important to listen carefully for key phrases, so that you can choose the correct one.

**07** Look at the following phrases taken from the recording. What number is missing?

- 1 No, no, it's the day after – the \_\_\_\_\_  
16th / 17th  
2 The private room can seat up to \_\_\_\_\_  
people.                      12 / 20

**08** Now listen to the rest of conversation 1 and choose the correct answer.

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- How much is the total cost of the booking?  
A £218                      B £318                      C £380

**09** Listen to the second part of conversation 2 and answer the questions.

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- 1 The price of the earrings now is ...  
A £10                      B £20                      C £30  
2 How much does the customer pay for the gift wrapping?  
A £4                        B £5                        C £7

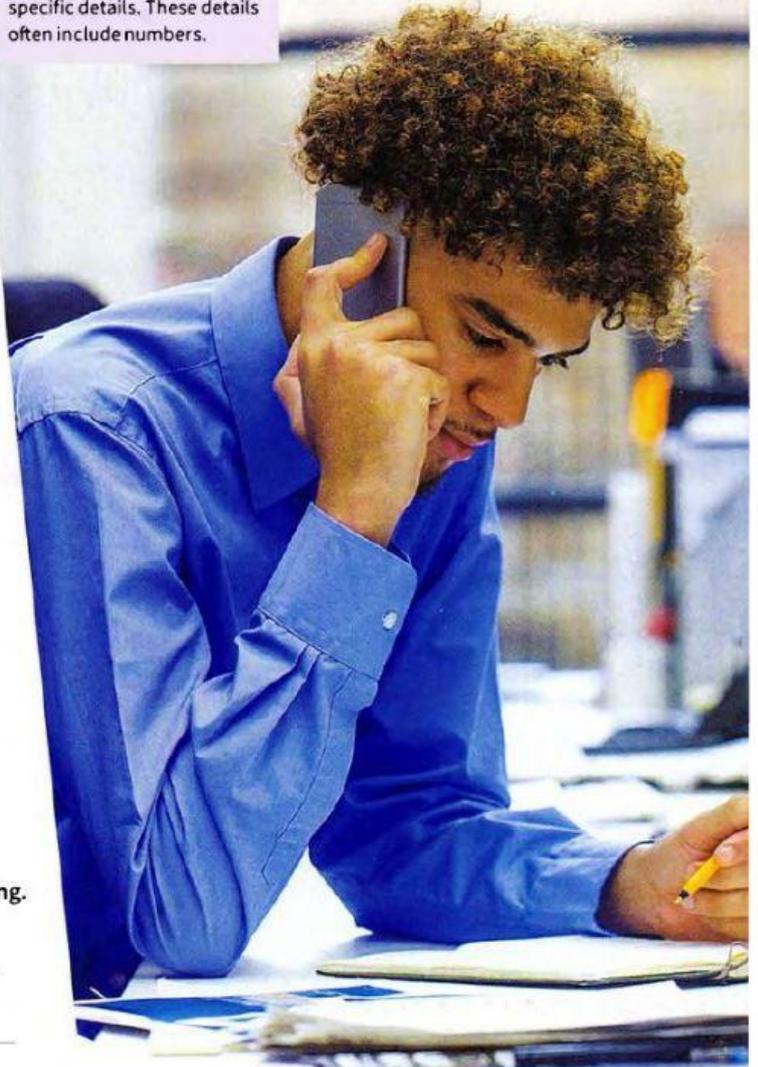
**10** Listen again and complete this part of the conversation.

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- Customer** Oh, really? So, how much are they?  
**Assistant** Well, they were 1 \_\_\_\_\_ pounds, but actually we've got a sale on at the moment, so they're a little cheaper – only 2 \_\_\_\_\_ pounds. So you can save 3 \_\_\_\_\_ pounds!



In Section 1 of the Listening test you need to listen for specific details. These details often include numbers.



# MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS



In multiple-choice tasks, you choose the correct answer from three options, A, B or C.

There are two types of multiple-choice question:

- a a question followed by three possible options
- b an unfinished statement followed by three possible endings

**11** Match the words and phrases 1–5 to words and phrases a–e, which have a similar meaning.

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 a goodbye party         | a members of the same family |
| 2 a soccer game           | b colleagues                 |
| 3 a celebration           | c a leaving party            |
| 4 brother and sister      | d a birthday party           |
| 5 work in the same office | e a football match           |

**12** Read questions 1–6 in the Exam skills task below and match them with the topic areas in the box.

Colour	Food	Presents	The meaning of something
The relationship between the people			The type of event

**TIP 11**

The words in the questions and options (A, B, C) may not be the same as the words you hear on the recording. You need to listen for words with a similar meaning. It can sometimes help to rephrase the question in your own words before you listen.

# EXAM SKILLS

**13** Listen to the conversation and choose the correct letter, A, B or C.



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| 1 Who are the two speakers?<br>A good friends<br>B work colleagues<br>C family members                           | 4 The purse represents<br>A good health.<br>B good fortune.<br>C wealth.                  |
| 2 What celebration are they talking about?<br>A a birthday party<br>B a graduation<br>C a wedding                | 5 What food do guests have at the event?<br>A oranges<br>B vegetables<br>C rice cakes     |
| 3 What colour hat do baby girls wear at the event in Korea?<br>A black and silver<br>B black<br>C red and silver | 6 What does the baby receive from the guests?<br>A a candle<br>B some money<br>C some tea |

**TIP 13**

Use the questions to help you to follow the recording. Multiple-choice questions are in the same order as the information in the recording. You will hear the answer to question 2 before you hear the information which gives you the answer to question 3.

