

Exercise 1

In this unit, you will practise the skills you need to predict the type of information required for multiple-choice and short-answered questions.

Read the information about Section 2 of the IELTS Listening test. Choose two answers for each question.

In Section 2 of the IELTS Listening test, you will hear a single speaker talking. He or she will be speaking in a general situation, giving general information to other people. You will hear the speaker only once. You will have 30–45 seconds before listening to look at the questions. Use this time to try and predict what you might hear.

1. What might you hear in Section 2 of the listening test?
 - ☐ An academic lecture by a university professor.
 - ☐ A talk by a manager to new staff members, explaining some company rules.
 - ☐ A conversation between two friends.
 - ☐ A speech by a counsellor, giving advice about dealing with stress.
2. What will you need to do in this part of the test?
 - ☐ Give your opinion on a topic.
 - ☐ Understand the general context of what you hear.
 - ☐ Listen and find the specific information you need.
 - ☐ Write an essay about the topic you hear.
3. What should you do before listening?
 - ☐ Read the questions carefully.
 - ☐ Answer all the questions.
 - ☐ Decide what type of information you need to listen for.