

Exercise 1

In this unit, you will practise the skills you need to answer map labelling, multiple-choice and sentence completion questions in the IELTS Listening test. The topic of this unit is architecture.

Read the information. Then choose the correct synonyms for the words and phrases in bold in the sentences.

The speakers you will hear often use *synonyms* or *paraphrases* of the words or ideas in the question. Before you listen, it is a good idea to think about other ways of saying a word or phrase.

1. We had our new kitchen **fitted** yesterday. It's much better than the old one, but it was quite expensive.
 - estimated
 - put in
 - repaired
2. The old building will be **torn down** next week and replaced by a new set of apartments overlooking the sea.
 - demolished
 - improved
 - renovated
3. Due to a number of health hazards, the building has been **condemned** and residents will be temporarily rehoused until permanent accommodation can be found.
 - criticized
 - declared unsafe
 - demolished
4. The leak was found and **fixed** early enough to avoid any major damage to the apartment.
 - agreed
 - renovated
 - repaired
5. The new motorway was **constructed** to make the journey between the two major cities faster.
 - built
 - estimated
 - modified

6. The designs for the new shopping centre were **modified** to accommodate the lower budget.

- changed
- created
- thrown away