

Exercise 4

Complete the sentences about IELTS Reading matching features tasks. Use the words and phrases in the box.

be paraphrased in the text	be prepared to scan forwards or backwards	
find and underline	make an educated guess	numbered
return to this statement	things, people or places	used more than once
write on the question paper		

1. The matching features tasks in the IELTS Reading test ask you to match statements with a list of _____ mentioned in the text.
2. The statements will be _____, and the features will have a letter (e.g. A–E).
3. There are usually more statements than features, so the features can be _____.
4. Feel free to _____; although it will be collected at the end of the test, it won't be marked, so you can write whatever you want on it.
5. One of the first things you should do is scan the whole text to _____ the features (e.g. people) in the matching features task.
6. When matching the statements with the features, remember that the ideas in the statements will usually _____, so don't assume that because words in the statement are the same as words in the text, this is the correct answer.
7. The statements will probably not be in the order that they appear in the text, so _____ from the previous answer to find the next one.
8. If you think more than one statement matches a feature, note the possible options, but then move on to the next question. Then when you finish, _____, look at the options you noted again and choose the one you think best fits.
9. If you really can't find the answer to a question, just _____, as you won't lose any marks if you're wrong.

