

## LISTENING FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION

**03** Look at these notes and think about the kind of information that you will need for each gap, e.g. an address or telephone number. Then listen to the recording and complete the notes with NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER.

Address of property 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Number of bedrooms 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Number of lounges 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Access to the 4 \_\_\_\_\_ through sun-room door

### TIP 03

In the Listening test, you will be given the context of the listening and you will have some time to look at the questions before you listen.

Kitchen: fully-fitted, includes 5 \_\_\_\_\_ and 6 \_\_\_\_\_



Appointment time: 7 \_\_\_\_\_



Estate agent's name: Peter 8 \_\_\_\_\_

Estate agent's number: 9 \_\_\_\_\_



**04** In the Listening test you may be asked to write down numbers, such as prices and phone numbers. Listen to these short conversations and write down the numbers in each.

1 £ \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_ km

3 \_\_\_\_\_

4 \_\_\_\_\_ m x \_\_\_\_\_ m

5 \_\_\_\_\_

**05** In this exercise, you will hear some complex numbers, including a price and measurements. Listen to the estate agent and client and complete the information sheet.

Property for sale	
Price	1 £ _____
Room sizes	Kitchen: 3.10 x 2.25 m Lounge 1: 2 _____ m Lounge 2: 6.50 x 4.25 m Front garden: 10 x 8 m Rear garden: 3 _____ m, patio, lawn and flower beds Bedroom 1: 4 _____ m Bedroom 2: 5 _____ m Bedroom 3: 3.25 x 2.5 m

**06** Listen to the final conversation between the estate agent and client and answer these questions.



- 1 What information does the estate agent need?
- 2 How will the client get the money to pay for the house?
- 3 How long does the estate agent think it will take to sell the house?
- 4 The most important thing for the client is
  - A to stay a little longer where she is living now.
  - B to help her husband travel to work more easily.
  - C to move in before the end of the school holiday.

### DEALING WITH DISTRACTORS

**07** Look at this example and listen to part of the recording again.



The en-suite bathroom will be useful because

- A it has a shower unit.
- B it has a big bath.
- C it helps everyone in the mornings.

Answer C is correct. A is true, but it is not the reason why it will be useful for the woman and her family. B is not true, because the other bathroom has a bath. C is correct because the speaker says that it will be useful when they all get up to get ready for school or work – and that happens in the morning.



In multiple-choice questions in the Listening test, there is one correct answer and two wrong answers. The wrong answers are called 'distractors'. They are designed to seem correct. For example, they use the same words as the recording, but with a different meaning. You have to make sure that the correct answer has the same meaning as the recording.

## EXAM SKILLS

**08** Listen to the final conversation again and choose the correct letter, A, B or C.



- 1 At the moment, Caroline lives in
  - A Prendergast Road.
  - B Lanchester Road.
  - C Riverside Road.
- 2 Caroline wants to make a first offer of
  - A £300,000.
  - B £350,000.
  - C £340,000.
- 3 Caroline and her family
  - A have sold their house.
  - B are selling their house now.
  - C will sell their house in two months' time.
- 4 It may take longer to sell the house if
  - A the bank does not check the house quickly.
  - B there are plans to do some building near the house.
  - C her husband has problems at work.
- 5 If the sellers do not accept her first offer, Caroline will need to
  - A increase her offer.
  - B come to an agreement in a week.
  - C contact her bank and ask for more money.

**TIP** **08**

Remember that you need to focus on the meaning of the distractors.

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To arrive at the correct answer, listen for **synonyms** and **similar expressions**, or for the same ideas expressed in a different way to the recording.