Exam information: Matching (2)

In the IELTS Listening exam, you may have to match sentence beginnings with sentence endings. The words you read will not be the same as the ones you hear, so be prepared to listen for synonyms or paraphrases.

Look at the example below: the names 1–4 will not change, but the phrases/answers a, b, c, d will change:

1 Anna Collins
2 James Harman
3 Ian Cheriton
4 Sylvia Daniels

} WILL NOT CHANGE

a has had ten bestselling books.
b was inspired by Tanbridge.
c had a job in Tanbridge.
d is buried in the town.

} WILL CHANGE

2 **The sentence endings i–vii are paraphrases of the sentence endings a–d. Some paraphrases involve changing word forms and some involve substituting synonyms. Match each sentence ending a–c with two sentence endings i–vii. Sentence ending d has only one paraphrase. The first one has been done for you.**

	Changing word form	Substituting synonyms
a ... has had ten bestselling books.	*iii*	1 _____
b ... was inspired by Tanbridge.	2 _____	3 _____
c ... is buried in the town.	4 _____	5 _____
d ... had a job in Tanbridge.	–	6 _____

i ... drew on Tanbridge for many of his novels.

ii ... was laid to rest in Tanbridge.

iii ... *has written many books, ten of which were bestsellers.*

iv ...'s burial took place here in Tanbridge.

v ... was employed in Tanbridge for many years.

vi ... found Tanbridge an inspiration for his novels.

vii ... had ten books which achieved massive sales.

3 35 CD1 **You are going to hear a recording of a guide talking about the town of Tanbridge. Listen and match the people 1–4 with the sentence endings a–d.**

1 Anna Collins _____
2 James Harman _____
3 Ian Cheriton _____
4 Sylvia Daniels _____

a has had ten bestselling books.
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d is buried in the town.

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Exam information: Multiple choice (2)

As you saw in Unit 1, in the IELTS Listening exam, you may have to answer multiple-choice single-answer questions. Another type of multiple-choice question gives you a sentence stem (i.e. the beginning of a sentence) and you have to choose the ending from three answer options.

The words you read will not be the same the ones you hear, so be prepared to listen for synonyms or paraphrases.

4 **Read the sentence beginning and the three answer options below.**

The Final Chapter is based on

a the director's travels in South America.
b a story the director heard.
c a novel.

In this type of multiple-choice question, there are three possible sentences, only one of which is correct:

- *The Final Chapter* is based on the director's travels in South America.
- *The Final Chapter* is based on a story the director heard in Mexico.
- *The Final Chapter* is based on a South American novel.

Now read the extract from the recording for the question above and identify the paraphrased sections. Then decide which answer option a–c is correct and why.

The Final Chapter is a murder mystery film set in South America. Written and directed by Bruce Chambers, it is a project very close to his heart. Chambers found inspiration for the film whilst travelling around South America. There he heard about a Peruvian book which tells the story of the fight for gold in South America. Reading this story, he at once realised this was a film he had to make.

Exam tip: The recording will usually refer to all answer options. They may all be paraphrased but the details will not match. The wrong answers are known as distractors.

36 CD1 **5** **You are going to hear a reviewer talking about films. Listen and choose the correct answer a–c.**

1 *What Happens in the Night* is based on
a a story the director was told.
b the director's childhood.
c a comic book.

2 The reviewer thinks *What Happens in the Night* is
a the best horror film this year.
b visually stunning.
c difficult to understand.

3 In real life, the stars of *Happy as Larry*
a didn't get on.
b fell in love.
c are best friends.

4 The reviewer recommends you watch *Happy as Larry* if
a you are a woman.
b you like romantic films.
c you liked Sonya's other films.

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Part 3: Exam practice

SECTION 2
QUESTIONS 1–3

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Choose **THREE** letters **A–F**.

Give three reasons why the Yellow Plaque scheme was started.

- **A** to boost tourism
- **B** to raise awareness of local history
- **C** to increase knowledge of famous people
- **D** for publicity
- **E** for architectural preservation
- **F** to raise national awareness

1 _____ **2** _____ **3** _____

QUESTIONS 4–6

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Choose the correct letter **A**, **B** or **C**.

4 The scheme has had the most success in
- **A** increasing the amount of tourism in the area.
- **B** raising the profiles of the famous people featured.
- **C** raising historical awareness.

5 Successful Yellow Plaque nominees have to
- **A** have a nomination and 50 signatures.
- **B** be approved by a central panel.
- **C** have done something remarkable.

6 The scheme is mainly funded by
- **A** the community.
- **B** local councils.
- **C** the tourist board.

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QUESTIONS 7–10

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Match the plaques to the people they represent.

Write **ONE** letter **A–F** next to questions 7–10.

A	political figures
B	charitable figures
C	business people
D	sporting figures
E	artists
F	writers

7 Red Plaque _____

8 Grey Plaque _____

9 White Plaque _____

10 Green Plaque _____

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