

Exercise 1

In this unit, you will practise the skills you need to understand what type of information to listen for in a general conversation between two or three people.

Read the information about Section 1 of the IELTS Listening test. Choose two answers for each question.

In Section 1 of the IELTS Listening test, you will hear a conversation between two or three people, in a general situation. They will be attempting to do something specific in their conversation (for example, reach a decision, or get information). You will hear this only once, and you will have a short period of time to read the questions before listening.

1. In this part of the test, who might you hear?
 - someone telephoning about a sports event
 - a careers advisor, giving a short talk about what to do after university
 - a tour operator advising someone on planning a trip

2. What kind of conversation might it be?
 - a group of friends preparing a party
 - a student discussing an essay with her tutor
 - two people discussing arrangements for a charity cycle race

3. What might the people be trying to do?
 - decide what to do next
 - find out information about a product
 - tell an interesting story