C. LISTENING

Exercise 1. In this unit, you will practise the skills you need to complete an IELTS Listening note completion task. You will also hear a talk connected with the topic of transport. This is a common topic in IELTS, so it is a good idea to think about some vocabulary you might hear. Match the words in the box with the correct definitions.

Destination	elevator	fare	hire	lane	route	sign
	traffic	underground		vehicle		

1. a railway system in which trains travel through tunnels below a city: _____

2. something that gives travel information to drivers and other road users:

_____

3. a particular way or direction from one place to another: _____

4. a special part of a road that can only be used by certain kinds of transport (e.g. buses or taxis):

_____

5. car, buses and other kinds of transport moving along a road: _____

6. a machine, usually with wheels and an engine, used for transporting people or things, especially on roads: _____

7. to pay use something for a short period of time (e.g. a car): _____

8. The money that you pay for a journey (e.g. on a bus or a train): _____

9. the place where someone is going or where something is being sent or taken: _____

10. something that moves up and down, carrying people or things to different floors of a building:

_____

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Exercise 2. Read the information. Then listen to the recording and answer the questions. Choose the correct answers. (Track 8.1)

In Section 2 and 4 of the IELTS Listening test, you will hear only one speaker. Before you hear the talk, you will hear an announcer give a short description of the context (the speaker, the time, place or purpose of the talk). For example:

You will hear a man talking about different kind of transport people can use in as city.

At the beginning of the talk, the speaker will usually give more information about the context. You should pay attention to this information, because it is often easier to understand what a speaker is saying if you know *who* they are and *why* they are speaking.

1. Where is the speaker talking?

○ at a university

○ at a community centre

○ at a train station

2. who is the speaker talking to?

○ some people who have lived in the area for a long time

○ some peope from another country

○ some people who have recently moved to the area

3. what is the purpose of the speaker's talk?

○ to give advice for travelling in a city

○ to describe plans for the future of transport in the city

○ to offer free travel around a city.

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Exercise 3. Before you listen, it is a good idea to guess what kind of words you need to listen for (e.g. *nouns, adjectives, verbs,* etc.) and what kind of information is missing. Read the information. Then read the descriptions and the notes. Write the correct description (A–H) for the missing words (1–10) in the notes. One letter is used three times.

In the IELTS Listening test, you may have to complete a set of notes for a talk or conversation. Read the instructions and notes carefully. For this task, you should:

- Complete the summary of information in the notes **only** with words that the speaker (s) use (s)
- Follow the word limit given in the instructions, e.g. write **one** word only (words in a hyphen such as check- in count as a single word.)

Descriptions

A a plural noun or an uncountable noun for an area where people can ride a bikes

B a plural noun for something you find in a train station

C a singular or plural noun for part of a city (e.g. a building)

D an adjective for describing a group of people

E a plural noun for describing a group of people

F a singular noun for something you can collect when you buy a ticket

G a singular noun for

H an adjective for describing a kind of ticket

NOTES

City- centre travel

Cycling	▪ **(1)** _____ lanes in centre are only for cycling – use these. ▪ A new **(2)** _____ makes cycling over busiest roads very safe. ▪ Buying a bike that is good for riding in an area that has **(3)** _____ is recommended. ▪ You can hire bikes from a place near the **(4)** _____
Buses	▪ Buy a **(5)** _____travel card if travelling by bus every day.

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	▪ Take a 'D' bus to get to the city's central **(6)** _____. ▪ Discount for elderly people and some **(7)** _____.
Underground	▪ Trains best for visiting **(8)** _____ ▪ Check if station has any **(9)** _____or not before you take trains. ▪ A **(10)** _____can be picked up from ticket offices.

Exercise 4. Read the notes on city-centre travel. Then listen to the next part of the recording. Write one word in each gap (1–4) to complete the notes (🎧 Track 8.2)

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City-centre travel

Cycling	▪ **(1)** Green lanes in center are only for cycling – use these. ▪ A new **(2)** bridge makes cycling over busiest roads very safe. ▪ Buying a bike that is good for riding in an area that has **(3)** _____ is recommended. ▪ You can hire bikes from a place near the **(4)** _____

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Exercise 5. Listen to the next part of the talk about transport in the city centre. Complete the section about buses in the notes below. Remember that the underlined words are key words that can help you find the answers. Write one word in each gap. (Track 8.3)

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City-centre travel

Buses	Buy a **(5)** _____ travel card if travelling by bus every day. Take a 'D' bus to get to the city's central **(6)** _____. Discounts for elderly people and some **(7)** _____.

Exercise 6. Match the words and phrases on the left to the correct synonyms and paraphrases on the right.

1. ask for one	●		●	helpful
2. best for	●		●	come out of
3. check	●		●	recommend
4. exit (verb)	●		●	go and see
5. planning to	●		●	perfect method
6. suggest	●		●	make sure
7. useful	●		●	thinking about
8. visit	●		●	pick one up

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Exercise 7. Listen to the last part of the recording. Write the correct words in the gaps 8–10. Write one word in each gap. (🎧 Track 8.4)

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City-centre travel

Underground	▪ Trains best for visiting **(8)** _____. ▪ Check if station has any **(9)** _____ or not before you take trains. ▪ A **(10)** _____ can be picked up from ticket offices.

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