

UNIT 3: ART AND ARCHITECTURE

LISTENING

Exercise 1: In this unit, you will practise the skills you need to answer map labelling, multiple-choice and sentence completion questions in the IELTS Listening test. The topic of this unit is architecture. Read the information. Then choose the correct synonyms for the words and phrases in bold in the sentences.

The speakers you will hear often use *synonyms* or *paraphrases* of the words or ideas in the question. Before you listen, it is a good idea to think about other ways of saying a word or phrase.

- 1 We had our new kitchen **fitted** yesterday. It's much better than the old one, but it was quite expensive.
☐ estimated ☐ put in ☐ repaired
- 2 The old building will be **torn down** next week and replaced by a new set of apartments overlooking the sea.
☐ demolished ☐ improved ☐ renovated
- 3 Due to a number of health hazards, the building has been **condemned** and residents will be temporarily rehoused until permanent accommodation can be found.
☐ criticised ☐ declared unsafe ☐ demolished
- 4 The leak was found and **fixed** early enough to avoid any major damage to the apartment.
☐ agreed ☐ renovated ☐ repaired
- 5 The new motorway was **constructed** to make the journey between the two major cities faster.
☐ built ☐ estimated ☐ modified
- 6 The designs for the new shopping centre were **modified** to accommodate the lower budget.
☐ changed ☐ created ☐ thrown away

Exercise 2: Read the information. Then complete the table with the correct word forms (verbs, nouns or adjectives).

To really 'know' a word, you must understand how it is used in different contexts, know when it is being used as a verb, noun or adjective, and be able to recognise how it sounds. This is particularly important in the IELTS Listening test, as you may lose marks for using the wrong form of a word.

verb	noun	adjective
	innovation	
construct		
	estimation / estimate	
		modified
occupy	/ occupancy	/ occupational
renovate		

Exercise 3: Read the information. Then listen to a tour guide and a park officer. Choose the correct answers.

You will often hear several possible answers for each question, but only one will be correct. The incorrect answers are called *distractors*. Identifying distractors will help you choose the correct answer. Remember that distractors may be synonyms or paraphrases of the words in the question.

1. (Track 3.2)

Which four days of the week are mentioned by the tour guide?

- ☐ Monday
- ☐ Tuesday
- ☐ Wednesday
- ☐ Thursday
- ☐ Friday
- ☐ Saturday
- ☐ Sunday

2. (Track 3.3)

Which five locations are mentioned by the park officer?

- ☐ children's playground
- ☐ main entrance
- ☐ medieval hill
- ☐ park
- ☐ pond
- ☐ public toilets

Exercise 4: Listen and choose the correct answers.

1) (Track 3.4)

What change will they make to the house?

- ☐ enlarge the living space ☐ demolish the roof ☐ redecorate the exterior

2) (Track 3.5)

What day will the tourists visit the former residence of the monarchy?

- ☐ Wednesday ☐ Thursday ☐ Friday ☐ Saturday ☐ Sunday

Exercise 5: Read the information. Then listen and write the correct letters, A–H. (Track 3.6)

In map labelling tasks, distractors might be places shown on the map or plan that are not mentioned in the recording, or places that are mentioned but are not correct. Use the information already provided to help orientate yourself on the map. Predict where you will start and end, and remember that the questions will be heard in order.

University Book Shop and Library

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

Bus tickets

Business and management

Law and politics

Reference area

Meeting room

Reception

Toilets

Main entrance

- A Coffee shop
- B International languages
- C Local interest
- D Tourist information
- E Multimedia centre
- F Accommodation office
- G Gift shop
- H Second-hand books

Exercise 6: Listen and choose the correct letter, A, B or C. (Track 3.7)

- 1 The next event at the university will be a
☐ A college open day. ☐ B fund-raising auction. ☐ C party.
- 2 People will start arriving from
☐ A 10:15. ☐ B 10:30. ☐ C 10:50.
- 3 The volunteers will be responsible for
☐ A handing out refreshments. ☐ B putting up tables. ☐ C selling tickets.

Exercise 7: Listen and complete the sentences. Write **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS** for each answer.
(Track 3.8)

- 1 Visitors must have a _____ to go into certain areas.
- 2 Entry to the main hall will be _____ to college staff only.
- 3 Smoking is not permitted _____.
- 4 Helpers should be _____ and tell the office of any problems.

EXAM SKILLS

15 Listen and answer questions 1–10.



Questions 1–6

Label the map opposite.

Write the correct letter, A–I, next to questions 1–6.

- 1 gift shop
- 2 beehives
- 3 holiday cottages
- 4 dairy
- 5 museum
- 6 estate office

Questions 7–10

Choose the correct letter, A, B or C.

- 7 How many unpaid helpers does the National Trust have?
 - A about 62,000
 - B about 5,899
 - C about 4.24 million
- 8 The main aim of the National Trust is
 - A to make money from its properties.
 - B to preserve historical properties.
 - C to donate money to property owners in financial difficulties.
- 9 A couple can join the National Trust for a year for
 - A £64.
 - B £108.
 - C £114.
- 10 Paying membership fees by direct debit also gets you
 - A a pair of binoculars.
 - B a National Trust handbook.
 - C three copies of the National Trust magazine per year.

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